

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 Beirut Emergency Appeal CAFOD have launched an emergency appeal to help the thousands affected by the explosions in Beirut . You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus.

Mary's Meal: works in 19 of the world's poorest countries, often scarred by conflict, drought and indescribable poverty. Yet, time and again, communities refuse to give up because they have an unwavering strength of faith in God. Mary's meal ask for our prayers and support. You can find out more about this charity on <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Pastoral News

Message from the diocesan Formation for Mission team : We are now offering most of our courses and events online, and you can find the

latest event in our newsletter, to which you can subscribe here:
<https://mailchi.mp/996a1b7a471e/summer-courses-from-formation-for-mission>.
We're also preparing a series of videos to introduce the new directory for catechesis, and this will be followed by a course on the directory. We will also move our readers' formation online and are in the process of preparing this.

Diocesan Course for Catechists, Children's Liturgy Leaders, and for everyone keen to pass on the faith to others, in 5 sessions.
The sessions will be from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm and will take place on Thursdays 27th August, 3rd September, 10th September, 17th September, and 24th September.
The course is free, and open to everyone. It will be led by Sr Hyacinthe. The link to register for the course on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8939R-0n1G6B6QdInITQbt5n>

Offertory Collection 16th Aug 2020

Main Envelopes	£	55.00
Loose Cash	£	602.55
Standing Orders	£	677.83
Online Donation	£	130.00

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next 2nd Collection on 13th September is for the Catholic Education Service.

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	Fr Chris Heaps / Fr David Sillince	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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Hall Bookings	



The Church office is closed till Monday 31st August
The Church office will reopen on 1st September -Tuesday- Friday 10am-12 noon

21st Sunday in Ordinary Times	Year A	23rd Aug 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Times	Year A	30th Aug 2020

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

There is a link between confessing the faith by St Peter: 'You are the Christ' and the foundation of the Church by the Lord. It looks like Christ needed Peter and his faith. It also means that the supernatural grace is granted to the Church: "the gates of the underworld can never hold out against" Her. In this cooperation between Christ and Peter, grace comes to everyone.

The mission of Peter is then to allow Christ to be the visible leader, so that the Redeemer and the Saviour reaches everyone through the ministry of the Church - The Church is actually made for that very reason.

In this context, it is extremely interesting to see how Jesus formed the faith of Peter, even leading him in the Valley of darkness, before finally entrusting to him His flock of all the generations of believers in Christ. It is also interesting to see how Peter as a person, had to grow up to his office of being first pope (as seen in the letter to Galatians 2:11-14 after Pentecost)

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response:

Sunday 23rd Aug: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.
Sunday 30th August: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

Sunday Mass, Monday & Friday evening Masses are open to the congregation. Masses can be booked via our website www.olop.org.uk or by calling 07444079157. Masses to be booked by 8pm the previous day.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 23rd Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Achilles Fernando RIP Souls in Purgatory Parishioner's Intention
Mon 23rd - Thur 27th Aug	No Mass	
Fri 28th Aug St Augustine of Hippo	11.00am -7.00pm No Mass	Adoration
Sat 29th Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Sun 30th Aug 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Sr Mary Stella RIP rec. dec. Anthony Mundakal RIP Parishioner's Intention
Mon 31st Aug All saints of Lindisfarne & St Aidan	No Mass	
Tues 1st Sept	Daily Mass without congregation	Mary Burke RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 2nd Sept	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Thurs 3rd Sept St Gregory the Great	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Fri 4th Sept St Cuthbert	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Intention available
Sat 5th Sept Aug	12 noon Holy Mass Ad Orientem	Intention available
Sun 6th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Intention available Elizabeth & Brian Caton (Foundation Mass) Parishioner's Intention

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

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers the souls of those in our "Book of Remembrance" for next two weeks.

24th Aug: Antonio Napolitano (2019); 25th: Aug Marlene Quinlivan (2014);
26th Aug: Thomas Callaghan (1976); Timothy Sugme (1979); Paul Nunn (2001);
27th Aug: Mafalda Mastaglio (1985); George Tinson (1988); and Mary Kelly (1989).
30th Aug: Albert Bone (1978); 1st Sept: Geoff Way (1994); Mary Burke (2002);
2nd Sept Angela Hughes (2012); 4th Sept: Linda Clayton (1979); Dee Faithfull (2008);
6th Sept: Lydia Robertson (1979);

Parish News:

Sunday 23rd Aug & Sunday 30th Aug: We welcome Fr Pio, who will be celebrating the three Masses on Sunday 23rd Aug & 30th Aug.

The Parish Office will be closed for a week from 24th Aug to 31st Aug.

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 (Adoration)

Weekday Mass: From 17th Aug to 31st Aug - there will be no Public Mass on Mondays and Fridays as Fr Stan is away. We wish him a restful retreat.

Please find below updated guidance from Bishops' Conference and in line with government guidelines on the wearing of face masks.

All those attending churches must wear a face covering unless exempt from doing so. This is intended for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who do not normally meet;
-Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion;
-The priest, and those who are distributing Holy Communion should wear face coverings when doing so. The communicant should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving back to their pews in an orderly manner.

Sunday Mass: We appreciate that not everyone is ready to come back and in view of that we are looking to introduce another Mass for 20 people in the weekend in September / October to help parishioners especially those in the Vulnerable category or those shielding, so they feel safe in attending Mass.

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

Volunteers for Open Air Mass September 13th at 11.30am. Due to the current Covid restriction, we are thinking of organising an open air Mass.. 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. - The closing date for volunteers is 1 September and after that we would know if we are able to have open air Mass

New to our Parish: A warm welcome to those new to our Parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Stan and also register with us on our website www.olop.org.uk, click on Parish Database button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you.

Risk Assessment: We were pleased to welcome Stewart Cripps, the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer last week and pleased to confirm that he was more than satisfied with our provisions. 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 keeping the parish COVID-19 safe.

Health & Safety Coordinator: We are pleased to announce that David Slezak has agreed to be our Health & Safety Coordinator.

Resources

August & September editions of My Day by Day £1 /copy. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.