

## Parish News:

**Baptism:** Two children were baptised by Fr Stan during the Easter week. Adam Marcus Siudak was baptised on Monday 5th April and Mulenga Elizabeth Kafwembe was baptised on Sunday 11th April. We welcome both into our faith community and we pray that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

**Change in Friday weekday Mass time:** The Mass time will be at the earlier time of 7.00pm from Friday 23rd April.

**Friday 23rd April: St George.** Patron of England *solemnity*. Holy Mass at 7.00pm.

**Overnight Adoration on Friday 30th April:** 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.

**Saturday 1st May: 1st Saturday of every month - 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady)** Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

**Flower Guild:** Thank you to all the group of ladies involved in the flower guild. Since lent of 2020, they haven't been able to arrange flowers as they are all under the vulnerable category. The decision to close the Flower Guild has been taken and we express our gratitude for their valued support to our Parish. New volunteers have come forward and we are grateful for their time and dedication.

**Diocesan Magazine Vive Voce:** – The Easter 2021 edition of Viva Voce, bringing you high quality news from our diocese, is available on the table in the Advent Room.

## Offertory Collection 11th Apr 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 35.00
Loose Cash	£ 200.00
Online	£ 210.00
Standing Orders	£ 703.30
Good Friday collection for Holy Places:	£ 349.91

Thank you all for your kind donations

## Special Collection

**Next Special Collection on 25th April is for the Clergy Training Fund.**

**Thank you from CAFOD:** Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. Your support has helped with many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from the Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

**Missio Red Box 2020:** Thank you! In 2020, our Parish raised £1,216.00 through the Red Boxes and donation to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and that they pray for us all. Find out more at mission.org.uk.

## 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	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

## Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

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The Parish office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

**Year B**

**18th April 2021**

**1st Reading** Acts 3:13-15.17-19: *You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**2nd Reading** 1 John 2:1-5: *He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.*

**Gospel** Luke 24:35-48: *So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

**Psalm Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

## We are people of Easter

Christ is Risen. In Him, we find new ways of being and acting. Our hope is in the name of the Lord! We are the Easter people and we do not abandon ourselves, and others to despair. We do not give up believing in people's availability to live according to the Gospel as we see everybody in Christ, with Christ and through Christ. Everyone is called to sainthood so everyone is brought to the same Easter encouragement: "Let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory". These words of St Maximilian stress, "so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross."

Indeed, as people of Easter, we proclaim life from natural birth till natural death. We are against a culture of death, with abortion as the badge of humanism. The Risen Christ has entered the battle against minimalism of love. Minimalism does not exist in the Christian dictionary. We are fighters for the Kingdom of God, and against spiritual forces and sin, which cultivate the culture of death. We are called to hate sins and love God and our neighbor.

"Alleluia" and maximum of love is our answer in Christ, to the world immersed in minimalism. As St John Paul II said, "It is up to you to put up a firm barrier against immorality, a barrier - I say - to those social vices which I will not here call by name but which you yourselves are perfectly aware of. You must demand this of yourselves, even if others do not demand it of you. Historical experiences tell us how much the immorality of certain periods cost the whole nation."

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 18th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Nora Dunleaby RIP rec. dec Bryan Hunt RIP rec. dec. Fr Anthony Kayizi RIP
Mon 19th April	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Domosud Grigg family deceased ancestor
Tues 20th Apr	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Norbert Simms RIP The church is open for private prayers
Wed 21st Apr	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Jin Barfield RIP Foundation Mass The church is open for private prayers
Thur 22nd Apr	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers
Fri 23rd April St George	11.00am - 7.00pm 7.00pm <i>(Please note change in time for Holy Mass)</i>	Adoration Barnabas Bakaroga RIP
Sat 24th April	No Mass	
Sun 25th April 4th Sunday of Easter	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Myles Jennings RIP Intention available Doreen Horsburgh

\* 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.

Church is open for private prayer : Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

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.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

18th April: John McGlynn (1988); Una Quinn (2007).  
19th April: Joshua Susel (2000); Michael O'Loughlin (2015)  
20th April: Kevin Total (2005);  
21st April: Jim Barfield (2014);  
23rd April: Rita Ransley (2016)

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

Update on Ken Murphy: Ken's operation went well and he is recovering well at home. Thank you for all your prayers and well wishes.

Thank you from Father Stan: "Thank you so much for your generosity during Easter: for the collection, lovely Easter cards, and all your good wishes.

#### Parish update

The Parish Team met on Tuesday 13th April and below is a brief synopsis.

- 1) **Reconciliation:** Father Stan commented on the increase in numbers of confessions that took place during Lent.
- 2) **Masses:** Sunday and weekday Masses continue to be well attended.
- 3) **First Holy Communion:** For the second consecutive year, Father Stan has undertaken the task of preparing children to receive their First Holy Communion. He has concentrated very clearly on religious teaching. This year we have 5 children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 16th May.
- 4) **Confirmation:** The preparation for Confirmation for young people will begin later this year.
- 5) **RCIA:** Adult formation is led by Father Stan's example and practice. This year we have two candidates being received into faith.
- 6) **Neo-catechumenal Way :** Weekly meetings are held.
- 7) **Catholic Women's Association:** The group meets on alternate Saturdays ( currently via Zoom) . Participants undertake Bible studies, and prepare aspirants for admission to the group. Mass is held on the first Saturday of each month.
- 8) **Warriors of Mary:** meet via Zoom every week and once a month, they meet in church.
- 9) **Knights Templar:** Support for the Parish has been given by Knights Templar. We plan to have an organisation / information meeting. More information to follow.
- 10) **Adoration:** Each Friday members of the Parish undertake Adoration; this has been very well supported. Overnight Adoration is planned to take place on the last Friday of each month.
- 11) It is planned to hold further 24 hour Passion of the Lord meetings.
- 12) **Formation Days:** A programme of Formation Days will be organised for the Autumn.

#### Report re. Property works:

Over the last few months, several projects have been undertaken. These include the refurbishment of the Parish office to comply with COVID regulations, shelving etc in the corridor, new security for the side door, and the refurbishment of the Lady Chapel. The drains have been cleared of blockages, illuminated posters outside the building have been installed, the live-stream system has been installed and work has begun on upgrading and improving the Dominic Barberi room. Routine maintenance, such as repairing a broken window in the Hall and painting the garage. The next major projects are the remodelling and improvements to the Sacristy, and the remedial work to the Altar to allow the Consecration of the church to take place.

We are deeply grateful to the group of volunteers who have carried out all these works without charging for their labour - an amazing gift to the Parish. There is, however, a clear and pressing need to raise funds for materials for further work. We are hoping that fund-raising activities and donations will ensure that work can continue.

As can be seen from these notes, the last few weeks have, despite the "lock-down" been busy and active - thank you to everyone who has supported the parish through attendance at services, prayers and gifts.

#### Forthcoming Events.

**CWA & Warrior's of Mary dedication day:** Both groups will hold their Dedication Day on Saturday August 14th, when Bishop Philip will attend to admit candidates to the organisation, and to conduct Mass. The programme for the day will be published nearer to the time.

#### Consecration of the Church.

It is hoped that Bishop Philip will be able to undertake the Consecration in Autumn this year - this will depend on the necessary work to improve the altar being completed.

**Fr Stan's Silver Anniversary:** In May it is the 25th Anniversary of Father Stan's ordination. Due to current restrictions, his celebration with the parishioners will take place in October.