

## Resources

**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.

**Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021** The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter *Viva Voce* is in the Advent Room.

## Pastoral News:

**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**  
A new series of videos to help us focus on our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. The first video focuses on "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist". <https://youtu.be/P45BHDR7pU>

**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

**Saturday 28th August 10.30am:** The Association for Latin Liturgy invites all members of the diocese and beyond to their 2021 open meeting which is being held in our diocese at St Joseph's Church, Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JB. For more information: [Association for Latin Liturgy \(latin-liturgy.org\)](http://Association for Latin Liturgy (latin-liturgy.org))

**March for Life: Coach from Reading - 4th September:** SPUC would like to invite you to attend March for Life this September. We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year there were 210,860

**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

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Pat Madden
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly

abortions in E&W) as well as the introduction of home abortions. Let's do our part to turn the tide. The day starts at 10am at Emmanuel Centre, London followed by a peaceful march to Parliament Square.. SPUC Reading branch are organising a coach to go to the event. Tickets for the coach will be £15. Please RSVP to [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com), if you are interested in traveling by coach, so that we have an idea of numbers.

## Community Support

**Readifood (Reading's Foodbank):** are experiencing increased demand, and the arrival of greater numbers of refugees in Reading has emphasised the importance of our support. Your donations of dried and tinned food make a huge difference to the number of people Readifood can support. You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

**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 8th Aug 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 15.00
Loose Cash	£ 714.09
Standing Orders	£ 695.46

Thank you all for your kind donations

## Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

0118 931 4469
0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

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

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year B 15th Aug 2021**  
**Psalm Response:**  
**On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold**

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

*"God, the King of the universe, has granted you favours that surpass nature. As he kept you a virgin in childbirth, thus He has kept your body incorrupt in the tomb and has glorified it by His divine act of transferring it from the tomb." Menaei Totius Anni, after Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus.*

At the very beginning of the history of our salvation, God himself put enmities between the Evil one and Mary, the Mother of God, between Satan and her Son Jesus, who is the Lord. She crushed the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15) and death was swallowed up in victory (1 Cor 15:54).

Then, Our Lady's victory over sin and death was gained through her intimate association with "the new Adam" – Jesus Christ. It is Christ who overcame sin and death by his own death. When we had our instructions to the faith, we were taught that through our Baptism we are born again in a supernatural way having conquered sin and death through the same Christ. Yet, God does not grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come. So the bodies of even the just are corrupted after death, and only on the last day will they be joined, each to its own glorious soul. However, it is not the case with Our Lady, as God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempt from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body. The Virgin Mother of God was from the very beginning free from the taint of original sin and was bodily Assumed into heaven.

As St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church says: "Jesus did not wish to have the body of Mary corrupted after death, since it would have redounded to his own dishonor to have her virginal flesh, from which He, Himself had assumed flesh, reduced to dust." St Bonaventure adds: "The soul is not a person, but the soul, joined to the body, is a person. It is manifest that she is there in soul and in body. Otherwise she would not possess her complete beatitude."

"Let death pass you by, O Mother of God, because you have brought life to men. Let the tomb pass you by, because you have been made the foundation stone of inexplicable sublimity. Let dust pass you by; for you are a new kind of formation, so that you may be mistress over those who have been corrupted in the very stuff of their potter's clay" (St. Germain I of Constantinople, a. 733 A.D.)

**Fr. Stan**

\* 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 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>solemnity</i>	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary John Gorman RIP Bronslawa & Stanislaw Radziun RIP Jofi Alexander thanksgiving
Mon 16th August St Stephen	7.00pm 7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Rosary Alan Pollard RIP Foundation Mass
Tues 17th August	10.00am 11.00am	Adoration Josef Stocker RIP
Wed 18th August	Daily Mass without congregation 4.00pm	Liz & Andy's intention Rosary
Thur 19th August St John Eudes	No Mass	
Fri 20th August St Bernard	6.30pm 7.00pm	Rosary Lucjan, Marianna & Wiktor RIP
Sat 21st August St Pius X	No Mass	
Sun 22nd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Anne Nee RIP Parishioners Intention Terence Kelly RIP

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.

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

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

**Weekday Mass:** From 23rd Aug to 17th Sept - there will be no Weekday Mass. Mass Intentions can still be made as Father Stan will continue to celebrate Mass during his break.

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

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

17th Aug: Alan Pollard (2013); 18th Aug: Bruce Bentley (2018);  
19th Aug: Joan Kennedy (1992); Alan Williams (2011);  
20th Aug: Caroline Wheeler (1985); Pauline Pringle (1999);  
21st Aug: Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000).

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 not to 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.
- Face Covering: 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:

**Saturday 14th August 11.00am. CWA & Warriors of Mary dedication day:** This weekend we are hosting Bishop Philip who would celebrate the Holy Mass and also officiate the dedication ceremony of the 2nd group of CWA aspirants and the Warriors of Mary. We congratulate the aspirants of both the groups. We appreciate their contribution to parish lives and pray that they continue with their formation and dedication to Mother Mary.

**For the vulnerable & housebound Parishioners:** Even though restrictions have been lifted, we are aware that not everybody is ready to attend church. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Communion at home. We are hoping to start making appointments for Fr Stan to make home visits from October.

**Rosary:** Our Parish is immersed in Mother Mary through The Rosary which is, now being said at 8.00am on Sunday, 7.00pm on Monday, 4.00pm on Wednesday & 6.30pm on Friday.

**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.

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.

#### 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](http://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.