

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

CAFOD Update Meeting 1st Feb at St Luke's Church Theale RG7 4AG from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome so please let me know if you are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385. Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth

"On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service on Saturday, 25th January 2020 from 5 – 7 pm. at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome

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

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".

Change of date: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Wednesday Oct 3rd till 10th 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 29th Dec

Main Envelopes	£	89.10
Loose Cash	£	390.76
Standing Orders	£	757.44
Total	£	1,237.30

Thank you all for your kind donations..

Offertory Collection 5th Jan 2020

Main Envelopes	£	56.80
Loose Cash	£	394.42
Standing Orders	£	757.44
Total	£	1,208.66

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Second Collection

13th January : White Flower Appeal (SPUC)
 26th January : Cathedral

12+Youth group: Every Sunday (Term Time) from 12-13.30 in Carl Barton Room.
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) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)
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
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

The Baptism of the Lord Year A p 50/53 12th January 2020

Baptism of the Lord

The great joy of the Christmas Celebrations has been flowing through the Epiphany to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, where it has reached its fulfilment. Here, at the bank of the River Jordan, the Only Begotten (not Created) Son of God joined those sinners who asked for the gift of conversion, seeking God and His Commandments. We find Jesus Christ, the Lord, who expressed God's closeness to all the sinners, who seek conversion and belonging to God and His vision of life. Here, Jesus showed his solidarity with them, but also with all of us, who put all our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness. We desire that the Lord would drag "the old man" out of us and prepare us to do His deeds by making us into "a new man", created according to the model of God, in His righteousness and holiness based on Truth. We come with the desire to be transformed into the image of Christ Himself.

At the moment of the Baptism of the Lord, we recognise the humbleness of love. By immersing Himself in the River Jordan, He immersed Himself in our human condition, embracing our weakness and frailty and became a penitent with us, healing the wounded by sins, who were detached from God. Only then the heavens opened for the manifestation of the Blessed Trinity, in order to announce Jesus from Nazareth as the promised Messiah who was to destroy the work of Satan and his empty promises; to destroy the ruling powers which would keep our will imprisoned. In Him, the bondage is liberated to live according to God's style, ending the reign of mortal sins in their life.

Christ disarmed the Evil One by stretching out His arms on the cross. He immersed us in Himself and empowered us to fight against sin, and through His resurrection we are really enabled to triumph over the Evil One. In the sacrament of Baptism of all individuals, not only them, but also the Church experiences the living and active presence of the Holy Spirit who vitalises, enriches and develops her.

Fr Stan

This week

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 12th Jan 2020 The Baptism of the Lord	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Holy Souls of Howard family Baptism of Promise & Patience Antoni Stein 8th birthday Divine Mercy Jasmine's Intention
Mon 13th Jan 2020 St Hilary	9.30am 10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary Merlin's Intention Funeral Mass Armando Massi Devotion to Our Lady
Tue 14th Jan 2020	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Marianne & Stanley Wilson Family
Wed 15th Jan 2020	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Thanksgiving Thyveetil family
Thur 16th Jan 2020	No Mass	
Fri 17th Jan 2020 St Anthony of Egypt	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Kathleen Marie Hogben RIP Foundation Mass Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 18th Jan 2020 St Wulstan	8.00am No Mass	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 19th Jan 2020 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vivian Duarte RIP Nwundu & Joy Ekekwe's Birthday Intention available

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

13th Jan: Emma Fiorentini (2017)
 14th Jan: Terence De Sa (1999); Eileen Herbert (2008); Kathleen McGuire (2008)
 15th Jan: John Hickson (1983); Lesley Hughes (2004)
 16th Jan: Kathleen Hogben (2010); Charles Hay (2017)
 17th Jan: Josephine Gainey (1997); Anna Maria Goodchild

Sunday 12th Jan: White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), in common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

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

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.

Parish News

Diocesan Medal for Significant Contribution

We are really pleased to confirm that during the Christmas period 4 of our Parishioners - Blinney McAteer, Angela O Neil, Pat Pollard & Coleen Majden were awarded the Bishop's medal for significant contribution to our Christian community. Congratulations to all of them, we are blessed to have them in our Parish.

Wed 15 Jan at 8.30pm. Quiz Night in the Social Club Only £1* with cash prizes. (* Guests +£2 sign-in fee.)

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

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR in our Parish– Saturday 18th January 2020 at 7 p.m. Please contact Mel on nononhamel@hotmail.com.

Mother & Toddler group at Our Lady of Peace. Monday's (Term Time from 9.30am-11.30am. £1/child +.50p/sibling).

Sat 25th Jan BURN'S NIGHT at the Social Club Tickets on sale in the Social Club, from £2.

Sunday 26th Jan: We welcome Father Zach who will be saying all our three Sunday Masses.

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

Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office

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 calendars for 2020 are in Advent room. Please take a copy.

Pastoral News

Wanted Head of the Prep School (ages 3-11) ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE READING PREP - Independent Catholic school for boys and girls. Further details & to apply go to <https://www.sjcr.org.uk/417/community/work-with-us>. Closing date: Monday 20 January 2020 (noon).