

11th March 7.30pm: PARISH LIFE AND WORSHIP IN MEDIEVAL READING. An illustrated talk by our parishioner Joan Dils a leading local historian at our church. Everyone welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage: to Medjugorje : Oct 3rd to 10th Oct 2020. We are joining the diocesan pilgrimage, please contact the Parish office for booking forms. Half Board £589.00(based on shared room) single supplement applies. See Poster in DB Room for more detail.

Save the date 11th July 2020 at our church: 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.

Social Club events Please visit the website opsocialclub.co.uk for information.

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

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

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

Pastoral News

1st March 2020. Bishop Philip invites the whole Diocese to join him at the Cathedral for a Day of Prayer and Reparation, See poster in advent room for more detail.

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 to register your interest. See poster in DB room 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 16th Feb 2020

Main Envelopes	£	127.44
Loose Cash	£	339.19
Standing Orders	£	731.42
Total	£	1,198.05

Sunday 23rd February - Thank you collection for Fr Chris.

**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 & BI Dominic Barberi

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A p 67 / 68 23rd February 2020

Is such Love Possible?

Usually, we love people because of something: Because they are good towards us, have done or are doing something really meaningful to us, they love us or because they are simply our relatives. In this case, we may be ready to love them, even if they have done something bad or horrible to us, even if they have stopped loving us. We may be ready because they are our close ones...

The love of God who is love Himself is different. It is not because of - It is there. It is a stream of love coming 'down' like rain from a cloud no matter what is going on below. It is like the sun shining from high above, not looking for a reason to give light to a particular place or person. It is shining on everyone not because of something. It is shining because it is the sun. So is His love: constant, covering everything that exists. It is different from our love. So, when we are called to love our enemies and those who persecute us, it is not really possible to do it with our natural love. Trying to force ourselves to do it, can work for some time. Doing it out of obligation 'as a Christian I have to do so' we can manage to some extent, but sooner or later, it usually comes to an end. Sometimes, to a very painful one.

To fulfill this surprising and extremely challenging commandment of our Lord, we need to enter into the realm of His love, into His Kingdom. We need to be filled with His love, the love which was in His heart, especially in the summit of His life which was the moment of the Cross. There the constant, unchangeable love of God was present and it was in the fullness of action in Jesus' heart. He prayed for his persecutors not out of obligation but out of the deep, genuine, incomprehensible love towards them.

To put it in another way: we need to enter into the temple of the Holy Spirit which is our soul. We need to reach this depth where the dwelling of the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of love can bear fruit in our lives. In order to do it, we need to leave behind all that is destroying this temple. What is it in your life?

Fr Chris Jarosz OCD

Psalm Response: The Lord is Compassion and love.

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 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
Mon 24th Feb	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Mary & Gilbert Lazenby RIP
Tues 25th Feb	No Mass	
Wed 26th Feb Ash Wednesday	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Rosary Holy Souls Parishioners Intention
Thur 27th Feb	No Mass	
Fri 28th Feb	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary Eva's Intention Adoration till 7.00pm Stations of the Cross Adoration continues till Saturday 8.00am
Sat 29th Feb The Chair of St Peter	2.15pm	Adoration till 8.00am. Baptism Agathe d'Hendecourt
Sun 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer of Communal Reparation.	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Marie Fahey RIP Rita Rose Ransley RIP Harold Auch RIP

Half Term - No Children's liturgy 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.

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

Our parish will join in Re-dedication of England at 12 noon on 29th March, 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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

23rd Feb: Edgar Wheeler (1994); Peter Anderson (2013); **24th Feb:** Tadeusz Wielogorski (2006); **26th Feb:** Jane (Jean) Bartington (2008); **28th Feb:** Mary Andrews (2015);

This week

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 and their parents are welcome to join the session and experience the beautiful meeting with Jesus.

Sunday 23rd Feb. We thank Fr Chris for his ministry and for being a loving shepherd to all of us for the last few weeks. Today the second collection is for Fr Chris to show our appreciation.

Monday 24th Feb. After morning Mass, we will burn last year's Palms (and save the ash for Ash Wednesday) whilst singing hymns. **Please note change of date as there is no Morning Mass on Tuesday 25th Feb.**

Tuesday 25th 7.15 pm for 7.30pm start in our church "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Wed 26th Feb (Ash Wednesday) 10.00am & 7.30pm Mass. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross Friday 28th Feb 7.00pm: We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord. The sign in sheets for the Stations are in the Advent Room. Please do volunteer to read one of the stations.

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

RCIA session Saturday 29th 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 1st Mar: after 9am & 11am Mass, Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

Parish News

Day by Day - Lenten edition in Advent room £1/book.

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

Wednesday 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.

Friday 6th March & 3rd April: Please note that the 1st Friday Mass during Lent will be in the morning at 10am.

Saturday 7th Mar : 1st Saturday of every month 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Parish Lenten Retreat - We regret that due to health issues, Fr Linus Clovis has sent his apologies and the Parish Lenten retreat has been cancelled. Fr Stan recommends an online retreat "LENTEN RETREAT WITH ST ELIJAH THE PROPHET" run by the Carmelite which can be accessed via the website : <https://www.oxcacs.org/online-retreat/>

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.

Sunday 8th Mar at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Everyone welcome.