

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on 10th & 11th October It is to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes and putting it in the collection basket on 11th October, or send it directly to CAFOD. You can also donate via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

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.

Pastoral News

Second Collections 2020

Parishioners have asked for ways to donate the second collection. A special page is on the Diocesan website to facilitate donations for those who wish. There are three appeals from the Holy Father. The first is for the Holy Places

of Palestine. This would normally have been taken on Good Friday, but the pope postponed it this year to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, 14th September, and so it is due this week. Then on 4th October weekend, there is the Peter's Pence appeal to support the Holy See, and on 18th October, World Mission Sunday when a collection is to be taken for Missio, the Pontifical Mission Society.

Offertory Collection 20th Sept 2020

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| Main Envelopes | £ | 24.00 |
| Loose Cash | £ | 435.04 |
| Standing Orders | £ | 777.58 |
| Online Donation | £ | 50.00 |

2nd Collection for Home Mission Sunday - 144.48.

Thank you all for your kind donations

The Second Collection for this weekend, the 26th-27th September 2020, is the rescheduled Pontifical Good Friday Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. The online giving page can be found here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-supporting-christians-in-the-holy-land-1>

The next Second Collection on the 3rd - 4th of October is for Peter's Pence. The online giving page can be found here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-peters-pence-1>

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

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| 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 |

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Year A

27th Sept 2020

October month of Rosary

I would like to encourage all of us, all parishioners, to pray the rosary every day in the month of October. If you cannot commit to pray five decades per day then please pray at least one decade a day. I am honestly asking, please pray the rosary, and you will see how your life is changed. We live in a changing world. Our prayers are desperately needed. When we pray the rosary, we intercede for one another and we obtain graces and peace in the world as we are united with Our Lady of Peace, the Mother of God, Our Mother, and the most powerful tool in the hands of Christ to save the Church and the world.

In the rosary we contemplate the face of Jesus together with Our Lady. It really matters, as when we spend time to look upon the face of Christ, we are closer to God, our desires to belong to heaven are strengthened, and also we see our life in the light of God. One of the fruits of praying the rosary is that we link our daily events with the Lord: our joys and sufferings are enlightened by faith. In this way we allow the Passion of the Lord and the divine splendour of the Risen Lord to come upon us, permeate us, and rest in us. In this way we become open to participate in the life of Holy Trinity, embrace grace ever fresh, anew as the love of the Father which will delight us and conceive the joy of the Holy Spirit in our souls.

When we pray the rosary with the attention to reflect on the particular mystery such as the Annunciation, the Visitation, etc "we are being changed into his likeness, from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2Cor 3:18).

On the contrary, "without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ" – says Bl Pope Paul VI, who also stresses that "by its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed".
Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

1st Reading Ezekiel 18: 25-28 *When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*

2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11 *In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

Gospel Matthew 21: 28-32 *He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.*

| Date & Dedication | Time | Mass Intentions etc |
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| Sat 26th Sept Ss Cosmas & Damian | 12 noon 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation) | Baptism La'akasen Jellason Margaret Browne Intention |
| Sun 27th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming) | Dr Helen Diwan-Pereira RIP rec. dec. Richard O'Joole (Richie) RIP rec.dec Holy Souls |
| Mon 28th Sept St Wenceslaus | 7.30pm Extraordinary Form | Eva Nora's Intention |
| Tues 29th Sept The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael | 9.30am 3.00pm | Georgina Alexander Thanksgiving Divine Mercy & Rosary |
| Wed 30th Sept St Jerome | Daily Mass without congregation | Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass |
| Thurs 1st Oct St Teresa of the Child Jesus | Daily Mass without congregation | John Lewis Fernandes RIP |
| Fri 2nd Oct The Holy Guardian Angels | 11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem | Adoration Marianne & Stanley Intention |
| Sat 3rd Oct | 12 noon 1st Sat Mass 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation) | Holy Souls Parishioner's Intention |
| Sun 4th Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming) | Martin & John Nee RIP John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Rosary Walk Elsie Tomlinson RIP rec. dec |

Masses can be booked via our website www.olo.org.uk or by calling 07444079157. (Please call by 8pm the previous day to book Mass).

OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via facebook.com/olo.org.uk

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

Please keep in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially those in our "Book of Remembrance" for this week.

28th Sept: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998);
29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012); 30th Sept: Ethel Wiggins (2005).
3rd Oct: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);
4th Oct: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);

Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Elsie Tomlinson (Colin Tomlinson's mum) who passed away on 19th September 2020. Our prayers are with Colin and his family during this difficult time.

October: Month of Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful." (Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, Source: Catholic.net)

Sunday 4th October 2020 at 3.00pm: Rosary Walk. With the current guidelines of "Rule of 6" we aim to meet in the church car park and form groups of 6 and walk in separate groups in different directions saying the Rosary. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Rosary in church Mon - Fri 4.00pm During the month of October, we plan to say the Rosary in the church. Please contact the parish office, if you are keen to join.

Parish News:

Saturday 26th September: We pray for La'akasen Roman Jellason, who will be baptised on Saturday and welcomed into our faith community and for all families awaiting the baptism of their children, that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

Tuesday 29th September 9.30am Mass
Feast of The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. Booking not needed for Mass.

Saturday 3rd October : 1st Saturday of the month 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady)
Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Church opening times for private prayers:

Monday - Thursday 5.00pm-7.00pm,
Friday: 11.00am -7.00pm (Adoration)
(Please note: for those who have the NHS COVID-19 app, QR code is available for you to scan and you do not need to fill the track and trace form).

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 26th Sept, 4th, 11th & 18th October.

Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday especially for the Vulnerable. Mass will be at 4.00pm, without a sermon, for 30 min. The Mass will be available for booking and will only go ahead if enough bookings takes place.

Message from The Catholic Society of the University : New students of the University of Reading are invited to join fellow students at the 5pm Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Peace Catholic church. This is the perfect opportunity to praise God alongside other students, as well as connecting with them before or after Mass. Please book Mass on the parish website www.olo.org.uk.

First Holy Communion 2021 - Registration is now open for children (Years 3 or above) for the FHC Programme 20/21. Parents—please email or write to Father Stan via the church office. Please provide your email address and full name of child(ren) to the Parish Office. Due to the current COVID pandemic, we will be emailing the registration pack and will confirm details of the programme via email.

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

Missio Red Box: Thank you for continuing to use your Red Box. At the moment it is not safe to recall them. So Missio has given a few options. You need to empty your own box yourself, count the money and then do one of the following:
1. Call 0207821 9755, during office hours and donate your contribution over the phone.
2. Bank transfer: account name: Misso, sort code 16 00 16 account number 10624230, reference your post code.
3. Make a cheque payable to Misso-Mill Hill and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Sq., London SW1V