

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. <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/day-of-prayer-to-end-the-covid-crisis>

Weekly donation:

Thank you to all those who make their weekly donations by monthly standing orders. The collection at the Sunday Masses forms a significant part of our parishes income. As we

have no parish Masses, parishioners might like to donate to the parish using any of the methods.

Online A/C name: Our Lady of Peace
Ref: Parish/Your name
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018

Via the parish website. Just click on the Donate button and you can donate and Gift Aid the donation. <https://www.olop.org.uk/donate/>

Parishioners can also put money aside to be given later or drop the envelopes to the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our parish during this difficult time.

Offertory Collection 1st Nov 2020

Main Envelopes	£	440.00
Loose Cash	£	258.42
Online	£	210.00
Standing Orders	£	757.32

Thank you all for your kind donations

1st November Second Collection was for Bamenda. You generously donated £453.40.

Donation for Lady Chapel renovation: £910.00. We thank you for your generous donations.

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

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time
Remembrance Sunday

Year A

8th Nov 2020

“Therefore, whilst we have time, let us work good to all men, but especially to those who are the household of the faith.” (Ga 6:10)

At Remembrance Sunday, we are entering the second lockdown, which brings even more sadness as we cannot be together on this special day with our veterans whom we respect greatly. Thinking of those who dedicated their lives for others, please accept an initiative to embrace each other, every parishioner in prayer (the Angelus) said together every day at 12 noon.

It looks like many people these days are drawn into this world to the extent of losing their hope in eternal life! They act as if their faith was limited to this Earth and they never even tasted the Food of Angels – the Holy Eucharist. There are more and more people who are overtaken by growing challenges and uncertainties, who hope only that the crisis will finish soon and the safety zone will be re-gained. By putting their whole hearts only in protecting this material world, they are on the way to being lost forever.

As Christians, we learn that this world neither can satisfy us, nor is it eternal. Truly “this world in its present form is passing away” (1 Cor 7:31). “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we, also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil 3:20). So, “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His Might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Eph 6:10-12)

Let us start praying from Friday, 6th November till the end of the pandemic embracing everyone from our parish whom we know and do not know, who live within the range of the parish borders, and those who chose OLOP& BI Dominic Barberi as their parish, for all living and all the dead. All of them belong to our community without any exclusion and all of them need spiritual protection.

The chosen prayer is the Angelus with added prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. It is because this prayer expresses our identity as parishioners. To see the roots of Mary's title “Our Lady of Peace”, we are invited to Mary's house in Nazareth. Here, we find the source of Peace. Many people were wandering, searching for the meaning of life and many did not see any hope. When the Archangel Gabriel announced the great mysteries to the Virgin Mary., amazingly, when her answer was “yes”, all of heaven became speechless in awe.

The intention of our prayer is to grow in faith and holiness at this challenging moment. Apart from this prayer, I encourage you to come over for private prayers and particularly, adoration.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

Readings for Sunday 8th Nov

1st Reading Book of Wisdom 6:12-16 :Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13 The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 7th Nov St Willibrord	1st Sat Devotion to our Lady Mass without congregation	Holy Souls
Sun 8th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time Remembrance Sunday	11.00 am (online streaming 1.00pm - 5.00pm)	Mike Downs RIP Church is open for private prayers
Mon 9th Nov The dedication of the Lantern Basilica	Daily Mass without congregation	Patrick & Jane Mooney RIP
Tues 10th Nov St Leo the Great	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Eileen & Eric Watson RIP Foundation Mass Church is open for private prayers
Wed 11th Nov St Martin of Tours	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Simon Wilman's Intention Church is open for private prayers
Thurs 12th Nov St Josaphat	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Maria - De- Davila RIP Church is open for private prayers
Fri 13th Nov	Daily Mass without congregation 11.00am - 7.00pm	Souls in Purgatory Adoration Church is open for private prayers
Sat 14th Nov	No Mass	
Sun 15th Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time	11.00 am (online streaming 1.00pm - 5.00pm)	Winifred & Arthur Lees RIP Foundation Mass Church is open for private prayers

Cardinal Nichols calls for prayers to be said at 6 pm each day and also for a National Day of Prayer on Saturday 21st November. This is the day that Cardinal Peter Erdo of Budapest has proposed a Holy Hour to be held across Europe for an end to the pandemic and in preparation for next year's Eucharistic Congress. So please join at 6.00 pm each day for prayer and also on 21st Nov in whatever way you can.

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

7th Nov: Sheila Louri (2004); 9th Nov: Violet Knight (1981);
10th Nov: Theodora Ward (1987); (Jean) Mary Oakman (2005);
12th Nov: Catherine Ondore (2008);
14th Nov: Henry Wiggins (1980); Antonio Fiorentini (2014);
15th Nov: Catherine Purcell (1975); Winifred Lees (1998);

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/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

Parish News:

COVID-19: Due to restrictions in England beginning on Thursday 5 November 2020, we are not allowed to have public celebration of the Mass. Father Stan will celebrate the Mass, without the congregation. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, then, please email the Parish Office.

Online Streaming will be available for 11.00 am Sunday Mass via facebook.com/olop.church

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.

Church is open for private prayer

Sunday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday with Adoration from 11.00am -7.00pm.

(For those attending church for individual prayer, the wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. When travelling to, entering and inside the church, people should observe strict social distancing from anyone not in their household. In addition, the usual guidance on hygiene, hand sanitising and people with symptoms not attending church applies at this time).

Prayer at 12 noon: During lockdown, lets embrace a parish initiative to say the Angelus

every day. A message will be put up in our Whatsapp group at 12 noon and we can pray together in spirit embracing everyone from our parish whom we know and don't know (living and dead alike), to say the Angelus and pray for an end to this pandemic and for each of us to grow in faith and holiness.

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

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 via Zoom. If you would like to register your child for this years programme then please email 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.

Christmas this year: We hope that the lockdown measures will be effective and we can prepare ourselves for public mass during Advent & Christmas. Father Stan is thinking of having two extra masses on Christmas Eve and 2 masses on Christmas Day.

Rorate Mass during Advent: During Advent we had Rorate Mass on Wednesday mornings. If we are fortunate and restrictions are lifted then Father Stan is planning to have the Mass on Wednesday morning at 7.00am. Please can you let either Father Stan or the parish office know if you would be keen to have the Rorate Mass. A decision would be made depending on the number of parishioners keen to attend the mass.

Community Support

One Reading Community Hub: www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus.