

Parish News:

Article on our parish event of 24 hour adoration on 9th October on Portsmouth diocese e-news: Please read this on the Portsmouth e-news via this link <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/brilliant-event-in-earley>.

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.

Update on Parish projects

Decoration of Lady Chapel: thank you for your financial support for this project. We have nearly completed the decoration.

Live Streaming: We are hoping that this week, we will be able to live stream via our new camera and hope that the quality of the

streaming is better. This week will be Facebook streaming, but we hope that next week we will be on Youtube.

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>.

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.

CAFOD World Gifts: This Christmas why not buy gifts that will change lives and bring happiness! CAFOD's World Gifts are a range of virtual gifts that transform the lives of those living in poverty overseas. New gifts this year included Keep Clean (£6 - soap and washing powder for family) and Emergency Food (£50) so, please look online <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

Weekly donation:

Thank you to all those who make their weekly donations by standing orders and to those who have increased their donations. 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	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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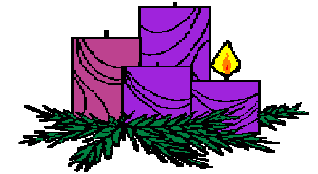
The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-2.00pm

1st Sunday of Advent

Year B

29th Nov 2020

ADVENT



Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Christ and in this light, a time of getting ready for Christmas, as well as a time to get ready for the Last Judgement. The common denominator of all of these is Jesus Christ the Lord, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

In Advent, we focus strongly on Christianity as a religion of longing for another world to come. The life of each Christian is marked by waiting for the coming of Christ – the Pantocrator, the Almighty, the All-powerful, the Ruler of All, the Sustainer of the World. In this light, Advent is the time of awakening in us to faith. This Awakening is understood as adhering to Christ, with the attribute of an ongoing desire for God and the readiness to move on. The certitude of another beautiful world means that Advent is understood to be a joyful season. It is the joy of faith! It is the joy of Christ coming in glory! It is the joy of touching in faith a different world, which is somewhere here, its light burning right next to us – in the Most Holy Mass.

The role of Advent is to make us focus on Christ to reflect this, our churches use violet, there is no flower arrangement, no Gloria and music is different. Everything in us and around us is waiting for Christmas Vigil.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Readings for Sunday 29th Nov

1st Reading Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 :Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel Mark 13: 33-37: Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 28th Nov	No Mass	
Sun 29th Nov 1st Sunday of Advent	11.00 am (online streaming) 1.00pm - 5.00pm	Nicole Mundakal 6th birthday The church is open for private prayers
Mon 30th Nov St Andrews	Daily Mass without congregation	Eva Nora's intention
Tues 1st Dec St Andrew	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Philip Doyle RIP The church is open for private prayers
Wed 2nd Dec	7.00am Rorate Mass (on line streaming) Daily Mass without congregation 1.30pm	Alice Willson RIP Foundation Mass Requiem Mass for Phil Doyle
Thurs 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Fri 4th Dec St John Damascene	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Intention available
Sat 5th Dec	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Intention available Kathleen Mongan's intention
Sun 6th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.00 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)	Parishioners Intention Intention available Intention available

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

29th Nov: William O'Riordan (1996); Peter Sellen (2004);
30th Nov: Z Maratona (1991); Olive Henry (1991); **2nd Dec:** Helen Nolan (1984); Alice Willson (1999);
3rd Dec: Michael Clarridge (1993); **4th Dec:** Mary Carter (2009);
5th Dec: Eric Watson (1997); Diane Smith (2001); **6th Dec:** James Eighteen (2005) ;

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

OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via [facebook.com/olop.church](https://www.facebook.com/olop.church)
Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid.

COVID 19 Update

As we come out of the current lockdown, we are pleased to confirm that from 3rd December, the government has lifted the restriction for public Mass.

Booking is now available for next week Sunday Masses. Masses can be booked via our website www.olop.org.uk (latest by 8.00pm the previous day) or by calling the Parish Office on 0118 9875588 / 07444 079157. If you are booking via telephone then please call by Friday 3.00pm at the latest as messages will not be picked after this time. Please note: Weekday mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be public Mass but you do not need to book for these Mass.

Sunday Mass times

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

Sunday

8.30am Ad Orientem
11.00 am (Facing Congregation) online streaming
5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)

Private prayer in our church:

Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday with Adoration from 11.00am -7.00pm.
followed by 7.30pm Mass.

Stewards for Sunday Mass: Before the current lockdown, we had few Stewards for Sunday and weekday Mass. We would like to thank them for their valuable contribution. It would be really lovely, if we could have more stewards. This will enable us to set a rota. Please think about this, the more volunteers we have, the easier it is to look after our church. Please contact Fr Stan or Parish office, if you would like to volunteer to be a Steward. Training will be provided.

This week

Requiem Mass for Phil Doyle (invitation only) on Wednesday 2nd December at 1.30pm at our church followed by private committal at Reading Crematorium. We pray for the repose of Phil's soul and keep his wife Joan and children, Carolyn, Fiona & Helen and their families in our prayers.

Novena for Our Lady of Immaculate Conception. Starts on 29th Nov and finishes on 7th December.

First Holy Communion: Please keep in your prayers Aniya Rose Maheswaran, who will be receiving her First Holy Communion on Saturday 5th December. May the blessing of the Lord be with her. Amen.

Tuesday December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Mass at 7.00pm

Advent 2020

Angelus Prayer at 12 noon: In Advent, 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.

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

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