

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 resources 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	Msgr. 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/61183227105>

Offertory Collection 6th Sept 2020

Main Envelopes	£	45.00
Loose Cash	£	208.94
Standing Orders	£	677.83
Online Donation	£	70.00

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

Next 2nd Collection on 20th September is for Home Mission Sunday

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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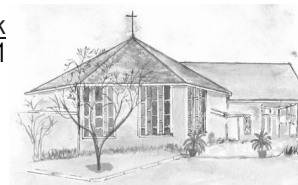
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Hall Bookings

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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Year A

13th Sept 2020

Love your difficult neighbours

We do not always find it easy and straightforward to love people who are next to us. We are not alone with this challenge. St Teresa, the Little Flower, admitted she needed to work on this area. She writes: "A sister in the community had the gift of irritating me in everything she did" At that time Teresa had already passed through the first stage of deep purifications, which means she already lived largely in accordance with every virtue - theological as well as cardinal and moral. Yet, everything about that sister irritated our Little Saint: her character, her mannerisms, and her words.

What can we learn from St Teresa in relation to love our difficult neighbours, and be admitted to those who conquer the Kingdom of God?

1. We need to desire God and go through the first deep purifications (The Collected Works of St John of the Cross, The Dark Night)
2. We need to do everything to be just and see beyond what is hurtful. St Teresa says: "Nevertheless, I am referring to a nun who must be very agreeable to God."
3. We need to do everything to see our neighbours in the same way as God sees them, and yet to admire God who dwells in them: "does not every artist enjoy having his work admired? Similarly, the divine Artist of souls, is equally pleased when we do not restrict our observations to the outside but penetrate into the intimate sanctuary where He has chosen to dwell, in order to admire its beauty".
4. To build all over the certainty that our admiration of God in a soul of our difficult neighbour is an act of worship of God: "I was certain that this pleased Jesus greatly"
5. To distinguish between our emotional and natural inclinations from acts of our soul, super-natural actions. St Teresa was able to see that "Struggling not to succumb to the natural aversion I felt, I told myself that charity does not depend so much on feelings, but on deeds; I decided, therefore, to treat this nun the way I would have treated the person most dear to me. Every time I met her, I prayed to God for her, offering Him all her virtues and merits".
6. When we find the situation too difficult, it is enough to escape into prayer than to be affected by an act of not loving. "Often, when the devil violently tempted me, and I could not deal with it without her (the nun) noticing my interior struggle, I would escape like a deserter in the army".
7. To learn to be discreet and to tell others what irritates us. "Since she had no idea of my feelings towards her, she did not suspect the motives for my behaviour and she remained convinced that I found her personality very appealing. One day, during recreation, she approached me with a delighted look on her face and said: 'Tell me, Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus, what is it that you find so attractive about me, because every time I meet you you always smile so graciously?' It was Jesus concealed in the depths of her soul who attracted me ... Jesus who makes the bitterest things sweet ... I told her that I smiled because I was glad to see her (naturally I did not say that this was from a spiritual point of view)". When you smile with sincerity at someone whom you do not naturally get on with, you smile at Christ.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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 Roger Merrin Lea RIP rec. dec Divine Mercy Holy Hour Thanksgiving C E Fernandes
Mon 14th Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7.30pm Ad Orientem Extra Ordinary Form	Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP (Foundation Mass)
Tues 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	Daily Mass without congregation 3.00pm	Jyoti Stevenson RIP Divine Mercy & Rosary (online stream)
Wed 16th Sept Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Thurs 17th Sept St Hildegard of Bingen	Daily Mass without congregation	Yakon & Karolina's 4h wedding anniversary
Fri 18th Sept	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Bindu Cardoza's Intention
Sat 19th Sept St Januarius	4.00pm (Facing Congregation) Sunday Vigil Mass	Intention available
Sun 20th Sept 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)	Mary Andrews RIP Dr Helen Diwan-Pereira RIP rec. dec. Lucy Collaco RIP 6 month anniversary

Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy

Readings for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 13th September

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 *Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9 *Alive or dead we belong to the Lord*

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 *I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

Anniversaries:

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

13th Sept: Doris Frost (1990); Marjorie Sheldon (1997); 14th Sept: Eric Karas (2001);
15th Sept: Mary Salmon (1975); Ethel Gibson (1988);
18th Sept: Richard O'Connell (2002); and Graham Smallbone (2003); 19th Sept: Sylvia Grealis (2018);
20th Sept Bridget Malone (1990);

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.

This Week

Sunday 13th September: Pastoral Letter "Come back to me" from Bishop Philip will be read out at all Masses.

First Holy Communion: This Sunday at 8.30am Mass Ifeanyi John Onuama will be receiving his First Holy Communion and on Saturday 19th September Hannah Osei will receive hers. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mon 14th September The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: 7.30pm Mass in Extraordinary Form . Everyone welcome.

Every Tuesday at 3.00pm: Divine mercy and Rosary via facebook live stream. Please join Fr Stan on *OLOP Parish Live Stream Link* via facebook.com/olop.church

1st Holy Communion Children 2019-20 Sunday 20th September 3.00pm. Children who have already received the Lord are invited for 30 minutes prayer and receiving of their certificates with their parents here in the church.

From 20th September changes to Sunday Mass: With the University starting its academic year, there will be a few changes to our Sunday Mass. From Sunday 20th September, Adrian our organist will be at the 5.00pm Mass so 8.30am Mass will be without an organist and will not be live streamed. The 5.00pm Mass will be with an organist and live streamed.

Saturday Mass for the Vulnerable from 19th September: The plan is to have a Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday for the Vulnerable of our Parish. Mass at 4.00pm without a sermon for 30 min. The Mass will be available for booking and will only go ahead if enough booking takes place.

Parish News:

Church 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.

Repository Store: 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.

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 sales. 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.