

### Weekly donation:

Thank you to all those who make their weekly donations by monthly standing orders. The collection at the Sunday Masses forms a significant part of our parishes income. As we have no parish Masses, parishioners might like to donate to the parish using any of the methods.

**Online** our Parish Bank Details :

Our Lady of Peace

Ref: Parish/Your name

Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018

**Via the parish website.** Just click on the Donate button and you can donate and Gift Aid the donation. <https://www.olop.org.uk/donate/>

Parishioners can also put money aside to be given later.

Thank you for supporting your parish during this difficult time.

**Christian Puzzles:** Open Bible Trust published a book which has about 100 Bible puzzles. Please go to [www.obt.org.uk](http://www.obt.org.uk) and click on "Free Downloads" and then on "Unpublished Booklets" and then scroll down and you will see "Word Searches and Other Bible Puzzles" and it is FREE!

## Community Support

### One Reading Community Hub:

#### Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain

RBH: 0118 3227105.

Note priests are now on emergency call out only - in danger of death. This is to ensure protection for them and for others.

#### Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Pat Madden
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson
St. James	Cn. John O'Shea
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Peter Glas
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly

#### Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

0118 931 4469
0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

[www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus). This has been set up by Reading Council for residents needing support during the outbreak and for those wanting to volunteer.

**Readifood (Reading's Foodbank)** Volunteers needed -We could do with a few married couples (i.e. not isolating from each other) to drive our vans on parcel deliveries to doorsteps. (No public contact). Also volunteers to sort food and make up parcels. This takes quite a bit of concentration and not as easy as it sounds! Strict social distancing and hygiene rules in place. Masks available. ( No-one with underlying health issues or over 70) Email [wendy@fcg.org.uk](mailto:wendy@fcg.org.uk) or ring 0793 684 5301. Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates <https://www.facebook.com/ReadiFood/>

**Homeless: Mabel – CIRDIC homeless.** B4N is continuing. They need bread and food. Feeding people outside. 07817-373773 or [enquiries@circdic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@circdic.org.uk) (Mabel).

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is closed under further notice

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[facebook.com/olop.church](https://www.facebook.com/olop.church).

Palm Sunday

Year A

5th April 2020

## We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship

We are, indeed, live in a very challenging time, yet, we raise our palm leaves very high with faith and with awe to worship to welcome Christ, the Emperor of Life and the High Priest! We proclaim His victory over the world, including this current moment that we are in Amazingly, as the Priest and Victim, the Holy Host, He is preparing himself for sacrifice. He is the Lamb of God, who was slaughtered instead of Isaac. He is the Lamb whose blood was sprinkled upon us, so that we are safe. He is the Lamb of God, who is given to us. He has asked us to take Him and eat His Precious Body.

We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship to welcome Christ. He enters Jerusalem, God's property, as the Warrior. As we will see during Holy Week and Holy Triduum, He gives no chance to spiritual forces. Jesus Christ came to wrest from hearts the core of sin, which has divided the soul from the body, life from eternity, man from God.

At the gates of Jerusalem, the time for imitating Christ reaches its threshold. 'You cannot come where I am going' (J. 13:33) says the Lord. Although we were invited to follow His footsteps; although we were taught how to rise from the table, gird our hips, kneel down and wash the feet of our neighbours, all our actions have now reached their limit. Our imitation of the Lord has its limit. This limit is the beginning of worship, and the beginning of working with Christ, in Christ and through Christ. This is where our nature submits itself to grace.

We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship. There are some things which only He can do, and doors which only He can enter. Let Him be our Redeemer. Let us adore, the Saviour of the world.

Please make sure that I carry on keeping you in my daily prayers, at each Mass, and other prayers.

Fr. Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 5th Apr Palm Sunday	11.00am 3.00	Gordon Smith RIP Divine Mercy & Rosary (Live Stream)
Mon 6th April	10.00am 3.00pm	Intention available Divine Mercy & Rosary (Live Stream)
Tues 7th April	10.00am 3.00pm	Intention available Adoration, Rosary & Divine Mercy (Live Stream)
Wed 8th Apr	10.00am 3.00pm	Eva Mundakal 9th birthday Divine Mercy & Rosary (Live Stream)
Thur 9th Apr Maundy Thursday	10am 7pm 8.00pm-9.00pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum (detail to follow) Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper Silent Adoration (Live Stream)
Fri 10th Apr Good Friday <i>Fasting and Abstinence</i>	10am 3.00 7.00pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum (detail to follow) Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross (Live Stream)
Sat 11th Apr Holy Saturday	10am 8pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum (detail to follow) Parishioner's family & friends
Sun 12th Apr Easter Sunday	11.00am	Parishioner's family & friends

#### OFFICE CLOSURE:

Following Diocesan instruction, the office will be closed until further notice .

**All updates & notifications will be via WhatsApp Group, Website & Facebook Page facebook.com/olop.church.**

You can join the Parish WhatsApp Group via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KYk95HCBAbn5lmazFx11ei>. For urgent matters ,you can contact Fr Stan on his e mail.

**All those who are active and volunteer on behalf of our community, please contact Fr Stan.**

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the St Vincent de Paul group at [olopsvp@gmail.com](mailto:olopsvp@gmail.com).

**The office will re-open when we have been advised to do so. Take care & keep safe.**

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**5th Apr:** Christopher McDonagh (2017) **9th Apr:** June Harbison (2011); **11th Apr:** Carlton Alves (2002); **12th Apr:** Frederick Harvey (1996); Robert Bosanko (2014); Clare Poulton (2016)

Let us pray for those who are infected by the new corona virus, for those who have already died that God might have mercy on their souls. Let us, also, pray for the families of those that have died that they can feel God's presence and comfort. Let us pray for divine intercession that this pandemic disease would stop spreading and infecting people. Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.

*"The faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. Means of live (not recorded) telematic broadcasts can be of help. In any event, it remains important to dedicate an adequate time to prayer, giving importance above all to the Liturgia Horarum."*

#### Spiritual Communion Prayer

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.***

***I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot, now, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen***

#### Mass Live Stream Links

**Portsmouth Diocese website: Links to Mass at Bishops Chapel & Cathedral via**

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

Walsingham Shrine: [www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream),

Oxford Oratory: <http://www.oxfordoratory.org.uk/>

**Live church service links:** <https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

**OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via facebook.com/olop.church.** Details will be constantly updated via Whatsapp group, website and facebook page.

#### Holy Week

In order to spend Palm Sunday, Holy Triduum and Easter in a good way, please not only watch the service but also, organise a little service based on the "Holy Week at Home". As always, regardless of time, it is always good to decorate our homes with palms as a sign that we believe in Christ's victory in us and amongst us.

As parishioners expressed their will to follow various services available, you are welcome to join Fr Stan at Divine Mercy and Rosary (from Mondays till Saturdays), and Stations of the Cross (on Fridays). We are planning to organise Tenebrae life streamed - please follow our parish website for details.

#### Link to Spiritual Resources

**Universalis: you can download for free all the readings and prayers.** [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com).

There is an app, also, that you can use on your computer, on Apple and Android devices. It contains all of the daily Mass readings and prayers, the prayers of the Angelus, and the Prayers Divine Office in several languages. Cost of app is £10.99.

'Word on Fire' has a huge range of online resources for prayer and catechesis on their website and social media accounts, including a live daily Mass: <https://www.wordonfire.org/>

**UK Catholic Diocesan** newspapers on one website : [www.ChurchPaper.co.uk](http://www.ChurchPaper.co.uk)

#### Parish News

**Recently Died:** It is with sadness that we inform you that Lucy Collaco died on 20th March 2020. Our thoughts are with Francis, her husband, and all the family. Please pray for her and may she rest in peace. Lucy was a regular day time Mass goer. Funeral is going to take place on Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 12:00 noon. The service is going to be webcasted via the following link <https://lucycollaco.muchloved.com>

**Parish Masses.** Father Stan will continue to celebrate the Holy Mass without the public. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, then, please email Fr Stan.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** available on request. please email Fr Stan and also, please maintain a safe distance.