

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.

SOCIAL CLUB now open, see the website olopsocialclub.co.uk or posters in the complex for details.

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

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 prayers.

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 e.g. 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:

Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021

The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter *Viva Voce* is in the Advent Room. This summer edition has a special focus on the current Year of the Eucharist and also on Vocations.

Imagining the Gospel: Wednesday evenings from 4th-25th August 7.00pm (via zoom).

The Portsmouth Diocese Spiritual Formation Team invite you to take an Ignatian Staycation this summer. Each Zoom meeting will be based around a scriptural meditation and will last less than one hour.

Meeting ID: 881 3049 5107, Passcode: 210674

Offertory Collection 18th July 2021

Main Envelopes £ 5.00
Loose Cash £ 347.67
Standing Orders £ 715.79

Thank you all for your kind donations

Offertory Collection 25th July 2021

Main Envelopes £
Loose Cash £ 439.05
Standing Orders £ 700.00

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Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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Parish office opening hours :Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 1st Aug 2021

1st Reading Exodus 16:2-4.12-15 I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

2nd Reading Ephesians 4:17.20-24 Put on the new self that has been created in God's way

Gospel John 6:6: 24-35 He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

Psalm Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Let us not imitate life of pagans

"I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live." Ephesians 4:17.

We live as if God does not exist and we are full of our own vision of life, not God's vision. It takes time but time is getting short. We need to start living life according to God. Below are two testimonies given a few days ago. They might help us:

"I have lived a lukewarm and lazy life until this past May. I will never again gamble with my soul. I pray every single day that I will never offend the Father again and beg for the conversion of all those that I love the most and for all souls to be set on fire with the love of God."

"In my life, I have been haughty, unkind, judgemental and did not obey all the ten commandments. I've asked for God's forgiveness and believe that he has forgiven me. I work everyday to show Him that I am trying to become a person that repents and will obey him. It's hard sometimes, but I love him so much and I want to show him that I am worthy."

With prayer,

Fr Stan

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr. Pat Madden (07510182722) and the priests from the FSSP (07445106330). 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. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & wish to receive Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

Reading Catholic Churches

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

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

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid until the 1st week of Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 1st August 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Parishioner's Intention Baptism of Isabella Birchmore Everlyne Fernandes' Health
Mon 2nd August St Eusebius of Vercelli	6.15pm 7.00pm 7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Baptism of Eliza Joanne Cock Rosary Michael Rodriques RIP
Tues 3rd August	10.00am 11.00am	Adoration Barbara Radzilin-Woodhan RIP
Wed 4th August St John Vianney	Daily Mass without congregation 4.00pm	Susan Jenkins' Intention Rosary in church
Thur 5th August Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome	No Mass	
Fri 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	7.00pm	Monica RIP
Sat 7th August St Sixtus 11	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun 8th August 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am *11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Stephen Coleman RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory Divine Mercy holy hour Carmen Hernandez & Wilson family Intention

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request. Please email Fr Stan via: fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and also, please maintain a safe distance.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

2nd August: Annie Duffy (1999)
3rd August: John Nottingham (1978); Ronald Miles (1992); Gus Watters (1994); Laurie Mayes (2013)
4th August: Elizabeth Budd (1990); Margaret Mary Smith (2018)
5th August: Happiness Sairu (2004);
6th August: Ruth Dady (1975); Kathleen Kulan (2001);
8th August: Gerry Stander Batt (1975); Edward Ralph (2010);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound.

COVID-19 update:

- Booking for Mass: The booking system for Sunday Mass will continue but if you would prefer to not book in advance, then please do feel free to come for Mass and you will be accommodated.
- Test & Trace: As per Government guideline, we will continue the same process of test & trace form / QR code until notified.
- Please do not come to church, if you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms or have been advised to self isolate.
- From 19th July, the wearing of a face covering is optional but we will strongly encourage everyone to wear it inside the church but at the same time be respectful to those who choose not to wear.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Maintain a safe distance between families.
- After prayer, please use the sanitiser wipes at the end of the pew and wipe the area around you.
- Please dispose of the wipes in the bin provided in the Advent room.
- Thank you for keeping our church safe.

Parish News:

Baptism of Isabella Birchmore & Eliza Jones Cock: Please keep in your prayer Isabella & Eliza who are getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community, and for all families awaiting the baptism of their children, that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ .

Saturday 7th August: 1st Saturday of every month - 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration and Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Sunday 8th August at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Divine Mercy service at our church every 2nd Sunday of the month. Please spread the word.

Saturday 14th August 11.00am. CWA & Warriors of Mary dedication day: We are blessed to have Bishop Philip celebrate the Holy Mass and also officiate the dedication ceremony of the 2nd group of CWA aspirants and the Warriors of Mary reception. Refreshments in the

Hall after Mass.

Friday Adoration will start after the Summer break on 3rd September 2021.

Change in Tuesday Mass Time for August: Tuesday Mass will be at 11.00am. There is Adoration from 10.00am - 11.00am.

Day by Day: August edition in Advent Room. £1.00/ book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

New to our Parish: A warm welcome to those new to our Parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Stan and also register with us on our website: www.olop.org.uk, click on the Parish Database button, log in & fill in your details which are confidential (for parish use only).

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

First Holy Communion 2022.

We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive the First Holy Communion. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 19th September 2021. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 26th September at 12.30.

Parents, If your child will be in School year 3 and will be at least 8 years old between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation program in September 2021. Please email or write to Father Stan at the church office, with child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details.

Confirmation 2022. We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive Confirmation. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 12th September 2021. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 19th September at 10.15am followed by holy mass at 11.00am Mass .

Confirmation is offered to all young baptised Catholics who would be in school Year 8 or above in September 2021. If interested, then please email or write to Father Stan at the church office.