

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

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.

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".

Portsmouth Diocese e news:
 Don't forget you can keep in touch with what's going on in and around the diocese via e-News: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/>

Offertory Collection 12th Jan 2020

Main Envelopes	£	113.00
Loose Cash	£	562.10
Standing Orders	£	728.31
Total	£	1,403.41

Thank you all for your kind donations.

13th January : White Flower Appeal (SPUC, total of £270 was generously donated by our Parish.

Next Second Collection

26th January : Cathedral
 Envelopes are available in the Advent Room at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

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

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri 8pm in **HALL**

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A p 53/55 **19th January 2020**
Peace Sunday

On pure love of God

Have you ever been asked: "Do you love God?" Whatever we think, let us say that we do love God to some extent. Do not be afraid to say it. However, our love is not marked by the same intensity and willingness, the same recognition as to where God is and how to act to make Him happy. Our love for God is not always pure. It is rather marked by our goals, agendas, visions and tendency to push our will. Indeed, even in the loving relationship with our neighbour, it is common that we do not listen, we want to force our will. Yet, God's calling is expressed in the sanctuary of our conscience in a very sublime way. It is not a pushing voice as God highly respects the freedom of our hearts.

St John the Baptist loved God with a pure heart. He did not have any other goals and agendas in his life except to point out where the Lord was. He was not afraid of losing his disciples. He was neither afraid of stepping down from his role as prophet and authority, nor was he afraid of being forgotten, humiliated or killed. On the contrary, his joy was great when people, particularly his disciples, recognised Christ, when they became attached to Christ and followed Him.

Due to his purity of heart and purity of intentions, his passion towards his mission as prophet was powerful. It led St Andrew to follow Jesus Christ, and indirectly it led St Peter to do the same. It did not matter that Peter knew nothing about it. The matter was, that John became united in his love with Christ.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will..

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 19th Jan 2020 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vivian Duarte RIP Nwonda & Joy Ekeke's Birthday For the Seminarians abducted in Fr Anthony's Diocese
Mon 20th Jan - Thur 23rd Jan	No Mass	
Fri 24th Jan 2020 St Francis de Sales	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Elisebeth Thomson RIP Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 25th Jan 2012 The Conversion of St Paul	8.00am No Mass	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 26th Jan 2020 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Ina Slevin RIP rec. dec Rita Rose Ransley RIP Broniskaw Kozlowski RIP

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

Next Sunday 26th Jan is Holocaust Memorial Day. In cities and towns across the United Kingdom, events are being held to mark the liberation of Auschwitz and to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

This year, the theme is "Stand Together". The Holocaust threatened the fabric of civilisation, and genocide must still be resisted every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Today, there is increasing division in communities across the UK and the world. Now, more than ever, we need to stand together with others in our communities in order to stop division and the spread of identity-based hostility in our society.

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

21st Jan: Maud Thomas (1981); Caroline Abram (1998);
23rd Jan: Michael Lynch (1986);
24th Jan: Charles Farr (1996); David Brown (1997); Reg Oakman (2006);
25th Jan: José Matias (2014). **26th Jan:** Rupert Christopher(2006)

This week

Father Stan will be taking his Christmas break for two weeks from Monday 20th Jan. There will be no weekday Mass from Mon 20th to Thurs 23rd Jan. We welcome Father Zach who will celebrate the weekday Mass on Friday 24th Jan. and cover for him till Friday 31st Jan.

Father Stan: Bishop Philip has authorised extended leave for Father Stan for health reasons. Father Stan will be on leave from 3rd Feb to 25th Feb. We welcome Father Chris who will be covering for him. We wish Father Stan a restful break and hope he gets better soon.

Parish News

Saint Vincent de Paul - It is a while since we had an active SVP group in our parish. In brief, SVP groups offer friendship and support, within their means, to those in need, particularly at a local level. This website gives a fuller description: <https://www.svp.org.uk/vision-mission-history>. If you would like to help re-form our parish group please contact the parish office.

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

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

Sunday 2nd Feb: after 9am & 11am Mass, Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 2nd Feb: 2.30pm FHC: 5th Session with children.

Sunday 9th Feb at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Everyone welcome.

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

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

New to Our Parish: We welcome you to our Parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Stan and also register with us on our website www.olop.org.uk, click on the **register now** button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you.

Resources

February 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).

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

Saturday 1st Feb 11am-2.00pm Traidcraft Fundraising Event at Trinity Church (next to ASDA). Coffee & Cake at 11am, Lunch at 12.00. Traidcraft Stall, bring and buy. Table tennis raising funds for Traidcraft Exchange.