

**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

## Pastoral News

**Sun 23rd Feb at 3.00pm** at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth Invitation to Cultural Mass for Nigerians.

**First Sunday of Lent, 1st March 2020 Day of Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse.** Bishop Philip would like to invite the whole Diocese to join him at the Cathedral for a Day of Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse by members of the Church

### DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE DAY Saturday 18th April 10.00am – 4.00pm at

English Martyrs 'Breakthrough' - A practical, solution-focused course for all stages of marriage. See Poster for more details.

#### 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

**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.

#### NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

The diocese launched their new website. Please have a look at: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

#### Offertory Collection 26th Jan 2020

Main Envelopes	£	69.00
Loose Cash	£	387.83
Standing Orders	£	728.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,185.14</b>

Second Collection 26th January for The Cathedral was £343.74.  
Thank you all for your kind donations.

#### Next Second Collection 9th Feb for Racial Justice.

#### 12+Youth group: Every Sunday (Term Time) from 12-13.30 in Carl Barton Room.

**Youth Group Coordinator:**

*Eva Nora - [eva.nora@hotmail.it](mailto:eva.nora@hotmail.it)*

#### Emergency numbers for a Priest –

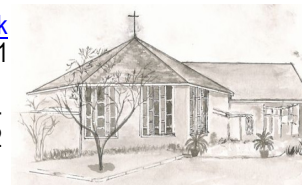
*Please call your own priest first*

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

<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	<b>Year A p 149/157</b>	<b>2nd February 2020</b>
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### Christ is the Light brought to us by Mary

When heaven was seen as fuzzy and unreal,  
when God seemed to remain silent or absent,  
Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple,  
And offered Him to the Father with generosity and gratitude.

When the Phanael's daughter suffering and fasting was under question,  
Christ was her Joy and Light as she saw the redemption.  
When his identity was getting questioned and homeland unknown,  
Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God.

In the shadows of the present age,  
Christ is the Light we see.  
In the blindness of ignorance and confusion,  
Christ is the Light by which we see.  
In the darkness of sorrow and rejection,  
Christ is the Light with Whom we see.  
In the black holes of the lost meaning of life  
Christ is the Light through Whom we see.

Fr Stan

### Psalm Response: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

#### 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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 2nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vera Gormas RIP Maureen Duffy RIP Clemlents & Hardy Families (Foundation Mass)
Mon 3rd Feb St Blaise	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Anthony Comerford RIP
Tues 4th Feb	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Eva's intention for her son's health
Wed 5th Feb St Agatha	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Thyveetil family Intention
Thur 6th Feb St Paul Miki & Companions	No Mass	
Fri 7th Feb	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00pm Thyveetil family Intention Adoration continues after Mass till Saturday 8.00am
Sat 8th Feb	11.30am	Adoration till 8.00am. Baptism of Laurence Howard - Fernando
Sun 9th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Ezekwe family Thanksgiving Richard Johnston RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Kenny Nice Intention

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

*In February, the Catholic Church celebrates the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In sending His Son to earth as a Baby, born into a family, God elevated the family beyond a mere natural institution. Both as children and as parents, we can take comfort in the fact that we have the perfect model of the family before us in the Holy Family.*

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**2nd Feb:** Elizabeth Ballard (1986); Elena Atkinson (2015)  
**4th Feb:** Maria Bryant (1977); Richard Johnston (2009);  
**5th Feb:** Monica Carroll (1997); Renza Manning (2014); **7th Feb:** Anna Pelickan (1978)  
**8th Feb:** Roselyn Fernando (1990); and Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007); Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Bailey (2018)

**Please keep in your prayer Bryan Willson who passed away peacefully on 30th Jan. Requeim Mass at our church on Friday 14th Feb at 11.30am followed by committal in Mays lane. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.**

## This week

**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.

**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.

**Tuesday 4th Feb,** we welcome Father Chris who will be covering for Fr Stan till 25th Feb.

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

**"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 God's 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 the Parish office for registration details.

## Re-dedication of England to Our Lady

The Re-dedication of England to Our Lady will take place throughout the country. On Sunday 29th March at 12noon. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are invited to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary. We respond to this invitation on the day of Re-dedication in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment. Please see website <https://www.behold2020.com/> for more detail.

**Rededication Timetable: Friday 21st Feb.** All Catholics and anybody else who want to join in, will be invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary following the method of St. Louis de Monfort. Detail of the project for our Parish will follow soon.

**On Sunday 29th March at 12 noon,** our parish will join in Re-dedication by a solemn prayer said at 12 noon on the day after the 11 am Mass. Those who will not be with us at that moment will be asked to say a prayer wherever they are to be United with our bishops, clergy, religious and the faithful of England.

## Lent preparation

### Last Year's Palm Crosses:

From next Sunday 9th Feb, we will place a basket in front of the Altar for last year's Palm Crosses. On Tuesday 25th Feb after morning Mass we will burn them (and save the ash for Ash Wednesday) whilst singing hymns.

### Wed 26th Feb (Ash Wednesday)

10.00am & 7.30pm Mass. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday

**Stations of the Cross:** We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00 pm. The sign in sheets for the Stations will be in the Advent Room from 9th Feb. Please do volunteer to read one of the stations. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

**From Wednesday 4th March during Lent - Rorate Mass at 6.30am.** Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn at 6.30am .

## Parish News

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