

Help needed at Social Club: Can you put paint on a wall? We need skilled individuals to help prep and redecorate the Social Club on Saturday 2 November (8am-12noon) for prepping and on Saturday 9 November (8am-4pm) for a paint-in. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet by the bar or in the Advent Room or email admin@olopsocialclub.co.uk with your name and telephone number, and the date(s) and times you're available. THANK YOU!

Pastoral Area News

RECENTLY DIED Fr Nicholas Broadbridge, a monk of Douai Abbey, well known for his Healing Ministry. Funeral Mass at Douai Abbey on Tue 29th Oct at 2.30pm. May he rest in peace.

Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm at St James church: CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OUR COMMON HOME. See Poster by Lady Chapel for more details>

Wed 30th October PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING EVENING at St James Church at 7.30pm It is an obligatory meeting for everyone involved in prayer groups where meetings are held in church or each others homes. (Prayer groups such as Home Prayer groups, Healing Services etc) are encouraged to undertake this along with the 'vulnerable adult training'. Sign up form at back of church.

"Thursday 31st October 6.30pm-9.00pm. Vigil All Saints celebration at English Martyrs

Reading Catholic Churches Sunday Mass Times

	Fr. Pat Madden
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin)
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

church. Family celebration with Rosary, Adoration, Mass. There will be an All saints parade, Kids games, Hot Dogs Etc etc. Everyone welcome.

ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

Saturday, 16TH NOVEMBER: 5 – 7 pm
A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst -. All are welcome!

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School Year 7 Admissions September 2020.

Applications deadline for applications for Secondary school places via Local Authority is 31st October 2019, SIFs can be received in school after that date . . . If you have any queries please contact Mrs Farrelly, 01189574730 admissions@hughfaringdon.org

Offertory Collection 20th October

Main Envelopes	£	101.00
Loose Cash	£	437.01
Standing Orders	£	783.69
Total	£	1,321.70

Special Collection on Sunday 20th October: World Mission Sunday £424.42.
Thank you all for your kind donations.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: Fr JP Lyttle
Mobile: 07391 896559, RBH: 0118 3227105
Sunday Mass 4.00pm
Patients, staff & visitors welcome.
On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am	0118 931 4469
Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423	
Cn. John O'Shea	0118 957 4171	
Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149	
Fr. Peter Glas	0118 942 8632	
Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	0118 966 5284	
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787	

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Parish Office is open on Tues, Wed & Fri 11.00am-4.00pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C p 84/ p 89 27th October 2019

Faith and humble heart

When St. Paul reached the end of his life, he asked his close disciples to "aim at faith" (2 Tim 2:22) with the same constancy as when he was a boy (cf. 2 Tim 3:15). It is a very interesting statement. Suddenly, in the teaching of St. Paul, we find that what really matters in our life is faith based on simple and attentive adherence to Christ. Everything else regarding Christian life follows that constancy. The most basic link of our soul with Jesus is the foundation on which we build the rest of our life. Hence faith and gratitude and faith and prayer life, both are expressions and nourishment of that innocent and delicate stream of living relationship with God. Reflecting closely on the intensity of the simple act of faith, we see that there is no place for any form of creating an impression that some of us are better than the others. The institution of a 'pecking order', however innocent, is the remaining rotten fruit of the sin from Paradise, where Adam and Eve were redirected from a relationship with God to a possessive attitude towards life, and when they believed they would be as high as God the Almighty.

On that basis we see that anybody who prides himself or herself on being virtuous and despises everyone else, is a victim of the temptation of the old serpent (Luke 18:9-14). For Satan it was enough to redirect the great act of zeal, prayer and gratitude to damage the soul of the dedicated Pharisee, who in the Temple did not meet the Lord and went home without God's blessing. The tragic life of the Pharisee continued as even then he felt more privileged and closer to God than others.

Strangely enough, sometimes our spiritual wounds or our damaged moral and spiritual status can lead us to the most basic stream of faith: "The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'" Of course, Satan will try to redirect our attention to another channel, a channel of despair or ignorance, so that it is not obvious if we would express our love to God in the act of contrition unless we really come back to the simplicity of a relationship with Jesus Christ, in which humbleness and faith are close sisters, together with prayer and gratitude.

"O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, strengthen me with your Spirit.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, teach me your ways."

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: This poor man called; the Lord heard him

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 27th Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Maurice Fahey RIP George Johnson RIP Terence Kelly RIP
Mon 28th Oct Ss Simon & Jude	9.30am 10.00am.	Rosary Odilia Awah RIP
Tue 29th Oct	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Cosmas Awah RIP
Wed 30th Oct	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Linus Awah RIP
Thur 31st Oct	No Mass	
Fri 1st Nov All Saints Holy day of Obligation	11.00am. 7.30pm	Adoration until 7.00pm Noreen Doyle Adoration after Mass until Saturday 8.00am
Sat 2nd Nov All Souls	10.00am 12 noon	Adoration until 8.00am 1st Saturday Devotion to our Lady. Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation. Remembrance Mass
Sun 3rd Nov 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Jennings RIP Rita Rose Ransley RIP Donato & Joseph Lobo RIP

Indulged Acts for the Poor Souls A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence visiting a cemetery each day between November 1 and November 8. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

27th Oct: Aloisy Karas (2002); **28th Oct:** Bernard McCloskey (1995); Lucienne Wakefield (1974); **29th Oct:** Enid Newman **30th Oct:** Patricia Hewitt (1981) **31st Oct:** Annie Wareham (1987)
1st Nov: Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);
2nd Nov: Alvina Bossey (1982); Joyce Darnell (2008);

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioner Julia Rijs, we are advised by her daughter Janecke that she has had surgery and needs our prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.15pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

Parish News

First Holy Communion 2020 Prayer Sponsors are needed to support our 14 First Holy Communion children as they prepare to receive this Sacrament next May. You are encouraged to be part of their journey by becoming a prayer sponsor for one of the children through prayer. We have placed a list of the children at the back of the church (entrance) so kindly write down your name against the child you want to support in prayer.

Fr Stan will formally introduce the children to their prayer sponsors during 11am mass on Sunday 3rd November 2019. Please keep all our First Communion children and their families in your prayers.

11am Music Group. Father Stan would like to express his great appreciation and thank you to Stephen Butler for his 27 years of fruitful service to the Parish. The news came as a surprise to all of us. Fr Stan will start the process of recruiting a new leader. In the meantime, please support the music which will be sung from the hymn books.

Tuesday & Thursday at 8.00pm in the Advent room. Talk on "The Kerygma (The Good News), with the figures of BARABBAS and CHRIST." and we will look at " The Sacrament of Confession". Talks given by team from communities of "The Way" St. Benedict Abbey, London.

Monday 28th October 7.30pm Parish Team Meeting in DB Room.

Friday 1st November All Saints day. 7.30pm Mass. Holy day of Obligation.

Saturday 2nd November : 1st Saturday of every month at 10am. (Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass. If anyone would like to donate flowers towards the statue of Our Lady then please get in touch with Fr Stan or Parish Office.

Remembrance Mass. "All Souls Day" on Saturday 2nd Nov, 12 noon, During the Mass, prayers will be offered for the souls of the deceased loved ones of parishioners. Please write your loved one's names in the book of Remembrance at the back of the church. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass".

Sun 3rd Nov after 9am & 11am Mass Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

Blessing of Graves

Fr Stan will bless the graves at Mayes Lane on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm.

Blessing of the graves at Henley Road Cemetery will take place on Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm

Mon 4th Nov 8.30pm - Monday film in the club. "Toy Story 4". Shown free* in the Social Club (non-members £2), popcorn on sale for only 50p.

Mother & Toddler group at Our Lady of Peace.

No session this week on Monday 28th, next session is on Monday 4th Nov the Topic is "All Saints".

Saturday 9 November from 8.00pm.

CERTAINLY NOT STRICTLY COME DANCING Lin Jenkins hosts a FREE informal evening of ballroom, Latin, salsa and jazz on Don't worry if you have never set foot on a dance floor before: there will be plenty of help, guidance and encouragement! (* £2 sign-in for non-members.)

Tuesday 12th Nov PRAYER MEETING

You are invited to a prayer meeting in Our Lady of Peace church 7.45 for 8pm until 9.30pm.. It will include Praise, Thanksgiving, Intercession, Scripture reading and time to discuss.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan. Preparation class is on Monday 4th November at 8pm in DB Room. Please note that you cannot book Baptism without attending the session.