

(based on shared room) single supplement applies. We are joining the diocesan pilgrimage, please contact the Parish office for more details.

**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](http://oxcacs.org).

## Pastoral News

**Sun 23rd Feb at 3.00pm** at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth Invitation to Cultural Mass for Nigerians. A coach will be going from English Martyrs Church. Details and booking available via English Martyrs Parish office by 4pm Friday 21st February on 01189572149. [englishmartyrs@portsmuthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@portsmuthdiocese.org.uk) or

**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..

**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)
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

**WALKING THE St James Way from Reading Abbey to Southampton** in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James Church, Reading RG1 3FD. Please email the St James parish office on [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to register your interest. See poster for full list of dates.

**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.

**Sat 23rd May WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**  
 Advanced notice, from St James. 2 coaches for 100 people. £20 each. More details to follow.

### Offertory Collection 9th Feb 2020

Main Envelopes	£	86.12
Loose Cash	£	366.06
Standing Orders	£	731.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,183.60</b>
2nd Collection for Racial Justice. £194.77.		
Thank you all for your kind donations.		

**Next Sunday 23rd February - Thank you collection for Fr Chris**

**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

**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

**6th Sunday in Ordinary time      Year A p 61/64      16th February 2020**

### Light and Darkness

There are two kingdoms in this world. There is a Kingdom of God (St. Matthew, following the Hebrew way of speaking, in order not to use the Holy Name of God replaces it with the word 'heaven' and writes 'Kingdom of Heaven'). This kingdom means people who know – by the experience of faith – that there is God; that He is the One who created the universe and human beings; that He is reasonable and wise; that He created us for a purpose; that He knows what is right and what is wrong. These people believe and know that He is trustworthy, so they have freely decided to follow and obey Him. They keep His commandments and if they teach them, they will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. Living in this kingdom means living in the light, even amongst problems, struggles or suffering.

There is another kingdom consisting of those who have not discovered God, not recognised Him as the Maker and Lord of the universe or rejected Him and His moral law. Everyone decides for himself in which kingdom they want to live. Man has life and death before him. There is a fundamental decision to be taken. But there are also hundreds of daily decisions, smaller and bigger ones, in which we take a step into one of the kingdoms or a whole series of steps, sometimes running - whichever a man likes better will be given him. The ten commandments (starting from the first one!) are a practical border of the two kingdoms. Not following them one can be sure of not following love, not following the One who is love Himself. But mere keeping them is but a first step, is like being within a kingdom but remaining in the far outskirts. In His sermon on the mount (which we are following for some weeks), Jesus is showing us that the reality of God's kingdom in our hearts goes much, much deeper. To those who entered closer to the palace of the King, to those who decided to trust Him fully and follow His way of thinking, living and loving, to them the *hidden wisdom* of God is being revealed and bestowed upon them: the love up to the point of the Cross. *Put out your hand to whichever you prefer.*

Fr Chris Jarosz OCD

### Psalm Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

#### 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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16th Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary June Spenser Gorman Peter Hann Anthony John Owens RIP rec, dec
Mon 17th Feb The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	9.30am 10.00am 2.00pm	Rosary Michael Andrew Box Intention Requiem Mass for Mrs Florence Veronica Read
Tues 18th Feb	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Intention of Eva's son's health
Wed 19th Feb	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Intention available
Thur 20th Feb	No Mass	
Fri 21st Feb St Peter Damian <i>Start of the 33 days to Morning Glory prayer for consecration to Jesus through Mary.</i>	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Intention available <i>Adoration till Saturday 8.00am</i>
Sat 22nd Feb The Chair of St Peter	No Mass	Adoration till 8.00am.
Sun 23rd Feb 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Gerard Cashman RIP 7th anniversary George Johnson RIP Anna Maria Pugliese RIP

Half Term - No Children's liturgy for next two weeks, it will be back on 1st March.

### Re-dedication of England to Our Lady

This 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.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**17th Feb:** Robert Green (1991); Christopher Coles (1989); Lauren Savage (2002); Jane Grigg (2014); Laurence (Locky) Sheehan (2017), Mary Brannelly (2018) **18th Feb:** Henry Ward (1988); **19th Feb:** Gisella Nottingham (1979); Gerard Conway (2005); Marie Scott (2014); **20th Feb:** Stanley Tompkins (1989); Beatrice Ntang (2010); **21st Feb:** Gerard Cashman (2013); **22nd Feb:** Frances Newman (1983); and Gerald O'Sullivan (1992). **23rd Feb:** Edgar Wheeler (1994); Peter Anderson (2013);

### This week

**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.

**Tuesday 18th** 7.15 pm for 7.30pm start in our church "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

**Friday 21st Feb.** All Catholics and anybody else who want to join in, are invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary. Novena books are available in the Advent Room. Please feel free to take a copy.

**RCIA session starts on Saturday 22nd Feb at 10.00am in Dominic Barberi room.** These talks are for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the Church's teaching and practice also for those wishing to enter the Church or if you are baptised and wish to be Confirmed. Sessions last just over an hour with coffee or tea beforehand. All are welcome. For further information contact Fr Stan or office.

**Sunday 23rd Feb: 2.30pm FHC:** Session with children about Adoration. it is the part of FHC programme and all candidates and their parents are asked to come over to experience this special prayer. All other children are welcome to join the session and they and their parents can experience beautiful meeting with Jesus.

### 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 - Mass at 6.30am.** Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn.

**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.

**4th March 7.30pm Poetry evening at our church.** As we enter into Lent, we are organising a Poetry evening which will focus on "reflection". If you would like to be involved in reading or sharing some poetry, then please let the Parish Office know .

### Parish News

**Friday 28th Feb 8pm** Carl Barton room. OLOP Golf Society Annual General meeting. New Members welcome. Contact Paul Fahey 9262710.

**11th March 7.30pm: PARISH LIFE AND WORSHIP IN MEDIEVAL READING.** Talk by Joan Dils at our church. Details to follow.

**On Sunday 29th March at 12 noon,** our parish will join in Re-dedication of England 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.

**Parish Pilgrimage: to Medjugorje : Sunday Oct 3rd to 10th Oct 2020.** Half Board £595.00