

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

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

**Social Club events** Please visit the website [oposocialclub.co.uk](http://oposocialclub.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.

**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

**40 Days for Life: Feb 26 - Apr 5, 2020.** Outside BPAS Abortion Centre - 121 London Street 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days including Sundays. Register and Sign Up for the Reading Campaign at: [www.40daysforlife.com/reading-2](http://www.40daysforlife.com/reading-2).

**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 8th March 2020**

Main Envelopes	£	161.50
Loose Cash	£	491.65
Standing Orders	£	716.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,369.44</b>

Thank you all for your kind donations.  
Collection on 8th March for CAFOD Lent Day. £970.84. Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Special Collection 22nd March for Clergy Assistance Fund.**

**12+Youth group: Every Sunday (Term Time)**  
**from 12-13.30 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

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

**3rd Sunday of Lent** **Year A p 78/83** **15th March 2020**

### In the least convenient time

The Samaritan Woman went to the well at the hottest time of the day. It was unusual as other people would go in the morning. What made her come at the most inconvenient time of the day? It was because she used to live with open wounds of her shameful moral situation. She tried to hide herself. Her guilt and lack of unity with God, gave her much pain. She came to the well tired from her burden and thirsty.

Jesus Christ went to the well at the hottest time of the day. It was unusual as other people would go in the morning. What made the Lord go at the most inconvenient time of the day? It was because He was searching for the Lost Sheep. He was searching for the marginalised daughter regardless of the weather conditions and social circumstances, until weariness Christ was searching for her.

After they have met, the Samaritan Woman went back and met all her neighbours with an open face. How was it that the tired and wounded woman was changed, and changed suddenly? It was because her soul was filled with everlasting Water. Everything was changed as if eternity had dwelt in her.

Christ says: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again" (John 4:13). "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst" (John 4:14).

How do we connect our daily life with Christ, also in the time of Covid-19?  
How do we drink the Living Water?

Fr Stan

### Psalm Response:

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

### 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.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Olwen Smith RIP Rita Rose Ransley Briget's Intention
Mon 16th Mar	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Isabel McGlinn RIP rec. dec.
Tues 17th Mar St Patrick	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration with Rosary Varghese Vadakuncherry RIP 5th anniversary
Wed 18th Mar Vigil Mass St Joseph	6.30am 7.30pm	The Oduntan family intention & thanksgiving Methsiri Fernando RIP
Thur 19th Mar - St Joseph	No Mass	
Fri 20th Mar	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary Isabel O'Neil's intention Adoration till 7.00pm Stations of the Cross Adoration continues till Saturday 8.00am
Sat 21st Mar	5.00pm	Adoration till 8am. FHC Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 22nd March 3rd Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Thanksgiving to Sacred heart of Blessed Virgin Mary Jurko Janusz RIP 8th anniversary Josephine's Intention

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

#### 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.

Please see the poster with regards to changes in Parish due to COVID-19 in Advent Room

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**15th Mar:** Bridie Cummins (2015) **16th Mar:** Sister Christine (1979); Derek Higgs (1992);  
**17th Mar:** Percy Chamberlain (1976); Edward Brookes (1992); Eileen Cafferty (2012);  
**18th March:** George (Jurko) Janusz (2012); **19th Mar:** Owen Kilbane (1999);  
**20th Mar:** Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011);  
**22nd Mar:** Mary Molony (1981); & Richard Martin (2003);

## This week

"Offertory Envelopes" for financial year 2020-21. These are ready for collection from the Advent Room. Please take your named box.

Children's Art competition: Closing date 15th March.

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

Wednesday Mass at 6.30am by candlelight.  
Wednesday 18th Mar 7.30pm: Vigil Mass for Feast of St Joseph.

Thur 19th Mar: Feast of St Joseph. Day of solemnity.

Tuesday 17th Mar at 7.30pm. "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Friday 20th Mar 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Sunday 22nd Mar: 2.30pm FHC: 7th Session with children.

## Parish News

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

Friday 27th March: No Mass

Sunday 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: Change of time, Mass at 10am and Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm due to Penitential service at our Church at 7.30pm.

## Lent Penitential Services 2020

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 30th Mar	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 31st Mar	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 1st Apr	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 2nd Apr	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 3rd Apr	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 4th Apr	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 6th Apr	7.30pm	St James

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

Ministers during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please sign the sheet in the Advent Room if you are able to serve at any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass (9.00 and 11.00 am). You do not need to specify which service; it is enough for Fr Stan to know you are able to serve. The list closes after 5.00 pm Mass on 4th Sunday of Lent, March 22nd.

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS): It's been recommended to wash your hands for as long as it takes to sing Happy Birthday. Why not turn it into a prayer and pray: **"May the Lord God bless me and mine"** repeating four times as you would with Happy Birthday song add on to the end: **"In the name of Jesus with the authority given to me as a Christian I bind and rebuke every germ and virus surrounding me that is in the air, atmosphere, fire, water, earth and underground. I cover myself and mine with the blood of Jesus for protection". Amen.**

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!