

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje : Oct 3rd to 10th Oct 2020. 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, 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 olopsocialclub.co.uk for information.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the Baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

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

Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office.

Pastoral News

40 Days for Life: Feb 26 - Apr 5, 2020. Outside BPAS Abortion Centre - 121 London Street

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

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| 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 |

8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days including Sundays. Register and Sign Up for the Reading Campaign at: www.40daysforlife.com/reading-2.

Saturday 14th Mar 10.30am-4.30pm at St Peter's church, Winchester. THE GOD WHO SPEAKS. A day for musicians and anyone who wishes to learn more about Scripture in the liturgy, especially the Mass. For details see the poster in the Advent Room.

Saturday, 14th March from 5 – 7 pm. "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service – St Joseph's, Tilehurst All are welcome!

Offertory Collection 1st March 2020

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| Main Envelopes | £ | 93.10 |
| Loose Cash | £ | 423.28 |
| Standing Orders | £ | 716.29 |
| Total | £ | 1,232.67 |

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Second Collection on 8th March for CAFOD Lent Day. It is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>

A contactless card machine is available at the end of Mass in the Advent Room if required.

12+Youth group: Every Sunday (Term Time) from 12-13.30 Youth Group Coordinator:
Eva Nora - eva.nora@hotmail.it

Emergency numbers for a Priest – Please call your own priest first

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| 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 & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

2nd Sunday of Lent **Year A p 76/80** **8th March 2020**

On the mountain of Transfiguration

On the mountain of Transfiguration, three of the chosen disciples saw the glory of God's Kingdom shining out of Jesus. The same Christ expressed, also, the very heart of God on the Mount of Calvary. The disciples saw only the Glory of God on one of the mountains. From the other one they escaped.

Although the apostles were, exceptionally, well prepared for everything that was coming (by the teaching and the sequence of events of which the Transfiguration was an exceptional testimony), on Calvary, they saw nothing but the scandal and trauma of a shameful death. They were not able to embrace or face up to Christ's Passion. It was beyond their grasp.

The Lord knew about it. He was building in their hearts memory of His glory so that they were able to link all of those events together later on. The Lord did not expect His chosen apostles to understand everything at once. He wanted them to see and remember. Everything else was about to come, as it is the Lord who is in control and in charge of everything, including present and forthcoming events.

At the appointed moment, which was to come, they were to see in the light of the supernatural gift grafted by the Holy Spirit, that the events on the Mount of Transfiguration focused on the key point of the mission of Christ – the Mount of Calvary. That moment arrived and when they saw everything, they were amazed. The apostles saw that on the one mountain God's Holy cloud overshadowed the events. It was an experience of God's apparition in His Majesty. On the other mountain, God's Holy Body was exposed and everything was in front of the eyes of everyone.

The apostles saw that Jesus is the living Torah, the complete Word of God. It is the Lord who is the Feast of True Tabernacles and Holy of Holies. They saw that Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration came as the servants of the Lord, giving testimony that the whole Law and all prophets were focused on the One who was gathering everything together.

Most likely we are to go through the same journey as the disciples did. It is the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. It will become obvious to us, too, that the Bible is Holy and the Teaching of the Church is the real Sacred treasure, that whole Scripture is focused on the moment of the history of mankind, where everything comes back to the Father, where the last enemy, death itself, was torn apart, where Resurrection shines forth.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

| Date & Dedication | Time | Mass Intentions etc |
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| Sun 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent | 8.30am | Rosary |
| | 9.00am | Nkem Ezekwe Intention |
| | 11.00am | Joanna Stein 3rd Birthday |
| | 2.30pm | Divine Mercy Holy Hour |
| | 5.00pm | Joe Lydon RIP rec. dec. |
| Mon 9th Mar | 9.30am 10.00am | Rosary Lucy Collaco's health |
| Tues 10th Mar | 9.00am 10.00am | Adoration followed by Rosary SW Pamiec Stanislaw, Rosalia & Halina Krauze RIP |
| Wed 11th Mar | 6.30am | Intention available |
| Thur 12th Mar | No Mass | |
| Fri 13th Mar | 9.00am | Adoration followed by Rosary |
| | 10.00am | Intention available |
| | 11.00am | <i>Adoration till 7.00pm</i> |
| | 7.00pm | Stations of the Cross <i>Adoration continues till Saturday 8.00am</i> |
| Sat 14th Mar | 5.00pm | Adoration till 8am. FHC Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Sun 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent | 8.30am | Rosary |
| | 9.00am | Olwen Smith RIP |
| | 11.00am | Rita Rose Ransley |
| | 5.00pm | Brigid's Intention |
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11am Mass Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass..

England to be Re-dedicated as Mary's Dowry

On Sunday 29th March, The 5th Sunday of Lent, the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Annunciation, every single Catholic in England will be invited to rededicate themselves personally to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that England can shine once again as the Dowry of Mary. The purpose today is so that the Catholics of England, faced with the personal and national challenges of our times, can turn to Her once again and offer our faith as She leads us to Christ Her Son. In medieval times, the English understanding of the word "dowry" was something "set aside" by a man for his wife in the event of his death. The hope is that the rededication will address the fact that the understanding of the ancient title of England as the Dowry of Mary, indicating the great love of Our Lady by the people of England, has declined, and needs to be highlighted for this generation. The aim is also to promote the Message of Our Lady at Walsingham to 'Share my Joy at the Annunciation' for Walsingham is a Marian Shrine of the Incarnation.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

9th Mar: Edwin Anderson (1994); Antonietta Cuzzocrea (2013);
10th Mar: George Scola (2006); **11th Mar:** Irene Garton (1978);
12th Mar: Jacqueline Gallagher (1982); Margaret Molony (2003); **13th Mar:** Chris Dickie (1996)
14th Mar: William Miller (1986); and Doreen Warrick (2000); **15th Mar:** Bridie Cummins (2015)

This week

Sunday 8th Mar: Today after each mass, our Chair of Finance, Isabelle Thorn, will present the Finance Report. In the Advent Room you will find leaflets on planned giving and also Gift Aid declaration forms. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

"Offertory Envelopes" for financial year 2020-21. If you would prefer to use envelopes as a method for your planned giving then please contact the Parish office by 10th March as we are getting the envelopes ready for next financial year.

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

Children's Art competition (Closing date 8th March).

Tuesday 10th Mar at 7.30pm. "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Wednesday during Lent: Mass at 6.30am by candlelight.

Wednesday 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.

Friday 13th Mar 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Parish News

Please see leaflet on latest update from Portsmouth Diocese with regards to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Mass Intention: Intentions are available for weekday Mass. Mass Intention book is in the Advent room on Sundays and in the Parish office during week day. Please follow the instructions on the book and also, make sure that you fill in the envelope. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Group. Please pray for the successful revival of this group in our parish community. Also, if you know anyone locally (including yourself) who is perhaps lonely or just does not know where to turn to with a problem, please let us know through the parish office or by email to us at olopsvp@gmail.com. We are learners... but we will do our best to help!

Tuesday 17th March: Please note change in Mass time. Morning Mass at 9.30am.

Thur 19th Mar: Feast of St Joseph. Day of solemnity. **Vigil Mass in our church on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm.**

Wednesday 25th Mar: The Annunciation of the Lord Day of solemnity. Masses in our church at 10am & 7.30pm.

29th March at 12 noon after the 11 am Mass, Our parish will join in Re-dedication of England. 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.

Friday 3rd April: Please note that the 1st Friday Mass is at 10am and Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm due to Penitential service at our Church at 7.30pm.

Saturday 4th April: Due to start of Holy Week, there will be no programme for Devotion to Our Lady in our church.

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

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.