

Rorate Mass during Advent: Usually during Advent we had Rorate Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please can you let either Father Stan or the parish office know if you would be keen to have this mass. Decision would be made depending on the number of parishioners keen to attend the mass at 7.00am on Wednesdays in Advent.

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 can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

CIRDIC: Items for packed lunches 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

READERS' ZOOM WORKSHOPS: Saturdays 14th November (workshop 1) and 21st November (workshop 2) at 10 am. Registration is via <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers> As part of the training, one-to-one online

meetings will be offered to each participant to give them a chance to practice their reading.

Friday 27th November: Day of Prayer and Fasting for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Bishop Philip has called for 24 hours of Prayer and fasting. Please see Portsmouth diocese website for more details.

Foundation Governor Vacancies. Practising, committed Catholics are invited to apply to become one of Bishop Philip's representatives on Governing Board of St Dominic Savio. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Clare Woodham for further information. cwoodham@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk

Offertory Collection 25th Oct 2020

Main Envelopes	£	35.00
Loose Cash	£	275.01
Online	£	180.00
Standing Orders	£	757.32

Thank you all for your kind donations

1st November Second Collection is for Bamenda. This has been another very challenging year for the people of Bamenda and the Anglophone region in general, with no seeming end to the crisis in sight. You can donate in church or online via the website. <http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>.

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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-2.00pm

All Saints day	Year A	1st Nov 2020
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It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb 9: 27)

In the month of November, let us find time to meditate on our lives from a bird's point of view, from outside our feelings and desires.

At the beginning, after making the sign of the cross and praying to the Holy Spirit, let us imagine ourselves, here in church, in a coffin put in the centre. The paschal candle will be lit, Holy Water will be sprinkled on you, and fragrance of incense will be calling you to praise the Lord. You are there. Inside. Some of us will be around you. There will be nothing to do, no commitment any more. It is only death and the Lord. After death, everything stops. All people will die. There is no time to do good any more. "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." (John 9: 4).

The moment of our death is uncertain. We do not know the day or the hour (Mt 25:13). What is Death? It is the separation of the soul from the body. The soul is immortal so it does not die. Only the body decays and turns into dust. "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19). Death entered our lives only as the outcome of the original sin. It is linked with the great liar and enemy of the human race. All people will be judged by God at death.

Having involved our imagination, let us reflect on the facts of life in relation to the truth about us. Whilst reflecting on them, embrace Christ with your heart:

- I am created by God to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and the life to come;
- my soul is immortal;
- I received the seed of heaven in Baptism. It depends on my care how it will grow.

The Paschal candle at baptism reminds me of Christ who broke the power of death and entered my life for the unity with the Holy Trinity d) There are three last stages of my soul: Death, Judgement, Heaven or Hell.

Finish your reflection by saying slowly the Hail Mary, the Our Father and finish with Glory be.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

Readings for All Saints November 1st

1st Reading Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

2nd Reading St John 3:1-3 We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 31st Oct	12 noon-1.00pm 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Rosary (Portsmouth Diocese designated hour for national Rosary Relay Rally) Holy Souls
Sun 1st Nov All Saints	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)	Mary Jennings George Johnson RIP Blessing of graves at Mays Lane cemetery Children and grandchildren of Wilson family
Mon 2nd Nov All Souls	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Mass for All Souls
Tues 3rd Nov St Martin de Porres	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Wed 4th Nov St Charles Borromeo	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mrs Elizabeth Gudmundson
Thurs 5th Nov	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Fri 6th Nov	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Holy Souls
Sat 7th Nov St Willibrord	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Intention available Parishioners Intention
Sun 8th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time Remembrance Sunday	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)	Mike Downs RIP Patrick & Jane Mooney RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available

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

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

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

Indulged Acts for the Poor Souls A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery in the month of November. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory. More information can be found on Vatican website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreo-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

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

1st Nov: Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);
2nd Nov: Alvina Bossey (1982); Joyce Darnell (2008); **4th Nov:** William Tully (1988);
5th Nov: Michael Pegg (1990); **6th Nov:** William Sawyer (2002); Doug Gudmundson (2015)
7th Nov: Sheila Louri (2004);

This week

31st Oct 12-1.00pm: National Rosary Rally . We will finish our October month of Rosary on Saturday 31st October at 12 noon as its our Diocesan designated time for the national Rosary Relay Rally. You are welcome to come to church or say the Rosary from home at the designated hour.

Sunday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints

Monday 2nd November: All Souls. 7.30pm Mass will be offered for the souls of the deceased loved ones of parishioners.

Blessing of Graves at Mays Lane on Sunday 1st November at 3.00pm. If you have loved ones' graves at Mays Lane, then please stand by the grave and Fr Stan will come over and bless. If you would like to come to the cemetery to pray for the departed souls then please be at the cemetery for 3.00pm and join Father Stan for the prayers (maintaining social distance) and keeping to the "rule of 6".

Requiem Mass for Mrs Elizabeth Gudmundson (Clare Roper's mum) on Wednesday 4th November at 10.00am at our church followed by private committal at Reading Crematorium. We pray for the repose of Elizabeth's soul and also for Clare and her family.

First Holy Communion: Please keep in your prayers Aniya Rose Maheswaran, who will be receiving her First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th November. May the blessing of the Lord be with her. Amen.

Parish News:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.00pm especially for the Vulnerable for 30 min (without a sermon).

Church will now be open on Fridays for private prayers with adoration from 11.00am - 7.00pm.

Private prayer in our church: Since the end of lockdown in July we have been pleased to keep

our church open for daily prayers. As the only local church open at the time, we were happy to welcome many visitors, who expressed their thanks to our Parish; we are proud that we were able to provide this service. We thank all our volunteers who worked together to keep the church open and safe during this time. With the clocks going back and nights getting longer, we have had less people come during the week apart from Friday. So, from Monday 3rd November the church will be only open for private prayers along with Adoration on Fridays from 11am to 7.00am.

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

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

First Holy Communion 2021 - We have 3 children registered for this year's programme. First parents meeting is on Sunday 15th November at 3.00pm. If you would like to register your child for this years programme then 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. The closing date is Sunday 8th November.

The Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office

Missio Red Box: Apologies as there was a mistake in the bank details provided in the previous newsletter. Correct details are : A/C name: Missio, Sort code 16-00 -16 A/C No 10824230, reference your post code. You can also post cheques payable to Misso-Mill Hill, address Red Box, 23 Eccleston Sq., London SW1V

"The Effects of Healing Prayer: A report. A book by Zygmunt Szczepanski on his testimony to God's love. The book is for sale from the parish office for £6.00. Zygmunt Szczepanski has visited our Parish few times and offered his healing ministry.