

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

Save the date 11th July 2020: An evening with Dr Edward Sri. He is a theologian, author and well-known catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. More information on website oxcacs.org.

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 .

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".

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.

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

Offertory Collection 2nd Feb 2020

Main Envelopes	£	69.00
Loose Cash	£	387.83
Standing Orders	£	728.31
Total	£	1,185.14

Thank you all for your kind donations.

9th Feb Second Collection for Racial Justice. The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales". Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. The aim of this Racial Justice Sunday is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background. Pledge cards are in the Advent room.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A p 59/62 9th February 2020

Light to enlighten the nations

Last Sunday, in the Presentation of the Lord, we looked at the Light to enlighten the nations. The world of today, desperately, needs light - the light of closeness and deep relationship. This is the light of love. The light of sense and meaning of life is the light of hope; The light of a reality which surpasses our daily cares and joys is the light of faith. Can this light be found by the people of today? Where? Our Catholic answer is clear: in the Word of God, in the Gospel. But will today's people find it? Will they search for it? Will those who are in need of the light of real life read the Gospel? I am afraid they may not. Will they listen to the Gospel if you advised them to? Will they stop if they hear a preacher in the street? Will they open if there is knock at their door? Who knows? Many would not!

So, our Lord has another idea, a more efficient, more powerful one: you are the light of the world. Hard to believe! Jesus called Himself the light of the world. This is understandable. But for me, for us? Yes. This is what He is telling us today. Those who will never be willing to come to church, to pray, to read or listen to the Gospel are not deprived of their chance to see the light. They are supposed to meet Christians, to observe and experience the reality of new life present in us, to believe that there is hope, and that love is possible in this world. Then, they will believe that the Father in heaven is more real, than they presumed.

Be careful! Jesus is not saying You must be the light! or Be the light! He is saying: you ARE one. People observe you and somewhere deep in their minds, a thought may (should) arise: Something special is at work in this person! Where do they get it from...? Something special must be in the Church.

The secret power of ours is, clearly, shown to us, today in the salt of crucified Christ. We are privileged to receive this Salt - the crucified and risen Lord - in the sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Fr Chris Jarosz OCD

Psalm Response:

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 10th Feb St Scholastica	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Nikita's Intention
Tues 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Intention for Eva's son's health
Wed 12th Feb	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Daniel Murray RIP rec.dec.
Thur 13th Feb	No Mass	
Fri 14th Feb St Cyril, Religious & St Methodius	9.00am 10.00am 11.30am 1.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary Alexander family thanksgiving Requiem Mass Brian Fedrick Willson Adoration till Saturday 8.00am
Sat 15th Feb		Adoration till 8.00am.
Sun 16th Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary June Spenser Gorman Peter Hann Intention available

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

10th Feb: Kathleen Patience (1977); Catherine Winston (2004);
12th Feb: Mary Wallace (1987); **13th Feb:** Ann Mackie (1992); **15th Feb:** Maria Giovanni (1987).

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 Chris

This week

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

Tuesday 11th 7.15 pm for 7.30pm start in our church "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Friday 14th Feb at 11.30am Requiem Mass for Briam Willson at our church followed by committal in Mays Lane cemetery. May his soul rest in peace..

Adoration on Friday 14th Feb: Please note that due to the Requiem Mass, Adoration will start at 1.00pm.

Monday 17th February 2020 at 2:00 pm Requiem Mass for Mrs Florence Veronica Read. at our Church, followed by interment at Mays Lane Cemetery, Earley at 3:00 pm. May her soul rest in peace.

Re-dedication of England to Our Lady will take place throughout the country on Sunday 29th March at 12 noon. We respond to this invitation in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment. Please see website <https://www.behold2020.com/> for more detail.

Re-dedication 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. Novena books are available in the Advent Room. Please feel free to take a copy.

On Sunday 29th March at 12 noon, our parish will join in Re-dedication by a solemn prayer to be recited 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 can be placed on the basket in front of the Altar . 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 are in the Advent Room. 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 .

Children's Art competition for February (Closing date 8th March). All children are asked to make a picture about one of the topics: Last Supper, Prayer of Jesus in the Olive Garden, Jesus at one of the Stations of the Cross, or The Risen Jesus meets different people. Please put full names and age of the child(ren) at the back of the picture. Format of picture: A4 or A3.

Parish News

11th March: PARISH LIFE AND WORSHIP IN MEDIEVAL READING. Talk by Joan Dils. Detail to follow.

Parish Pilgrimage: to Medjugorje : Wednesday Oct 3rd to 10th Oct 2020. Half Board £595.00(based on shared room) single supplement applies. We are joining the diocesan pilgrimage, please contact the Parish office for more details.