

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

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.

CAFOD Update Meeting 1st Feb at St Luke's Church Theale, RG7 4AG from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385 . Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth

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".

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

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.

Portsmouth Diocese enews:

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/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/)

Offertory Collection 19th Jan 2020

Main Envelopes	£	57.00
Loose Cash	£	519.61
Standing Orders	£	728.31
Total	£	1,304.92

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

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 & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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26th January 2020

Calling to conversion as expression of caring love of God

The tender love of God is expressed as our immersion in Christ's Passion and Resurrection, in calling us to conversion and in putting God's demands into our hearts, regardless of the fact that we are often broken and not ready. The Gospel calls us to the fullness of life, even when lost and immersed in corrupted behaviour. God's calling to conversion is addressed to us to regain courage and try. God calls us, when we are often paralysed, depressed and bound by sins, memory, addictions, etc: "Get up, take your mat, and go home." (Mathew 9:6)

God's calling to conversion is, then, about the faith and hope God has in us, far deeper than our expectation, belief and imagination. God believes in us! To all of us St John, the apostle who experienced that truth, shouts out with joy: "The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete." (1 John 1:2-4)

God is begging us through St John: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2)

At this point, it is good to mention two compatible ways of being called to conversion: existence of our conscience, and existence of our priests. Both - conscience and priests - assist us in our journey to the homeland. They are an expression of God's faith in us, His care and love. Both are supported by the Teaching of the Church, the Holy Scripture and Sacraments, Our Lady, Saints and friends from Purgatory, in leading us to heaven.

Conscience is a hidden sanctuary where God dwells and speaks to us. Conscience needs formation, though. God's Ten Commandments and directions written in the Teaching of the Church (including the Scriptures) as well as the Mass and other Sacraments that are given to us to help our conscience to act correctly, to desire heaven and all God's matters, to bring joy of life, to take care of others, to prevent us from the moment written in the Apocalypse that Jesus might spit us out of his mouth. (Apocalypse 3:15-16)

The vocation of a priest is not limited to being only a preacher, a good teacher, and a good and real leader. Christ comes to us in the priests' ministry. It involves bringing Christ's Sacrifice and makes us witnesses and partakers of His Passion, Death and Resurrection. In the Sacrament of Penance, for instance, the role of a priest is to make us witnesses of Christ's life and teaching in practice, where the absolution of sins takes place. Priests as teachers, preachers, confessors of sins and spiritual directors need to be like surgeons working in an eye clinic. They need to be very patient, knowledgeable, precise and delicate. Sometimes, they need to bless us, sometimes they need to say: "repent!" In this way, they are great gifts from heaven to assist our ongoing conversion.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 27th Jan St Angela Merici	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Eva Nora's Intention
Tues 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Special Intention for Marianne & Stan
Wed 29th Jan	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Colin & Hannah Turner RIP
Thur 30th	No Mass	
Fri 31st Jan St John Bosco	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Thanksgiving Thyveetil family Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 1st Feb 1st Saturday Devotion to our Lady	10.00am 12 noon	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation. Justa Marval de Vasquez
Sun 2nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vera Gormas RIP Maureen Duffy RIP Clements & Hardy Families (Foundation Mass)

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

26th Jan: Rupert Christopher(2006). **27th Jan:** Paul McMenamin (2001);
30th Jan: Joseph Haughton (1973);
1st Feb: Edyth Cameron (1979); Joseph Fernando (1984).); Sue Rose (2001); Mary Tompkins 2001)
2nd Feb: Elizabeth Ballard (1986); Elena Atkinson (2015)

This week

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.

Today Sunday 26th Jan, we welcome Father Zach who will celebrate all three Sunday Masses and weekday Mass 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.

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

Sun 2nd Feb: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas). Blessing of Candles at the Parish Hall at 5pm, followed by Procession to the Church and Solemn Mass. Candles will also be blessed at the 9am and 11am Masses. Please bring your own candles for blessing.

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.

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.

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". 8 week session from Tuesday 4th Feb. 7.15 pm for 7.30pm start in our church.

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is Gods Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. This dvd course helps you to get the " big picture " of the Bible. It will give an insight into your Catholic faith and help to understand its true beauty. Please contact Parish office for registration detail.

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.