

40 Days for life Vigil from 22nd September - 31st October 2021: 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days including Sundays outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAUK). For more information, please contact Martin - 07436018688 or Christopher Email: 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com or 07964180843

CAFOD Family Fast-Day Friday 1st October

By donating to CAFOD, you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room or online on their website CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis.

6th November 2021 - Save the date - Faith and Politics. An online symposium with Bishop Philip Egan & speakers including the Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Dr. Ruth Kelly, the former Education Secretary, Lord David Alton, Rt. Hon. Mark Hoban, Dr. Elizabeth Slinn, Dr. Mary Sutton from the University of Winchester, George O'Neill CEO of the Cardinal Hume Centre, and Rev. Dr. David Goodill op, moral philosopher, from Blackfriars, Oxford. David Wells, the popular inspirational speaker, will be the presenter and guide through the day. More information to follow.

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.

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.

Offertory Collection 12th Sept 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 20.00
Loose Cash	£ 568.70
Standing Orders	£ 695.46

2nd Collection for Catholic Education Service: £61.35.

Thank you all for your kind donations

Second Collection: 19th September: Home Missions

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

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

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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Safeguarding Officer	Harish Chander
Parish Team	earley.matters@gmail.com
Hall Bookings	Zuzanna Bochenek 07763 681072 hall@olop.org.uk



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

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B 19th Sept 2021

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Imitating Christ in the love that unites

The Almighty and Infinite God, the Lord of Hosts, has become man, the least of men. As Blessed Charles de Foucauld says: "His whole life long he did nothing but go down. He went down in becoming flesh, he went down in becoming a baby, went down in obeying, went down in becoming poor, rejected, persecuted, crucified, in always taking the lowest place."

There is no lower place but the one where God dwells - the valley of humbleness. For that reason we are not alone in our rejected and most unloved place, or when under an almost irresistible, forceful pressure of temptations. Beneath all of us, there is Christ with all his cohort of most powerful angels, where all the saints find their rest.

Jesus said: "Whatever you do to one of these little ones, you do it to me" and "This is my body... this is my blood..." and it is He who washed feet of his apostles. We are asked to seek our Lord and love Him in the "little ones", in the most Blessed Sacrament, in serving others. Those among us who have recognised the divine truth, encourage us to always "seek the lowest place, to be as little as our Master, to walk with him step by step as a faithful disciple."

Only then, are we given grace to see Jesus in everyone, to treat others with great humility, respect and generosity: "the poorest, the most outcast, a newborn child, a decrepit old person, the least intelligent human being, the most abject, an idiot, a fool, a sometimes sinner, the greatest sinner, the most ignorant, the last of the last, the one most physically and morally repugnant." And is it not amazing "to live not through the word but through the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass. It is through prayer and penance and the practice of the Gospel virtues - love, fraternal and universal love, sharing even my last mouthful of bread with every poor person, with every visitor, every stranger, and welcoming each person as a beloved brother or sister." (Bl. Charles de Foucauld.

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 19th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Peter Fernando RIP Elsie Tomlinson RIP 1st anniversary Mr Joseph & Ms Bindu Pemala RIP
Mon 20th September St Andrew Kim Taegon	7.00pm 7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Rosary Harper Family
Tues 21st September St Matthew		
Wed 22nd September	4.00pm	Rosary
Thur 23rd September St Pio of Pietreccina		
Fri 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham	11.00am-7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rosary Fr Stanislaw Wolny RIP <i>Overnight Adoration after Mass till 6.00am Saturday.</i>
Sat 25th September	10.00am 11.00am	Baptism of Olivia Maw Baptism of Fiadh Brennan
Sun 26th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Donal Gilboy RIP rec. dec Intention available Intention available

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.

Weekday Mass: From next week, 27th September, Fr Stan will celebrate Mass on Tuesday & Wednesday at 10.00am. Monday & Friday Mass times remain unchanged.

Altar renovation: The project is going well. A temporary Altar has been set up for us to continue celebrating Mass whilst the work is being carried out to make the base strong. We thank you for your patience whilst the work is being done.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

19th Sept: Sylvia Grealis (2018), **20th Sept:** Bridget Malone (1990);
22nd Sept: Michael Sorenson (1990); Surinder Dhir (2001); Theresa Semple (2006);
John McCarron (1998); **24th Sept:** Maria Agostino (2009);
25th Sept: Bernadette Barnes (1985); John Thompson (1990); and Fr. Eamon Walsh (2013);

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

This week

Sunday 19th September, Tea & Coffee is back after 8.30am & 11.00am Mass. Please join us for refreshments and a chance to catch after Mass.

Sunday 19th September 2021: Confirmation 2022 - First meeting at 10.15am. We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive Confirmation. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 19th September at 10.15am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 19th & 26th Sept, 3rd & 10th October.

Baptism of Olivia Maw & Fiadh Brennan
Please keep in your prayers Olivia & Fiadh who are getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community on Saturday 25th Sept, and for all families awaiting the baptism of their children, that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

Parish News:

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.

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.

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.

Saturday 23rd October: 2021 is a very important year for Fr Stan. He celebrated his Silver anniversary of priesthood in May and will be turning 50 in October!!!. We are planning a party for him on Saturday 23rd October. Please keep the day free and we will keep you updated with more information. If you are able to help in any manner then please get in touch with the Parish office or Zuzanne after Sunday Mass.

Consecration of the Church by Bishop Philip on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm.
Please keep our church in your prayers.

Pastoral News:

Diocesan Survey - A Thousand Voices: The views, hopes and fears of the lay faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. The analysis of the survey can be found at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/survey>.

Synod Preparatory Document :The Vatican has published the Preparatory Document for the 2023 Synod. In the Diocese of Portsmouth, Bishop Philip will initiate the synodal process with a special Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 17th October.

The document can be accessed via <https://usercontent.com/04bcc8430c87c5529461e65e6f1les/e279615a-7773-38a3-c650-c39d812ca8ac/synod2023.pdf>