

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 Scott Hahn. Register now at: <https://www.oxcacs.org/product/the-word-of-god-for-a-world-in-pain/> 8 August 2020—3pm, Live Stream available to watch for two weeks after the talk.

Resources

August editions of My Day by Day £1 /copy

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. Information on list of items for foodbank can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

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.

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	Fr 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

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 are:

A/c name: Our Lady of Peace

Ref: Parish/Your name

Lloyds Bank sort code 30 93 04

A/C No: 00886018

Offertory Collection 2nd Aug 2020

Main Envelopes	£	130.00
Loose Cash	£	263.01
Standing Orders	£	677.83
Online Donation	£	51.44

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Online Donation: We thank you all for using the online donation since March, as of 6th Aug, the Parish has received £1,215.56. We really appreciate all the donation to the Parish in these difficult times.

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

9th Aug 2020

The new normal

As we gently ease ourselves back into the new normal, I have been contemplating my own journey during this lockdown. Being without the congregation I started to celebrate Mass always "Ad Orientem" (facing our Lord), as it was more natural (the Roman Missal normally allows both ways, but if the priest is on his own it gives different instructions). I have read a lot about the meaning of **direction** at Holy Mass. Benedict XVI's book "The Spirit of the Liturgy" has helped me. The Head of the Vatican Congregation for Liturgy, Cardinal Sarah, has also been encouraging priests to say Mass Ad Orientem over the last few years, and his words have also been important to me. During the five months of the lockdown period I prayed in that way and the logic of it captured my heart.

When the priest is offering the sacrifice at the altar, of course he is never truly "facing the people", as he is praying to God and not to them! But it is very special when the priest and the people are even physically all facing in one direction of worship, so that with our eyes we are together looking to God, in a joint prayerful gaze. This is also what we have inherited from the first generations of Christian's, when everyone would face to the east together at these most important moments of prayer.

I have had very positive feedback from many parishioners who are finding comfort in this way of celebrating Mass, but it is important that we also have Masses in the other way, as each way has its place. That means we will maintain one Sunday Mass facing congregation. There is also a desire in people for the "Extraordinary Form" Latin Mass (Missal of John XXIII) and I will continue this on Mondays (we have about 20 people coming at the moment).

You can see the Mass times for when they are "Ad Orientem".

I pray to God for each one of us daily at Holy Mass and Rosary. I also thank each one of you who has asked after me and has supported me with your prayers.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 9th Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Parishioner's Intention George & Konnie wedding anniversary Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available
Mon 10th Aug St Laurence	7.30pm Mass in Extraordinary form	Intention available
Tues 11th Aug St Clare	Daily Mass without congregation	Jayatunga De Alwis RIP rec dec
Wed 12th Aug St Jane Frances de Chantal	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Thur 13th Aug St Pontian & St Hippolytus	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Fri 14th Aug St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Health of family of Eva Latymer
Sat 15th Aug	12 noon Ad Orientem	Holy Mass followed by procession for the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 16th Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity (transferred)	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Parishioner's Intention Intention available Jofi Thanksgiving

OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via facebook.com/olop.church

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

As per government guidelines, from Saturday 8th August, Face covering will be mandatory in church unless you are exempt from doing so.

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:

Please keep in your prayers for the souls in our "Book of remembrance" for this week.

10th Aug: Mary Silvester (1993); 12th Aug: Sarah Doyle (1982);

Funeral Service on 7th August 2020 led by Fr Stan at Reading Crematorium for Marlyne Scremin Lynne who died on 24h July 2020. We keep the family in our prayers and may Lynne's soul Rest in peace.

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.

Sunday

8.30 am Holy Mass Ad Orientem (facebook online streaming)

11.30 am Holy Mass (Facing Congregation)

5.00pm Holy Mass Ad Orientem

Monday:

7.30pm Mass in Extraordinary Form (Latin)

Friday:

11.00am-7.00pm Adoration

7.30pm Holy Mass Ad Orientem

1st Saturday of every month 10am-12.00.

(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Please note change in opening times for private prayers:

Monday 5.00pm-7.00pm,

Tuesday-Thursday 3.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday: 11.00am -7.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request. Please email Fr Stan via fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and also please maintain a safe distance.

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.

Parish News:

Sunday Mass: As we slowly make our way to the "new normal", it was really lovely to see over 120 people attending Mass last Weekend. We appreciate that not everyone is ready to come

back and in view of that we are looking to introduce another Mass in the weekend to help parishioners especially those in the Vulnerable category or those shielding, so they feel safe in attending Mass.

We would also like to start live streaming the 11.30 Mass and would appreciate a volunteer who could help with the streaming.

Risk Assessment: We would like to confirm that we are constantly updating our Risk Assessment and making sure that we are adhering to Government and Bishop's guidelines in ensuring that our church is COVID 19 safe. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact the Parish office or the Parish team and we will do our best to address any concerns you may have with regards to COVID 19.

Thankful to our Volunteers: We are really thankful to our team of volunteers for stewarding and cleaning the church, their valuable help has made it possible for us to keep church open Monday to Friday and also to have 3 Masses on Sunday.

Update on all Rotas: Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions, all Rotas are currently suspended. Once restrictions 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.

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.

Sunday Mass, Monday & Friday evening Masses are open to the congregation. Masses can be booked by calling 07444079157. Masses to be booked by 8pm the previous day.