

## Update on Parish projects

**Live Streaming:** Last Sunday, we had some issues with our Youtube streaming due to wifi signal. We are hoping to resolve these issues. Till the issues are fixed, we will continue to stream Sunday 5.00pm via Facebook & Youtube.

You can access live stream on Youtube by typing olop earley in the search button. Please subscribe to our channel, as the more subscriptions we have, the more upgrades we get from youtube for our live streaming.

**Decoration of Lady Chapel:** Thank you for your financial support for this project. We also want to thank the group of volunteers from Mary's warriors who have given their time voluntarily and only charged for the cost of materials.

## 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.

### 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

**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). <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

### Offertory Collection 6th Dec 2020

Main Envelopes	£	70.00
Loose Cash	£	237.15
Online (2nd Nov-6th Dec)	£	361.16
Standing Orders	£	769.50

Thank you all for your kind donations

**Christmas Crib Collection:** This year Bishop Philip has asked us to donate to Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

**Christmas day collection:** The collections from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. If you are unable to come to church but would like to give a gift to support Fr Stan in his vocation and mission, then please visit our website [www.olop.org.uk](http://www.olop.org.uk) and click on the donate button (please put reference as Christmas) or you can pay directly to our Parish Account:

A/C Name: Our Lady of Peace  
Ref: Christmas offering  
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018.

Cards & envelopes can also be posted through the letterbox.

### Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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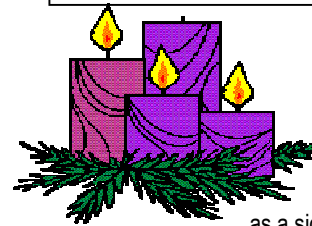


The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-2.00pm

3rd Sunday of Advent

Year B

13th Dec 2020



## Gaudete Sunday-

Mary rejoices  
as the words of the Angel echo in her;  
as Joseph has come back to her,  
as God draws both of them after Him;  
as a sign from heaven is given in the blessing of Elisabeth.

Mary and Joseph are still on the way:  
Love glows at every jolt, rock and rut in the road,  
at the limit of their strength.

There is no place in Bethlehem  
but snares of the serpent lose their influence.  
The Creator will become a baby, come what may:

So when the baby boy is born.  
Mary will wrap him in nappies  
Joseph will organise a manger and hay.  
The smell of the animals and love for each other will fill the stable.  
You and I are welcome to greet Him.

Fr. Stan

## Psalm Response: My Soul rejoices in my God.

### Readings for Sunday 13th Dec

**1st Reading** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 : *I exult for joy in the Lord.*

**2nd Reading** 2 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.*

**Gospel** John 1:6-8, 19-28:

*There stands among you-unknown to you- the one who is coming after me.*

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 12th Dec	4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Jasmine Cardoza thanksgiving
Sun 13th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass will be live-streamed)	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.00 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Parishioners Intention Bridie Downs Intention Divine Mercy Peggie Bentley RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 14th Dec St John of the Cross	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Noel Nee Intention
Tues 15th Dec	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Henri Jamin RIP rec. dec The church is open for private prayers
Wed 16th Dec	7.00am (on- line streaming) 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Das Thyveetil thanksgiving The church is open for private prayers
Thurs 17th Dec	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers
Fri 18th Dec	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Intention available
Sat 19th Dec	4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Nelson Nicholas RIP rec. dec
Sun 20th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass will be live-streamed)	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.00 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Joshua Paul 1st birthday Rita Rose Ransley RIP Peter Tilton RIP Foundation Mass

Sunday Masses can be booked via our website [www.olo.org.uk](http://www.olo.org.uk) (latest by 8.00pm the previous day) or by calling the Parish Office on 0118 9663711. If you are booking via telephone then please call by Friday 3.00pm at the latest as messages will not be accessed after this time.

**Please note:** Weekday mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is open to congregation and you do not need to book for these Mass.

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

12th Dec: Bernadette Joyce (1984) Peggy Bentley (1989)  
16th Dec: John Carter (2001); Jamie O'Grady (2001)

**Please pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound, especially: Margaret Browne (Parishioner).**

**OLOP Parish Live Stream Link** for 11am Mass & 5.00pm via Youtube (oloop earley). 5.00pm is also streamed via [facebook.com/oloop.church](https://www.facebook.com/oloop.church)

**Christmas period Mass times 2020/2021:**  
(Booking is now available online via our website or by calling the parish office on 0118 9663711).

**Christmas Eve 24th Dec:**

**4.45pm: Outdoor Children's Nativity** (Zoom session available for those who are unable to come to church. Please contact Parish office for Zoom details)

**\*5.00pm: Holy Mass for families with young children (primary & pre school)**

**8.00pm: Holy Mass**

**\*11.30pm Vigil prayers followed by Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day 25th Dec**

**8.30am: Holy Mass**

**\*11.00am: Holy Mass**

**Sat 26th St Stephens 10.00 am Holy Mass**

**Sat 26th (Sunday Vigil) 4.00pm Holy Mass**

**Sunday 27th The Holy Family**

**8.30, \*11.00am & \*5.00pm: Holy Mass**

**Thursday 31st 6.30pm: Thanksgiving Mass for 2020**

**Friday 1st January: 11am & 5.00pm - Holy Mass**

(\* - Mass will be livestreamed)

**Christmas Eve Zoom Session for children (primary school) on 24th Dec at 4.45pm:**

Please register with the Parish office for this Zoom session. The 5.00pm Mass will be live streamed, so in case you are unable to come to church, the children can still participate in Mass online.

**Advent 2020**

**Angelus Prayer at 12 noon:** During 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.

**Rorate Mass during Advent on Wednesday** at 7.00 am will be livestreamed via Youtube - oloop earley.

**Outdoor Christmas Crib:** We are thankful to a group of volunteers who have erected an outdoor crib by the Grotto. The Christmas crib is a sign of hope that the goodness is in us and near us as

we greet the newborn child. Please spread the word and encourage everyone to visit our outdoor crib and spread the joy of Nativity.

**Parish Christmas Cards** are ready for distribution. It has information on our Christmas services and an occasional poem written by Father Stan. Please feel free to take some cards for your families and friends. We need volunteers who will drop cards in their street and spread the news of our Christmas service and online streaming service.

**Advent giving - Our Parish chosen Charity is "First Days":**

This year due to COVID-19, we are unable to accommodate our usual "Giving Tree", but we still wish to make donations. The charity that we will be supporting is First Days, which provides help and support for young families. The charity has asked that we give:

Warm hats, gloves, scarves  
Feeding bottles, Nappies (especially sizes 6 and 7), Children's toilet items - toothpaste and toothbrushes, baby wipes, soaps, towels etc.  
Please bring items to the Advent room during church opening times and we will deliver the items to the charity.

**Parish News:**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available on request. Please contact Fr Stan on email [fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please maintain a safe distance.

**Helping those most Vulnerable in our Parish.**

If you know of anyone, or are yourself lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

**Message for our Catholic Universe & Catholic times readers:-**

at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722.. Special offer: 3 MONTHS :- £22.00 or 12 Months:- £80.00

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