

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:

Pentecost Novena (online) from Friday 14th May to Saturday 22nd May at 5pm (4:30pm on Saturday 15th and 22nd) hosted by the Lay Benedictine Community in preparation for Pentecost. You are welcome to pass this invitation to family and friends. There is no need to book beforehand, just click on this link: <http://www.laybenedictines.org/novena>

Pro-life Chain: Saturday 29th May 2021 from 10am to 12 noon on Kings Road. SPUC invites you to mark the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force in 1968, by joining our Pro-Life Chain for an hour or two. This is a peaceful, silent roadside vigil in solidarity with unborn children, their mothers and

anyone suffering from the effects of abortion. The meeting point will be at Cemetery Junction from 9:50am before lining up down the road at 10am. For more information, contact Martin at spuceading@gmail.com.

CAFOD is responding to the crisis in India and you can support this response by donating to their Coronavirus Appeal. CAFOD are also holding a special online Mass on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm to pray for the people of India. You can register online . <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/india-emergency>.

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 9th May 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 65.00
Loose Cash	£ 216.79
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations

Second Collection on 16th May is for World Communication Day. Collection will be after Mass or donation online via the link below.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-world-communications-day>

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

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

7th Sunday of Easter

Year B

16th May 2021

1st Reading Acts 1:15-17.20-26. *We must choose one of these to be witness to his resurrection with us.*

2nd Reading . 1 John 4:11-16. *Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.*

Gospel . John 17:11-19. *That they may be one like us!*

Psalm Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

***Veni Sancte Spiritus, veni per Mariam!
Come Holy Spirit, come through Mary!***

On Friday 14th May, we are starting the Novena to the Holy Spirit. All the days altogether, and each one of them, matters and is marked by grace, shaping our disposition, enters us into the reality of the supernatural life. It indeed charms our mind and will, also vision, hearing, fragrance, taste and touch beyond what earth can give.

There is a special grace of this novena as there the Holy Spirit scatters the darkness of hidden and open ungodliness spread in us and over the earth; there He softens our stubbornness and teaches us the whole and entire truth yet elevates us to God. This is the novena directly chosen and pointed out by the Lord. During this very time the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, bringing joy. Then, wrapped in His flame, the fishermen called the whole world into the Church. Till now their divine praise is spread and echoes in the world, directly brining life and shaping the teaching of the Church.

Importantly, enter there is a special link between the novena and Mary, between Holy Spirit and Mary. If She were not in the Upper Room on the Pentecost Day, the Holy Spirit would not come. Holy Spirit formed the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be His icon. The human face of Holy Spirit is Mary, also in its tenderness, gentleness and sweet freshness of those who suffer under the weight of burdens.

As Holy Spirit does not come but through Mary, let us pray daily: *Come Holy Spirit, come through Mary!*

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16th May 7th Sunday of Easter	8.30am *11.00 am 1.00pm 5.00pm	Holy Souls Private Intention First Holy Communion Joanna Sarafin's Birthday
Mon 17th May St Dunstan	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Intention available
Tues 18th May St John 1	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Thanksgiving Fernandes family The church is open for private prayers
Wed 19th May Dedication of the Cathedral of St John	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers Rosary in church
Thur 20th May St Bernardine of Sienna	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Elizabeth Fernandes RIP 2nd anniversary The church is open for private prayers
Fri 21st May St Christopher	11.00am - 7.00pm No evening Mass	Adoration
Sat 22nd May		
Sun 23rd May Pentecost Sunday	8.30am *11.00 am	Achilles Fernando RIP Joe Steventon thanksgiving No 5pm Mass

* 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

17th May: Maria Filippo (1997); and Alfred Walsh (1984);
18th May: Anne Flannery (1979); Patrick Walsh (2001);
19th May: Charles Turner (1988);
20th May: Henrietta Jane O'Hara (1998); Lilian Ralph (2004);
21st May: Patrick McLoughlin (2001); Ted McGuirk (2013);
22nd May: Elizabeth Parker (2003);

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

Parish News:

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

Road Closure – A329 Wokingham Road. The closure will be in place between Loddon Bridge Road and B3350 Wilderness Road on 16th May, 9.30am - 15.30pm This is to carry out surfacing seal application after surface dressing.

W/C 17th May: Changes to weekday and Sunday Mass: Father Stan will be away this week and hence, there will be no weekday Mass on Friday 21st May , Monday 24th May & Tuesday 25th May.

Sunday Mass on 23rd May: We welcome Fr Ardo Tapparo from Oxford Oratory, who will celebrate the 8.30am and 11.00am Mass. There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Social Club reopens: We're delighted to announce the Social Club will be re-opening on Tuesday 18 May: Tue-Thu 7.30pm-11.00pm, Fri & Sat 7.30pm-11.30pm, Sun noon-4pm. Social-distancing measures in force, including table service. (Please note: closed Mondays and Sunday evenings.)

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: Due to current restrictions, his celebration with the parishioners will take place in October 2021.

Consecration of the Church on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm. 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.

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. The Rosary will be broadcast on Vatican News daily at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time).

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:

Each night at 8pm there will be the foundational Rosary – to Jesus through Mary. 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 for our young people.

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 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.