

Parish News

OLOP 12+Youth group: Every Sunday (Term Time) from 12-13.30. If you are aged between 12-19 years old then please come and join us in the Carl Barton room after 11am Mass on Sunday. If you are young enough and are interested in joining us, please let Fr Stan know about it or contact Eva directly

Mother & Toddler group at Our Lady of Peace. Monday's (Term Time from 9.30am-11.30am. £1/child +.50p/sibling. Next session is on Monday 2nd Dec & topic is "Be prepared"..

Saturday 14 December from 7.30pm until late The Social Club is holding its Christmas Party with live music by Just Us . Christmas Squares will be drawn. Admission is FREE to Members, Guests are £4 each.

Christmas Resources We have a plentiful supply of Christmas Resources on display in the Advent Room especially 2020 catholic diaries and Advent calendars. Please come and have a look in the Advent Room. Thank you.

CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas Giving .Catalogues in the Advent Room or visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Youth Group Coordinator: *Eva Nora - eva.nora@hotmail.it*

Reading Catholic Churches Sunday Mass Times

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
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

Emergency numbers for a Priest – *Please call your own priest first*

Fr. Pat Madden	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	
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Parish Bereavement Support Group
can be contacted via the Parish Office .

Pastoral Events

Friday 13th December 7pm. Carols By Candlelight at English Martyrs Church, Liebenrod Road. You are warmly invited to an enjoyable evening of Christmas Carol Singing. This is a great opportunity for YOU to invite your family, friends and neighbours to sing the Christmas Story with our community. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine, with child friendly alternatives. Donations for 'a Bed for the Night' gladly welcome

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 15TH-19TH JULY 2020 (4NIGHTS) £695pp/sharing. See Poster for more details. Itineraries available from the Parish Office

Collection 24th November 2019

Main Envelopes	£	120.00
Loose Cash	£	206.67
Standing Orders	£	783.69
Total	£	

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".

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11am-4pm

First Sunday of Advent

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1st December 2019

We experience Christmas when we experience Advent

We are given entire weeks to prepare our hearts for the special graces of Christmas. During this time the Church prays incessantly for the coming of Jesus. Advent is then a special period to focus our hearts for His coming down to earth: "Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above" (Is 45:8). The Church focuses on the hunger for Jesus and for His coming. We can even say that the process of growing in faith depends on our hunger for God. The hunger, the desire of Jesus, the desire for His coming to us, to our family, to our parish, to our broken world, is the key to a great banquet of Christmas. Advent is then the period of awareness that, although Jesus is present amongst us, there are areas in us where there is a lack of Jesus. The lack of His presence brings a strong hope that His rebirth will come within our hearts at Christmas. He comes to match the extent of our preparation and our openness. We can say, to match the extent of our faith. If there is no Advent, then... Christmas is only a beautiful but empty celebration. The danger of Christmas is then that it can become an artificial celebration, full of shopping, rushing, carols and even a boring meal, only because there is not much meaning, no preparation. If you do not experience the message of Advent, then do not be surprised that Christmas seems to be always the same.

Advent is then a period when I allow myself to see all areas where the Lord is outside of me, knocking on the door of my heart, asking for my attention. Let us, my lack of Jesus and Jesus' lack of me bring the deeper desire of Communion with Him – Holy Communion with Him – Most Holy Communion with Him. He waits for me to receive Holy Communion. He wants to give Himself to you fully and His heart there beats for you.

Fr Stan



Psalm Response:
I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 1st Dec First Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Fr Cosmas Ndeng RIP (Bamenda Cameroon)
	11.00am	John McNamara RIP
	3.30pm	Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
	5.00pm	Antoinette Collaco RIP
Mon 2nd Dec	9.30am	Rosary
	10.00am	Alice Willson RIP Foundation Mass
	3.30pm.	Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
Tue 3rd Dec St Fransis Xavier	9.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary
	10.00am	Thyveetil Family Intention
	3.30pm	Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
Wed 4th Dec St John Damascene	Rorate Mass	to honour Bl Virgin Mary
	6.30am	Eva Nora's Intention
	3.30pm	Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
Thu 5th Dec	No Mass	
	3.30pm	Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
Fri 6th Dec	11.00am	Adoration till 7.00pm
	3.30pm	Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
	7.30pm	Intention available
	After Mass	Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 7th Dec St Ambrose	8.00am	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
	10am	Adoration, reflection, Rosary , Novena
	12.00pm	Justa Marval de Vazquey
Sun 8th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Holy Souls
	11.00am	Antonio Napolitano
	2.30pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
	5.00pm	Magdalena Jorro RIP

11am Mass Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass..

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

2nd Dec: Helen Nolan (1984); Alice Willson (1999); **3rd Dec:** Michael Clarridge (1993); **4th Dec:** Mary Carter (2009); **5th Dec:** Eric Watson (1997); Diane Smith (2001); **6th Dec:** James Eighteen (2005) ; **8th Dec:** Lilian Neville (2010); **9th Dec:** Peter Carmichel (2012); Mona Botherel (2013);

This week

Sun 1st Dec

After 9am & 11am Mass, Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome. The OLOP Youth Group will be selling cakes after 11am Mass in the club. The group is self funding for its activities. Please come and support them.

2.30pm FHC: 3rd Session with children.
3.30pm: Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception

Mon 2nd Dec 8.30pm - Monday film in the club. "Aladdin ". Shown free* in the Social Club (non-members £2), popcorn on sale for only 50p.

Saturday 7th Dec : 1st Saturday of every month 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Sunday 8th Dec at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy holy hour. Every one welcome

Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception. Starting from 29th Nov at 3.30pm and finishing on 7th Dec with Devotion to our Lady at 10am.

Monday 9th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm and blessing of cards for Christmas (also to be done on Sunday 15th Dec.). Parishioners will be asked to give cards to anyone they know who is Catholic and has lost touch or drifted away from their faith.

Volunteers for Christmas

Children's Christmas Service and Mass: If your child or children would like to be involved in the Nativity Play please could you email jo.hipgrave@gmail.com or text Johanna on 07989489964 advising your child's name, age and whether they would like to have a speaking part. There will be non speaking parts too if they just want to be involved. Jo will then keep you updated with all the plans.

Volunteers for Christmas service:

The Volunteer list is in Advent Room. We need Musicians, Singers, Readers, Welcomers , Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Altar Servers.

Advent

We will say the Angelus before all Advent Masses

Rorate Mass at 6.30am every Wednesday from 4th Dec during Advent - . Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn .

Advent Penitential Services

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 9th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 10th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 11th	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 12th	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 13th	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 14th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 16th	7.30pm	St James

Our 'Giving Tree' this year will be, as always, in the Advent Room. We will be collecting small gifts to be distributed at New Beginnings, a Reading charity which cares for the homeless in various ways. Please take a gift suggestion card off the tree and bring the gift, seasonally wrapped, at any time before Wednesday 18th December. Thank you in advance for your generous response .

Poem Competition All Children and Youth are encouraged to enter the Christmas Poem competition. The topic could be anything relating to Christmas, such as the star or the stable. Entries need to be in by Sat 7th Dec - please send to church office, ideally by email

Friday day & overnight Adoration. Friday 13th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2019, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 10th January.