

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

**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.

### Pastoral News:

**Prayer & Praise with Bishop Philip every Thursday during lockdown from 7.30pm - 8.30pm via the Cathedral Live Stream.**

**Lenten Retreat every Monday during Lent:** 'Finding Hope in Scripture', led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Register here to participate:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEtc-2grikiGtU8vPFJea2ktvR5U0MZ1mrL>.

**The virtual conference SEEK21 is from 18th to 21st March.** Here is an exciting invitation from diocese FOCUS missionaries in Southampton to anyone in our Diocese who is a university student or a young adult. – A weekly men's and women's virtual small group Bible studies - Monthly virtual fellowship nights with Catholic students across the Diocese. Find out more by contacting Kaitlin via e mail [kaitlin.gilday@focus.org](mailto:kaitlin.gilday@focus.org).

### 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>. Also, needed are donations of Toiletries eg Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Soap, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant and Household Cleaning Items.

**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. Please contact Mabel at [enquiries@cirdic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cirdic.org.uk) or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

### Offertory Collection 7th Mar 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 30.00
Loose Cash	£ 206.35
Online	£ 208.56
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations

**Today's second collection is for the Clergy Assistance Fund** Our annual collection for priests and retired priests who may need financial help. We rely on your commitment and generosity. If you would like to give a gift to this collection online, you can donate here <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-assistance-fund>.

**Boxes of offertory envelopes** for the next tax year (April 2021-April 2022) are ready for collection from the Advent Room. Please take your named box.

### Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr. Pat Madden and the priests from the FSSP. Fr. Pat covers every Monday from 12 Noon until Thursday 12 Noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 Noon until Monday 12 Noon. Priests on call are only allowed into the hospital to give the last rites in danger of death as this is the Hospital policy due to the ongoing current COVID 19 pandemic

### 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	Mmgr. 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 Parish office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-2.00pm

### 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Year B

14th March 2021

**1st Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23:** *The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of His people.*

**2nd Reading Ephesians 2:4-10:** *You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.*

**Gospel John 3:14-21** *God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved.*

### Psalm Response:

**O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

### The Church - Our Mother.

Our Mother, the Church, has been left behind with furrows of sins from her children. Indeed, many do their best to separate Her from the Beloved.

Few seek the Lord; Shepherds confused "go about into a land that they know not"; "Prophets prophesy false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart"; Christ' Teaching, The Divine Teaching is being changed into human doctrines, and there is a call for a new, better Church - Church adjusted to human needs.

But the Church, Our Mother, remains united with the rejected King of the Universe; She exists in the exalted Body of Christ above the earth; in the Holy Mass celebrated validly; in God Himself coming in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, in Holy Scripture exactly as it is.

Come together all you who worry about the Church. Find yourself in Her. Stay with Her and call: "Magnificat!" Let our Mother, the Church rejoice!

*We shall go into the house of the Lord.*

*where we find words of eternal life;*

*where the meaning of life is restored;*

*where there is the Host elevated – Christ Himself – the Lamb of God offered to the Father.*

Fr Stan

### Today, we wish all the mothers and spiritual mothers in our lives a Happy Mothering Sunday

Wednesday 17th March is St Patrick's feast. Happy St. Patrick's Day! to our parishioners of Irish heritage. May you have a blissful and prosperous celebration of this day.



Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 13th Mar	5.30pm	St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Sun 14th Mar 4th Sunday of Lent	*8.30am *11.00 am 3.00pm 5.30pm	In thanksgiving for prayers answered <b>Pedro Dias RIP</b> Divine Mercy St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Mon 15th Mar	5.30pm 7.30pm Extraordinary Form	St Joseph's Novena via Zoom <b>Holy Souls</b>
Tues 16th Mar	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 5.30pm	<b>Jude FC Vaz RIP 2nd anniversary</b> The church is open for private prayers St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Wed 17th Mar St Patrick	6.30am 1.00pm - 4.00pm 5.30pm	<b>Rosalia Krauze RIP</b> The church is open for private prayers St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Thur 18th Mar	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 5.30pm	<b>Jurko Janusz RIP</b> The church is open for private prayers St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Fri 19th Mar St Joseph	10.00am 11.00am -6.45pm *6.45pm 7.30pm	<b>Frank Collinson RIP rec. dec</b> Adoration Stations of the Cross (Please note change in time) <b>Paul Thaliyath RIP</b>
Sat 20th Mar	10.00am	<b>Lucy Collaco RIP 1st anniversary</b>
Sun 21st Mar 5th Sunday of Lent	*8.30am *11.00 am	<b>Methsiri Fernando RIP</b> <b>Pedro Dias RIP</b>

\* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

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

**Sunday Masses can be booked via our website [www.olop.org.uk](http://www.olop.org.uk) (latest by 8.00pm Friday) 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 are open to the congregation and booking is not necessary.

**Church is open for private prayer : Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm**  
**Friday with Adoration from 11.00am -7.00pm.**

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**13th Mar:** Chris Dickie (1996), **14th Mar:** William Miller (1986); and Doreen Warrick (2000);  
**15th Mar:** Bridie Cummins (2015); **16th Mar:** Sister Christine (1979); Derek Higgs (1992);  
**17th Mar:** Percy Chamberlain (1976); Edward Brookes (1992); Eileen Cafferty (2012);  
**18th Mar:** George (Jurko) Janusz (2012); **19th Mar:** Owen Kilbane (1999);  
**20th Mar:** Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011); Lucy Collaco (2020)

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

#### COVID 19 update:

As we gently make our way out of lockdown, from Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday), the allocated places for each Mass will increase from 30 to 40 places. 5.00pm Mass will also resume from this date. Let us all continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and keep the families affected by this pandemic in our prayers.

#### This Week

**10th - 18th March at 5.30pm: St Joseph's Novena.** A new Parish initiative to start the Novena via Zoom from 10th March to 18th March at 5.30pm. Please contact the parish office for Zoom details.

**Wednesday during Lent - Candlelight Mass at 6.30am.** (No booking needed for this Mass).

**Angelus Prayer at 12 noon during Lent:**

**Friday 19th March: St Joseph Feast.**  
Holy Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm. Stations of the Cross at 6.45pm.

**Sat 20th March:** 10.00am Holy Mass is for the repose of the Soul of Lucy Collaco, who died a year ago at the beginning of lockdown.

**Thursday 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord.** Holy Mass at 7.30pm

**Palms:** Blessed Palms are available for parishioners to collect on Sunday after Mass from Advent Room. You can also collect the palms during the week from the parish office (Tues - Fri 11.00am - 4.00pm).

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent:** Father Stan will be available from 1.00pm - 4.00pm every Friday during Lent for outside confession. No need to book, please come over to the parish office and see Rachel. Fr Stan will come over and meet you by the grotto.

#### Holy week

(Online booking for Easter Triduum will be available from Tuesday 16th March 3.00pm. Booking will close on Friday 26th March). Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Mass are available for booking as per the usual Sunday Mass booking guidelines.

**Sunday 28th March Palm (Passion) Sunday -** 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass.

**Mon 29th March: 7.30pm Mass** (no booking)

**Tues 30th March (No Mass at church)**

**Wed 31st March (No Mass at church)**

**Thurs 1st April Maundy Thursday**

**10.00am** Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

**\*8.00pm** Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

**Friday 2nd April Good Friday**  
(Day of fasting & abstinence)

**10.00am** Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

**11.00am** Children's Good Friday service

**\*3.00pm** Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

**7.00pm** Stations of the Cross

**Sat 3rd Apr Easter Saturday**

**10.00am** Office of Readings: Tenebrarum.

**\*8.30pm** Easter Vigil

**Sunday 4th Apr - Easter Sunday.**

8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass.

\* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

#### Parish News:

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions to start soon. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass or contact the Parish office.

**Adoration:** Our daytime Adoration has been a source of comfort for many. There is a desire among some parishioners for overnight Adoration. Fr Stan has decided to start overnight Adoration on the last Friday of every month from Friday March 27th.