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Thank you: During this period, we have received resignation from a few of our key teams. Gabrielle Williamson has stepped down as leader of Children's Liturgy. We thank her for all her valuable services to our church.

John Allinson has resigned from the Parish Team and we would like to thank him for the great support he has given the team and the Parish, especially during lockdown and keeping the communication open with the Lockdown newsletter.

Jack and Mel Noronha have, also, decided to step down from all their duties and we would like to express our sincere thanks for all their support and hard work. We wish them all the best for their future.

Community Support

One Reading Community Hub:
www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank)
You can drop off the items in the Advent room.

CIRDIC Fresh food and vegetables are needed by CIRDIC to feed the homeless. Please take

them directly to CIRDIC (St Saviours Church Hall, 1, Berkeley Ave, Reading RG1 6JT) from 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus.

Message from the Finance Team:

Thank you very much to parishioners who are continuing to contribute via envelopes, standing order, direct debit or have made donations on the website. Owing to the closure of the hall & social club complex and also to the suspension of Masses and resultant loss of collection income, our parish bank balance is in the red. If you would normally have placed your offering in the collection bags, please consider setting up a direct debit or make a donation on the website. If you do not already do so, please consider setting up a standing order. Our Bank Details :
A/c name: Our Lady of Peace
Ref: Parish/Your name
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018

Offertory Collection for last three Sunday 12th, 19th & 26th July 2020

Main Envelopes	£	270.00
Loose Cash	£	636.48

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Catholics in RBH: Catholic patients at the RBH, relatives or friends should explain to staff that they request a visit from a Catholic priest in cases of serious illness. Due to recent changes, Priests can now more readily respond to requests to visit the sick in hospital. We have a team of Catholic priests in Reading who are available for this Ministry, so it is hoped that no Catholic patient at the RBH will die without the Last Rites.

Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
St. James	Cn. John O'Shea	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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The Church office is open on Tuesday- Friday 10am-12 noon

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

2nd Aug 2020

What are you are hungry for?

The world, with all its proposals is trying hard to satisfy us and make us happy. There are some problems with that. It is quite obvious that the task is beyond our capacity. It is also obvious that there are deadly rules in this world as it is mortal and limited. We are, also, very different and have different areas where we measure our deepest fulfilment. Apart from that, once we have awakened strange goals or developed unhealthy habits, we place ourselves on the fence. Importantly, putting aside our choice, preferences and desires, and listening to what is written in our human nature, we will find the very principal likeness to God, that we cannot fully find in ourselves except through a sincere gift of ourselves. Finally, when we ask the most basic question of why did God make us? We ought to acknowledge the liberating truth that he made us for himself so that we know him, love him and serve him in this world and to be happy with him for-ever in the next world. The true religion which we profess, shares great light upon our minds that this world is not our destiny and completion of our happiness. However in this world our hearts are restless until we find our rest in God, until we live our calling which is participation in God's own life who reveals himself, and who even invites us to intimacy. In this light, the important question, apart from the one from the last week (Will you give everything in order to have the biblical pearl?) is: Where is your heart? Then you will see what are you are hungry for.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response:

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 2nd Aug 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (online streaming) 11.30 am 5.00pm	Parishioner's Intention Teresa Brown's health Intention available
Mon 3rd Aug	7.30pm Mass in Extraordinary form	Michael Esposito RIP
Tues 4th Aug St John Vianney	Daily Mass without congregation	Luke thanksgiving
Wed 5th Aug Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary	Daily Mass without congregation	George thanksgiving
Thur 6th Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord	7.30pm	Intention available
Fri 7th Aug	11.00am -7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm	Adoration Health of family of Eva Latymer
Sat 8th Aug	No Mass	
Sun 9th Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (online streaming) 11.30 am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Parishioner's Intention Intention available Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available

OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via [facebook.com/olop.church](https://www.facebook.com/olop.church)

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid.

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.

Anniversaries:

Father Stan has prayed for all the souls whose anniversaries were during lockdown. Please keep in your prayers for the souls in our "Book of remembrance" for this week.

2nd Aug: Annie Duffy (1999); 3rd Aug: John Nottingham (1978); Ronald Miles (1992); Gus Watters (1994); Laurie Mayes (2013); 4th Aug: Elizabeth Budd (1990); Margaret Mary Smith (2018); 5th Aug: Happiness Saliru (2004); Margaret Mary Smith (2018); 6th Aug: Ruth Dady (1975); Kathleen Kulan (2001); 8th Aug: Gerry Stander Batt (1975); Edward Ralph (2010);

Sunday Mass, Monday & Friday evening Masses are open to the congregation. Please book your place by calling 07444 079157. Masses to be booked by 8pm the previous day. We are working towards making booking available online very soon.

A lot has happened since the last newsletter in March. We are happy to say that the Parish office is now open for 2 hours on Tuesday- Friday 10.00am -12.00noon. The weekly newsletter is also back and we thank John Allinson & Catherine d'Hendecourt for their valuable input in putting together the two edition of "OLOP Lockdown edition".

Weekly Schedule:

Masses are open to the congregation. Due to social distancing regulations, seating is very limited. Mass times have ,also, changed in order to allow a suitable gap for cleaning etc between them. Please book your place by calling 07444 079157. Masses are to be booked by 8pm the previous day. We are working towards making booking available online very soon

Sunday

8.30 am Holy Mass (facebook online streaming)
11.30 am Holy Mass
5.00pm Holy Mass

Monday:

7.30pm Mass in Extraordinary Form

Friday:

11.00am-7.00pm Adoration
7.30pm Holy Mass

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

Monday - Friday: 11.00am -7.00pm - The Church is open for private prayers.

Mass Intentions: Father Stan has offered Mass for the intentions that were booked in our Mass Intention book during the lockdown period. Intentions are now available and can be booked via the Parish office.

Fr John O'Shea is retiring in early August. As you know, he has been St James' Parish Priest for the past 10 years, completing 51 years of ministry as Priest in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and we

wish him all the best. Please visit St James parish website for details.

Parish News:

Update on all Rotas: Due to the current Covid restrictions, all Rotas are, currently suspended. Once restriction's are lifted, the Parish office will get in touch. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been in the Rotas and served our church. Please be patient with us whilst we navigate our way through this situation.

Sacrament of Initiation: On Sunday 26th July, Reuben Reid our RCIA candidate received the sacrament of Initiation. Our congratulations to Reuben. Please keep Reuben in your prayers.

First Holy Communion: Due to the lockdown, our original plan for the First Holy Communion Mass could not take place on 17th May. Father Stan has been meeting the children via Zoom and a few of the children have received their Holy Communion. Our congratulations go to Rozita Izehi Ikhinmwini, Isaac Patrick Mewes, Niamh Amelie McConalogue Bracewell & Antoni Stein. On Sunday 2nd August, Joseph Andrew David Dowse, Anna Hope Marborough & Emma Joy Annabel Webb will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thursday 6th Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord (feast) Mass at 7.30pm

Sat 15th Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass at 12 noon followed by procession outside the church.

Volunteers for Open Air Mass

Due to the current Covid restriction, we are thinking of organising an open air Mass on September 13th at 11.30am. We will need help in setting up the sound system and other logistics, If you are able to help us then please contact the Parish office.

Word of God in the World in Pain. In this period when we are focussing on the Word of the Lord, you may wish to register for these talks: "The Word of God for a World in Pain" by Dr