

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

Saturday 14th August. CWA & Warrior's of Mary dedication day: Both groups will hold their Dedication Day on Saturday 14th August, 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.

Fr Stan's Silver Anniversary on 25th May: On Saturday 15th May at 10.00am Father Stan will celebrate a private thanksgiving Mass. Due to current restrictions, his celebration with the parishioners will take place in October 2021.

Consecration of the Church on Wednesday 8th December. We are pleased to confirm that Bishop Philip will be able to undertake the Consecration of our church this year. Please keep our church in your prayer.

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 or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

Pastoral News:

Act now to stop disability abortion up to birth in NI. Right to life has set up an easy to use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. Website detail: www.righttolife.org.uk/NIdisabilityconsultation.

Retrouvaille a Virtual weekend commencing on 1st -4th July 2021. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. For confidential information about "Retrouvaille", or to register for the next programme, Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443.

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection 25th Apr 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 35.00
Loose Cash	£ 255.40
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Collection for the Clergy Training Fund.
£32.00

Thank you all for your kind donations

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

5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

2nd May 2021

1st Reading Acts 9:26-31. *Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

2nd Reading 1 John 3:18-24 *His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

Gospel John 15: 1-8. *Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

Psalm Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Remaining in the Truth of Christ

We are Christians because we adhere to the Lord and we follow Him. We know that there is no life in us outside of Christ because He is the true vine and we are its branches. In order to bear fruit we, his branches, are nourished by Christ Words, Body and Blood, and are pruned in due time by the Lord.

We are proud to confess that our identity, our joy of life, our hope and strength comes from our belonging to Him and His teaching. We say: "Whoever keeps His commandments, lives in God and God lives in him." We do not hide the fact, as false humbleness and tolerance would demand, that while remaining in Christ we know the truth - the truth with the liberating and life bearing power. In humbleness and charity, we announce to the world that the Lord is the greatest gift to humanity. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We proclaim that everything has its origin in Christ and His teaching, everything is shaped by it and directed towards it.

In Christ, there is no division and conflict between law and freedom, truth and love. Obeying God's Commandments cannot paralyse souls, as some people intend to say nowadays, but they are in Christ the path to salvation, liberation and fulfillment of life. The Ten Commandments are engraved by God in the human heart. They are about the full meaning of life, and their morality is not only about avoiding sin, but also about living in accord with the teaching of Christ, who is Light and Life. In fact in Christ we see how much love "rejoices in the truth" and how much freedom is made of the law, out of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

"Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth." Proclaiming the Truth of God's Commandments is itself re-rooting us in the Source of life. As a consequence, it has nothing to do with any ideological separation of people from the healing closeness of the word and of the sacraments of Jesus.

Fr Stan

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Holy Souls Neville Pereira RIP rec. dec Fr Arul Swammy RIP rec. dec
Mon 3rd May Ss Philip & James	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Holy Souls & Situation in India
Tues 4th May The English Martyrs	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Fr Stanislaus Paul RIP The church is open for private prayers
Wed 5th May	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 4.00pm	Michael O'Mara RIP The church is open for private prayers Rosary in church
Thur 6th May	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Bridie Harrington RIP The church is open for private prayers
Fri 7th May	11.00am - 7.00pm 7.00pm <i>(Please note change in time for Holy Mass)</i>	Adoration Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 8th May	10.00am	RCIA candidate being received into church
Sun 9th May 6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am *11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Peter Fernandes RIP Thomas Newman RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available

** 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 (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

3rd May: Margaret Horslett (1990); and Arthur Leonard (Len) Johncock (2012).

4th May: Marian Lewis (1985); Vi Greenway (2003);

5th May: Gerald Frost (1992); Frank McConnell (2017)

6th May: Herbert Pegg (2003); Maureen Reichelt (2013);

7th May: Danny Daniels (1981); Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998); Bernard Coffey (2012); David Prior (2017)

8th May: Thomas Harbison (2006); 9th May: Louise Miles (1999); Mary Morris (2000);

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

Parish News:

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

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors. Tuesday 4th May 2021 is the new date for the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Father Stan will say a special prayer during the Sunday Mass on 2nd May and on the Mass on Tuesday 4th May.

RCIA: Please keep in your prayers our two candidates:

1. Bartosz Bartoszkiewicz who will receive his sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 2nd May.
2. Jeffery James Griggs who will be reconciled with the church on Saturday 8th May.

Sunday 9th May 2.30pm: Divine Mercy holy hour.

Thursday 13th May: The Ascension of the Lord solemnity. Holy Mass at 7.00pm.

FHC Sunday 16th May at 1.00pm : Please keep in your prayers our five First Holy Communion candidates:

Nathan Ron Smith,
Myka Ikuni Oluwatobiloba Adoh,
Beatrice Josephine Deeney,
Molly Josie Mews
Shaithana Stanislaus

The candidates will receive their First Holy Communion on 16th May. May the blessing of the Lord be with them. Amen.

Month of May

Request from the Pope : Pope Francis has asked for a marathon of prayer around the world throughout May for an end to the pandemic. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic.

In our Parish

To join in the mission of Pope Francis, we will have the Litany to our Lady said after Mass on Tuesday and Friday. Every Wednesday at 4.00pm, we will say the Rosary in church. Please do come and join us in church on Wednesday.

Sunday 30th May after 11.00am Mass: Rosary will be said after Mass to join the National Relay Rally throughout the Diocese of England. Portsmouth Diocese Rosary hour is from 12 noon - 1.00pm.

Rosary Mission from Walsingham

Mgr. Philip Moger, the new Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, wishes to invite us all to join in a Rosary Mission across the month of May. The intention is to pray for the following:

- Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
- A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
- Peace in the world
- Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

Each night at 8pm there will be the foundational Rosary – to Jesus through Mary - led from a different Parish/Shrine. This will lead into three important Days of Prayer:

1. Monday 24th May – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church We invite a Rosary Day of Prayer to pray for our young people – to pray and intercede for the Mission and Intentions of our Schools, Youth Associations/Groups/Projects, our Young People and for Families.

2. Sunday May 30th – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - We will host a National Rosary Relay Rally throughout the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland. Once again we invite the Bishops, Priests and lay faithful of each Diocese to note their particular Rosary Hour – Portsmouth Rosary hour is from 12 noon till 1 pm - and encourage the parishes and peoples of the Diocese to unite around their Bishop in intercession for the Rosary Mission intentions and for the needs of their particular Diocese.

3. Monday May 31st – Feast of the Visitation – Bishop John Keenan will host a Crowning Rosary online at 8pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.