

**40 Days for life Vigil continues till 31st October 2021:** 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAU). For more information, please contact Martin - 07436018688. Email: 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com

**6th November 2021 - Faith and Politics.** An online symposium with Bishop Philip Egan & key speakers. For more information and to book tickets, please visit the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-and-religion-a-symposium-tickets-173534876487?aff=ebdssbeac>

### Community Support

**Woodley food bank:** Items can be left in Advent room and we will take them to the food bank. Latest list request is for Fruit Juice (non fresh), Long life Milk, Bathroom items, Cooking oil, Tinned meals, Coffee, Sugar Tinned / packet soups, Biscuits.

**Readifood (Reading's Foodbank):** are experiencing increased demand with the arrival of greater numbers of refugees in Reading and would appreciate donations. More Information can be found on their website: <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@circdic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@circdic.org.uk) or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

### Resources

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

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

### Offertory Collection 10th Oct 2021

Loose Cash	£ 527.40
Standing Orders	£ 694.80

Thank you all for your kind donations

### Second Collection on 17th October for World Mission Sunday:

Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room or online through Missio's website <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>. This is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere and by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

### Next Special Collection:

**Sunday 6th November: Bamenda**

### 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 & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

**29th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B 17th October 2021**

**Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

### Steps to littleness are made by small daily sacrifices

Christ's words enlighten us and they are our life. They are the source of our joy of freedom in the same way in which they changed life of St James and St John, two great brothers who wanted to be most important in the Kingdom of God. As we know, Christ's message opened, to both of them, a path towards great holiness.

The same words of the Lord are given to us. Let us immerse ourselves in them and we will see that on daily bases we are given God's answers to our struggles, jealousy, ambitions, hurts, wounds, expectations and difficulties, because Christ says about embracing our crosses daily and about becoming little to the point of making a space for the growth of another.

In Christ only, we find sufficient support to love living our life and we go for that passionately because of the love of Christ expressed in his Passion. We sing: "Strength and protection may thy Passion be, O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee."

In Christ only, we carry our crosses and unite them joyfully with Christ. In this way, day by day, we make our journey through the Cross to Heaven. Our daily offerings include: joyful dedication to help one another without expectation of gratitude, joyful offering of our tiredness, illness, time spent in traffic, heat and cold, being misunderstood, forgotten or rejected; being in physical, psychological or spiritual pain - through Cross to Heaven. We can add to it: smile even if we find it difficult, being nice and gentle to a person whom we might not like, discipline of our eating, discipline of our tongue, serving those who might never respect our efforts.

Let us also ask Our Blessed Mother so that we shall be willing to sacrifice ourselves out of love for God and those around us.

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 17th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Repose of souls of Nigerians who died on 20/10/20 at the End of Sars protest Rosary Thanksgiving Ebadin E John Holy Souls in purgatory
Mon 18th October St Luke	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 7.00pm 7.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration & Confession Rosary in Latin Ian Harper & family
Tues 19th October Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Joguues & Companion	10.00am	Steventon family thanksgiving
Wed 20th October	10.00am 4.00pm	Scot, Kelly & Jack Harper Rosary
Thur 21st October	No Mass	
Fri 22nd October St John Paul 11	11.00 am -7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rosary Marian Dănescu health
Sat 23rd October	11.00am	Fr Stan Thanksgiving
Sun 24th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Tess Carter RIP rec. dec Rosary Intention available Parishioner's Intention

### October: Month of Rosary

The month of October, each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful." (Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, Source: Catholic.net) .

### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

17th Oct: Marjorie Parmentier (1996); Kathleen Andrews (1993);  
18th Oct: Thomas O'Farrell (1987); Ellen Bennett (2013);  
19th Oct: Catherine Heil (2009); Agnes Horvath (2016);  
20th Oct: Carl Barton (1977);  
21st Oct: Dudley Soza (1998); Michael Aolio Anali (2004); Liz Gudmundson (2020)  
22nd Oct: Maureen Karas (1980); John Dwyer (1988); Christina Belcher (1999); Betty Ledger (2012); Elizabeth Frances McAuley (2017)  
24th Oct: Gwenyth Cull (1996);

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

### Parish Dates / Events

**Monday 18th October: One million children praying the Rosary for peace & unity in the world.** This prayer initiative by AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED aims to rekindle faith in the power of prayer. The worldwide campaign is an invitation to remember the words of Our Lady of Fatima that the childlike and trusting prayer of the Rosary can truly change the world, defeat evil and bring peace.

**Saturday 23rd October: Fr Stan's 50th birthday & Silver Jubilee celebration.** We would like to invite you all to a thanksgiving Mass at 11.00am at the church followed by refreshments at our Parish Hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us.

**Sun 24th October at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.: Confirmation Group 2nd Session "I am who I am".**

**Sunday 31st October 12.30pm; Children's All Saints party.** In order to promote Good Spirit of All Saints Day & All Souls Days, we are organising a get together in the Parish hall. Children are encouraged to dress up as saints and there is a prize for the best dressed saint.

**Tuesday 2nd Nov 7.00pm: Bereavement Service. "All Souls Day"** : Solemn Mass for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners. "A book of remembrance" is in the church - please write the names of those whom you wish to remember. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass".

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

### Parish News:

**Altar renovation:** Due to the delay in shipment ,the project is behind schedule. We will continue celebrating Mass with the temporary Altar. We thank you for your patience whilst the work is being done.

**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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.00pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

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

**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.

**OLOP SOCIAL CLUB:** For current/ forthcoming events, please visit their website [olopsocialclub.co.uk](http://olopsocialclub.co.uk) or see posters in the complex.

### Pastoral News:

**Synod Preparatory Document :** 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 on the diocese website.

**Say No to Assisted Suicide:** Join in the 10 day Novena from 13th - 22nd Oct for Intercession of St Paul II. The Church is clear that assisted suicide is a crime against human life, and we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it.

**Saturday 30th October at 7.00pm Science & Religion:** Talk by Fr Andrew Pinset at English Martyrs Church. No need to register. See poster for more details.