

Parish Christmas Cards Thank you to everyone who took our cards and dropped them to their neighbours. We really appreciate your support in promoting our Parish's Christmas service.

Tree of Gifts The response to the appeal for gifts for our local charity New Beginnings has been wonderful. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Resources

January editions of My Day by Day £1 /copy

Parish Diary 2020: It has all the catholic feast days and some prayers. £2/ diary.

Missio calendar for 2020 are in Advent room. Please take a copy.

Pastoral Events

New Year's Eve on 31st December, 'St John Fisher Parish, Reading's Latin 'Extraordinary Form' Parish Extraordinary Form' Parish, invite you for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 11pm to Midnight, followed by a sung Midnight Mass, at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. with a little celebration in the church annex afterwards. all are very welcome!

Monday 20 January, 7.30pm in Whiteknights Campus. Former Director of the British Museum, writer and BBC broadcaster, Neil MacGregor will give a talk on "A Church for Shepherds or for Kings?" Admission is free. To book your place visit www.reading.ac.uk/events

Portsmouth Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 15th-19th July 2020 £695pp/sharing. See Poster for more details. Itineraries available from the Parish Office

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Wednesday Sept 30th till 7th Oct 2020. Half Board £595.00 (based on shared room) single supplement applies. Please contact Heather Hauschild hauschild287@btinternet.com for more details & to reserve a place.

Offertory Collection 15th Dec

Main Envelopes	£ 125.00
Loose Cash	£ 404.41
Standing Orders	£ 757.44
Total	£1,286.85

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Christmas offertory collection from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Envelopes are in the Advent Room. Please give generously. Thank you..

Parish Office: will be closed from 25th Dec 2019 to 9th January 2020.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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4th Sunday of Advent	Year A p 33/34	22nd December 2019
Christmas Midnight Mass	Year A p36/37	24th December 2019
Christmas Daytime Mass	Year A p 41	25th December 2019
The Holy Family	Year A p 43	29th December 2019

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. John 1:11-12

God became small for us in the Child Jesus,

St Mary had conceived him by the Holy Spirit
With love she caressed him.

St Joseph looked upon him with humility of faith

The shepherds received him with awe and simplicity
With Joy they returned home.

This Child is born for us.
Let us embrace him in our lives

Blessed Christmas

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

22nd December; Midnight Mass: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.
Daytime Mass: Today a saviour has been born to us, he is Christ the Lord.
29th December: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain
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".

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	0118 966 5284
Msr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 22nd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Pauline Berry RIP rec.dec. Louis Carlos Alcantare RIP Lourdes Leitao Thanksgiving
Mon 23rd Dec	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary George Bentley RIP Foundation Mass
Tue 24th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	10.00am 4.30pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 11.00pm	Holy Souls Children's service followed by Holy Mass Christmas Vigil Holy Mass Syro Malabar Malayalam Vigil Holy Mass Vigil Service & Midnight Mass
Wed 25th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	9.00am 11.00am	For the Parish For the Parish
Thur 26th Dec St Stephen	10.00am	Wedding: Damian & Katrina
Fri 27th Dec St John	10.00 am	Thanksgiving Sinclair Family
Sat 28th Dec The Holy Innocents	No Mass	
Sun 29th Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Mario Mirza Magdolena Dampc Anna Kautor
Mon 30th Dec	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Joy Sellen RIP Foundation Mass
Tue 31st Dec	6.30pm	Walter and Mary Andrews RIP
Wed 1st Jan 2020 Mary, The Holy Mother of God	11.00am	Arthur Pearl RIP Foundation Mass
Thur 2nd Jan 2020 Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	No Mass	
Fri 3rd Jan 2020	7.30pm	Maureen Duffy RIP
Sat 4th Jan 2020 1st Saturday Devotion to our Lady	10.00am 12 noon 3.00pm	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation. Holy Souls Wedding: Diego & Rubianis
Sun 5th Jan 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Holy souls of Haynes Family Joseph Johnson RIP Ewa Dampc

We wish you a blessed, peaceful & joyful Christmas and Happy New Year from Fr Stan and the Parish Office.

Next two weeks

Rehearsal for Children's Nativity Play Sunday 22nd Dec at 3.00pm.

Rehearsal for Midnight Vigil mass for Musicians :Mon 23rd Dec at 7.30pm in church. Everybody welcome.

24th December—after Midnight Mass, please join us for mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Day collection/ offerings
Just a reminder that the collections from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Please give generously. Thank you.

Crib Offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs

Sun 29th December (Holy Family Sunday):
All 3 Holy Masses will have renewal of marriage vows for sacramental married couples.

Tues 31st Dec at 6.30pm Thanksgiving Mass for 2019 at church 9. Spread the word. Everyone is invited.

Tue 31 Dec 7.30pm until late Social Club New Year's Eve Party- Music by Eclipse. Tickets Members £10, Guests £14, Under 18s £2 - bring something for the buffet.

Tue 1st Jan 2019: Mary The Holy Mother of God: 11am: Holy Mass

Saturday 4th Jan: 1st Saturday 10am- (Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass.

Sun 5th Jan 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord.
In all 3 masses Father Stan will hand out incense, chalk and cards to everyone for the blessing of their homes.

Sun 5th Jan after 9am & 11am Mass Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome

Mon 6 Jan (2020) 8.30pm Film Night in the Social Club showing "Yesterday" FREE for members (£2 sign-in fee for non-members)

Sunday 12th November at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy holy hour. Every one welcome

Next First Holy Communion session on 12th Jan in Carl Barton Room at 2.30pm

Monday 13th January 7.30pm: Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Candlelight procession with Rosary, Adoration and reflection.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR in our Parish– Saturday 18th January 2020 at 7pm. Tickets are on sale. Please contact Mel on noronhamel@hotmail.com.

Thank you

A big thank you to all involved in the process of preparation towards Christmas, starting from those who attended and helped to prepare Rorate Masses on Wednesday, the Penitential Service, those who helped prepare & decorate the church: Crib, Christmas Tree, flowers, music, all involved in the liturgy and leading the children in their Play.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

23rd Dec: Maureen Chapman (2000); George Bentley (2003); **24th Dec:** Muriel Bowman-Smith (1976); Pauline Thackram (2001); **25th Dec:** Donald Wignall (1996); **26th Dec:** Anthony Lesner (1999); Mary James (2009); **29th Dec:** Mary Kayley (1982); **30th Dec:** Joy Sellen (1993); **1st Jan:** Zena Pringle (1997); David Botharel (1992); **2nd Jan:** Sarah Doherty (1979); Brian Sheldon (1997); Cis Byrne (1999); Arthur Pearl (1976); **3rd Jan:** Thomas Flannery (2015); **4th Jan:** Robert Scott (1989); Kathleen Rooney (2001); **5th Jan:** Therese Polanski (2008); Elizabeth York (2015)