

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.

Pastoral News

Portsmouth Diocese e-news: you can keep in touch with what's going on in and around the diocese via e-News:
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/>

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. You can find more information and prayer recourses on <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>

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	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	Msrgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Diocesan Course for Catechists, Children's Liturgy Leaders, and for everyone keen to pass on the faith to others, in 5 sessions.

Fr Stan encourages everyone involved in our Parish in pastoral care of our children to participate in the course. 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. Following is the link to register for the course on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61811270000>

Offertory Collection 23rd Aug 2020

Main Envelopes	£	30.00
Loose Cash	£	280.73
Standing Orders	£	677.83
Online Donation	£	550.00

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 30th Aug 2020

Main Envelopes	£	35.00
Loose Cash	£	201.38
Standing Orders	£	677.83
Online Donation	£	20.00

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

Year A

6th Sept 2020

Mutual help to remain in God

Everyone deserves to know the truth about God and how God sees the way we should build our relationship with Him and with one another. All of these are revealed to us and we pass it on from generation to generation. St Paul, who was very determined to share the Gospel with all clarity and loving care, says: "For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." (1 Tess 2:3-8)

The love towards God and our neighbours expresses itself not only in various polite manners and fraternal support according to our impulses and inspirations, but in all in corporal and spiritual works of mercy:

The corporal works include: 1. To feed the hungry. 2. To give water to the thirsty. 3. To clothe the naked. 4. To shelter the homeless. 5. To visit the sick. 6. To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive. 7. To bury the dead.

The spiritual works include: 1. To instruct the ignorant. 2. To counsel the doubtful. 3. To admonish the sinners. 4. To bear patiently those who wrong us. 5. To forgive offences. 6. To comfort the afflicted. 7. To pray for the living and the dead.

It looks like the most challenging works of mercy are: "instructing the ignorant", "admonishing the sinners", "forgiving offences. The attitude of the Lord himself towards everyone, the attitude of St John the Baptist towards king Herod, St Thomas Moore and John Fisher towards the king Henry VIII, or the amazing testimony of Dame Cecily Stonor about the reverence towards the Holy Mass, are great examples for us.

We must be careful though that we do not drink the poison of judgmental attitude of a Pharisee, and the poison of hypocrite who does not want to deal with a plank in his own eye and is scandalised with the speck in his neighbor's eye.

One must be humble and ready to embrace the cross indeed to truly love God and one another. Otherwise we easily slip into flattery or ignorant, judgmental and hypocritical attitudes.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response:

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 6th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Alfred Challinor RIP Elizabeth & Brian Caton (Foundation Mass) Parishioner's Intention
Mon 7th Sept	7.30pm Ad Orientem	Intention available
Tues 8th Sept The Nativity of the BI Virgin Mary	7.30pm Ad Orientem	James & Kathleen Buckley RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wed 9th Sept St Peter Claver	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Thurs 10th Sept	Daily Mass without congregation	Leana Maheswaran Birthday
Fri 11th Sept	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Intention available
Sat 12th Sept The Most Holy Name of Mary	No Mass	
Sun 13th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Wilfred Duarte RIP Thanksgiving C E Fernandes Divine Mercy Holy Hour Parishioner's Intention

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.

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.

Anniversaries:

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

6th Sept: Lydia Robertson (1979); 7th Sept: William Dailly (1992); Peter Dawson (2008);
9th Sept: Bill Hunt (1994); Regina Zaboklicka (2007); 10th Sept: Frederick Grigg (1993);
11th Sept: Janice Robins (1995); Bernard Coakeley (2004); Desolina Auch (2019);
12th Sept: Anthony Davis (1997); 13th Sept: Doris Frost (1990); Marjorie Sheldon (1997);

Recently died: We keep in our prayers the repose of the soul of Roger Merrin Lea (Stephen Lea's father) who died on 21st August 2020. The requiem mass is on Monday 21 Sept at Holy Trinity RC Church, Sutton Coldfield. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen Lea and his family during this difficult times.

Parish News:

New opening times for private prayers:

Monday - Thursday 5.00pm-7.00pm,
Friday: 11.00am -7.00pm (Adoration)

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

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 the Parish Database button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you.

5.00pm Sunday Mass: We appreciate that not everyone feels safe in big gatherings so in view of that we plan to keep the Sunday 5.00pm Mass for 20 people only. We hope that parishioners, especially those in the Vulnerable category or those shielding, feel safe in attending Mass.

Jesuit Vows Saturday 5th September. John Bosco Noronha, a member of our Parish, will be professing his First Vows in the Society of Jesus. Please join us all in our prayers for John and his fellow novices. The Mass is being live streamed via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxFgonBuqhc>. John will be leaving for Paris for a 3 year course. We wish John all the best and continue to keep him in our prayers.

Open Air Mass September 13th at 11.30am. Cancelled as we didn't have enough volunteers.

Repository Store: Our Parish Repository stall has been managed since 1973 by Pat Pollard

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.

and Angela O'Neil. Due to age and the current situation, they are both stepping down from this role. We are very grateful for their long service to our Parish. Words cannot express our gratitude to both Pat and Angela. You may recall that this Christmas both Pat and Angela received the Bishop's medal for long service.

The Repository Store is currently closed but we hope sometime in the future, we will be in a position to open it. If you are keen to volunteer to manage this then please contact the Parish office.

Message from CAFOD. Could you help CAFOD? We need a new CAFOD parish volunteer at Our Lady of Peace & BI Dom Barberi to help us with the CAFOD Harvest and Lent fast days. If you are interested please contact Jo Lewry on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 09444. We would also like to thank you for your generous donation to the Lent fast day.

Update on forthcoming projects.

All our planned projects have been on hold due to the lockdown and decrease in finance. Unfortunately, we have had to start some work to make the Parish office COVID 19 safe. This was not part of the planned projects and we would appreciate any donations towards the cost of this project.

Resources

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

My Day by Day: We are stopping the subscription for My day by day due to lack of sale. The September edition will be the last sale, there will be no October edition. We will review this subscription once the church is back to normal activity.