

The Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via 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.

Resources

Day by Day: September 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:

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 abortions in E&W) as well as the introduction of home abortions. Let us 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, if you are interested in travelling by coach, so that we have an idea of numbers.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world : We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/>

Offertory Collection 22nd Aug 2021

Main Envelopes	£
Loose Cash	£ 343.06
Standing Orders	£ 695.46

Thank you all for your kind donations

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	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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B

29th Aug 2021

**Psalm Response:
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Humility before God

Our Lord describes Pharisee-ism as an attitude that removes us from God's Law, which is our true moral DNA. It happens when our conscience becomes scrupulous in superficial things, but softened towards God. Then the surface becomes crucial for us, but authentic prayer and real faithfulness to the Commandments are seen as "rigid" and unwelcome.

The yeast of the Pharisees is like a weed. We might not see it, and in blindness we overcome Christian moral barriers by embracing a concept of living, and even of the Church, which is not Christ-like and does not come from God but from man. We take God's clear moral demands, which are very penetrating and challenge us to the core, and we replace them with our own inventions, which have an appearance of godness but do not penetrate.

This has slipped into our Catholic culture, for example, when we focus a lot on "ecology" but pass over sexual immorality. Also when we label ourselves as progressive, traditionalist, conservative... losing our identity of being the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, we forget God!

We need humility before God, in contrast to the pride of the Pharisees. Let us remember Moses: his humility before God, receiving everything from Him. Remember his 40-day long prostration on the mountain to beg forgiveness for the people's pride, when they replaced the ten commandments with their own golden calf. The pharisee makes his own religion, he is the focus, not God. But if we come reverently before God in humility and penitence, we will be welcomed by Him.

May we allow Our Lady to act in us in a way that all the enemies of God might embrace His Law and bend before Him.

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 29th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Mike Downs RIP Thanksgiving Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon 30th August	7.00pm No Mass in church	Rosary Christopher Powell
Tues 31st August St Aidan	No Mass in church	Mundakal Chacko Anthony RIP 9th anniversary
Wed 1st September	No Mass in church 4.00pm	Mary Burke RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 2nd September	No Mass in church	Gaynor Lowe
Fri 3rd September St Gregory the Great	11.00am- 6.30pm No Mass in church	Adoration Rosary McAteer family intention
Sat 4th September St Cuthbert	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady	Holy Souls
Sun 5th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	John Conlan RIP Fr Edward Stachurski RIP Maria Stocker RIP

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

30th Aug: Albert Bone (1978); **1st Sept:** Geoff Way (1994); Mary Burke (2002);
2nd Sept: Angela Hughes (2012); **4th Sept:** Linda Clayton (1979); Dee Faithfull (2008);

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

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 or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

Parish News:

Weekday Mass: There is no Weekday Mass in church till 17th September 2021. Father Stan is away and we wish him a restful break. Mass Intentions can still be made, as Father Stan will continue to celebrate Mass during his break.

Sunday Mass: We welcome Fr Gerry Hastie from the Mill Hill Missionaries who will be celebrating all three Masses on Sunday 29th August & Sunday 12th September. Fr Pio will celebrate all three Masses on Sunday 5th September.

Friday 3rd September - Fasting Day: In connection with what is happening in Asia today Father Stan would like us all to be in prayer and unity with the persecuted Christians in Afghanistan by fasting on bread and water on September 3rd. Let's be together and joined in unity with our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan.

Friday Adoration: After a short break in August, our Friday Adoration starts again on Friday 3rd September. Every Friday from 11.00am - 7.00pm. Rosary at 6.30pm.

Saturday 4th September: 1st Saturday of every month - 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass. We welcome Fr Paul Mooney from Mill Hill missionaries will celebrate the Holy Mass.

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.

Sunday 5th September at 8.30am & 11am Mass We are very pleased that the Knights of St Columba will bring the relic of St. Edmund Campion to our church. For more details, please visit <http://www.province30.co.uk/>.

Safeguarding Officer: As a parish, we are required to appoint a Safeguarding Representative. The Diocese gives full training and support to all involved. If you feel you can help with this vital role, please contact the Parish Office.

Flower arrangement Rota: Please contact the parish office if you would be keen to join the Rota for flower arrangement in church. Also if you wish to make donation towards the flowers, there will be a donation box for flowers in the Advent room soon.

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 .

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 at 12.30 on Sunday 26th September.

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.