

Rorate Mass during Advent from Wednesday 2nd Dec: 7.00 am on Wednesday during Advent. Mass will be livestreamed.

Update on Parish projects

Decoration of Lady Chapel: Thank you to all who have donated towards the decoration of Lady Chapel. Unfortunately, the ceiling required a lot more work than anticipated, so a decision was made to fit false ceiling. The decoration is taking a bit longer due to lockdown as it is being done by volunteers but we hope to have it finished by the 1st week of December.

Live Streaming: Currently, we are livestreaming via facebook through a mobile phone. The plan is to stream via YouTube so that the picture and sound quality would be better. We are having work done to our cabling to enable better quality of live streaming. We will keep you updated on the progress of these two projects.

Community Support

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>.

One Reading Community Hub: If you are struggling to cope, you can contact the Hub for help with urgent food and prescription needs, getting a priority supermarket delivery slot, or other issues such as debt, loneliness, stress and anxiety. You can contact the Hub in the following ways: Fill in the online Hub form www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus or by calling 0808 189 4325. Via Reading Deaf Centre on SMS 07704 687298.

CIRDIC: Items for packed lunches are needed 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.

Weekly donation:

Thank you to all those who make their weekly donations by standing orders and to those who have increased their donations. 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.

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
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson
St. James	Fr. Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr. Peter Glas
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

22nd Nov 2020

Christ the King of the Universe

At this very moment of the history of salvation, Christ rules the world from the throne, which is called Calvary or the Most Holy Eucharist. In our life we learn that Calvary is present to us when the Mass is celebrated. Christ Crucified comes into our hearts and there He transforms and rules the world. He rules the universe in us, with us, and through us when we open our hearts and share in his crucifixion at Mass. During the Eucharist we are invited to co-rule the world with the Lord in union with the crucified One.

At the general audience on Wednesday 21 November 2017, Pope Francis reminded us, that when we enter the church for Mass, we should say to ourselves: "I enter Calvary, where Jesus gives His life for me" "When we go to Mass, it is the same as if we go to Calvary," "Imagine that you are actually at Calvary" – he continued – "In that moment, you would look up and know that the man upon the cross is Jesus. Would you even think to chatter or take pictures? "No, because Jesus is there!" On the contrary, we should respond to the Holy Mass actively, which means "in silence, in weeping," and with joy as we have been saved from death and sin. In this way, we are in communion (union with) our Saviour who is exalted above the earth. It happens at each Mass: Christ hanging on the Cross is pronounced as the King of the Jews, King of the Universe! Mass is the Eucharist, Thanksgiving as God reigns! Our God reigns at His Passion and death on the Cross open to us during each Holy Mass. This is then the ultimate victory over death. There, He transformed his death "into the supreme act of love."

We are in union with the King Jesus Christ while receiving His Precious Body and Blood. In this way, we are empowered to love and forgive, including loving our enemies. Indeed, during Holy Mass, at the moment of consecration and communion the Lord Jesus, as Pope Francis says, "pours upon us all His mercy and love, as He did on the cross, so as to renew our heart, our existence, and our way of communicating with Him and with our brothers."

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Readings for Sunday 22nd Nov

1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17: *As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.*
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 *He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*
Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46: *He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men from another.*

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 21st Nov The Presentation of the BL Virgin Mary	No Mass 1.00pm-4.00pm	National Day of Prayer The church is open for private prayers
Sun 22nd Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	11.00 am (online streaming) 1.00pm - 5.00pm	Peter Mooney RIP The church is open for private prayers
Mon 23rd Nov St Clement 1	Daily Mass without congregation	Dorothy Hill RIP
Tues 24th Nov St Andrew	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Luke Alexander thanksgiving (8th transplant anniversary) The church is open for private prayers
Wed 25th Nov St Catherine of Alexandria	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Ken Mansfield RIP The church is open for private prayers
Thurs 26th Nov	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Souls in purgatory The church is open for private prayers
Fri 27th Nov Day of Prayer & Fasting for an end to the Corona Virus pandemic	Daily Mass without congregation 11.00am -7.00pm Adoration	Alan Thomas The church is open for private prayers
Sat 28th Nov	No Mass	
Sun 29th Nov First Sunday of Advent	11.00 am (online streaming) 1.00pm - 5.00pm	Nicole Mundakal 6th birthday The 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. So please join at 6.00 pm each day for prayer and also on 21st Nov in whatever way you can. Our church will be open on Saturday 21st Nov from 1.00pm -4.00pm for private prayers.

Please keep in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially those in our "Book of Remembrance" for this week.
22nd Nov: Joan Andrijecko (1983); Norman Preston (2013); **23rd Nov:** Violet Lefebvre (1977);
25th Nov: Martin Sexton (1995); Harold Nunn(2002);
26th Nov: Kenneth Mansfield (1987); Eric Skilton (2014); **27th Nov:** Mary Underwood (2000);
29th Nov: William O'Riordan (1996); Peter Sellen (2004);

Please pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound, especially: Margaret Browne (Parishioner) & Annabelle (Nancy's sister).

During the month of November, please pray for all deceased and offer Mass intentions for their souls.

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.

Private prayer guidelines:

- The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please fill the track & trace form and drop it in the box provided or scan the QR code on the NHS app on your phone.
- Take a "Post It" note, in church: Sit only where there is a blue sign. Stick "Post It" note (blank) on the blue sign.
- The "Post It" note will let others know that the seat has been used & also make it easier for us to sanitise the area used.
- Thank you for keeping our church safe.

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

Parish News:

It's with great sadness we give you the news that Phil Doyle, passed away on 14th November aged 73. We keep his wife Joan and children, Carolyn, Fiona & Helen and their families in our prayers. Phil was a parishioner of this Parish since 1975 and one of the founder members/ barman of our social club. He only stopped working in the bar last year after his 1st stroke. Phil was a keen volunteer and always helped out especially with the 5.00pm Sunday Mass as offertory collector & ensuring that the side gates were closed after Sunday Mass. A loyal and hard working member of both the church and the social club. He will be missed by all of us. May his soul Rest in Peace. Phil's Requiem Mass will be at our church (private invitation) on Wednesday 2nd December at 1.30pm followed by committal at Reading Crematorium.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity Sunday 22nd November is a major feast which ends the Liturgical Year (A).

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. We will be having Adoration from 11am - 7.00pm at our church. Please see Portsmouth diocese website for more details. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/day-of-prayer>. You can also download the prayer booklet from the website.

Angelus Prayer at 12 noon: During lockdown, let us embrace a parish initiative to say the Angelus every day and pray for an end to this pandemic and for each of us to grow in faith and holiness.

Helping those most Vulnerable. The Lonely and the Vulnerable in and beyond our parish community, are going to be even more in need of friendly contact and support during this period. If you know of anyone, or are yourself, lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

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

Advent 2020

Advent retreat starting 29th November. Free 26 days online retreat by Cardinal-elect Raniero Cantalamessa and Chris Stefanick. Register at real-life-catholic.com.

Advent Booklet: Bishop Philip invites us to join him in keeping this Holy season of Advent amidst all the chaos, and the crisis – for the Lord is coming to save us. Bishop Philip's advent booklet can be downloaded from our Parish website. The Advent booklet contains Scripture Readings, prayers, songs for each day of Advent and also, instructions to make an Advent wreath.