

change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26) *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

**Saturday 27th November 12-6pm-Breakthrough Workshop:** The Marriage and Family Life team would like to invite you to their next Breakthrough Workshop, which will be held on Saturday 27th November at the Church of the Holy Family, Southampton. For further details, see poster and to register please contact Aba Shields via her e mail [marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Community Support

**Woodley food bank:** Items can be left in the 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@cirdic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cirdic.org.uk) or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

### Resources

**Day by Day:** November 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 31st Oct 2021

Envelopes	£ 30.00
Loose Cash	£ 528.46
Standing Orders	£ 715.60

Thank you all for your kind donations

**Next Special Collection on Sunday 7th November is for Bamenda.** You can donate in church or online via the website.

<http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support. Please read the attached Bamenda Newsletter for an update on the situation and some examples of this year's project applications.

### 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	Msrgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

### 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.

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 7th November 2021**

**Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

### Sainthood? What does this mean?

Sainthood is the most beautiful thing, the greatest human fulfilment. It is a union with the life of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth, the life we find in the Catholic Church. But how do we understand sainthood? In many hearts, there is a vision of sainthood as something rigid, artificial, unreal, strange, not good, not authentic and not true: "We could do with good, normal, real, authentic and true life, but not with saints" – someone has said recently. "We should be inclusive and promote diversity as an equal option for life. We have civil law which is good, but talking about sainthood is about exclusivity and it makes me think that the Church is behind society" – pointed out someone else. "Do not lie, do not hurt others, treasure your job and be above board" – and it would be enough – added another person. "Sainthood is nothing but being good, normal, authentic and real" – said another. "We should not even think about dividing life for secular life and sainthood" – said a subsequent disputer – "all our sins are already judged on the Cross and if we honestly bring our corrupted thoughts, words, and deeds to Christ, we are saints in the midst of our life. That is God's gift – just open your heart".

Let us find out what the Church says about sainthood. Let it be our task for the month of November, bearing in mind that none of the above answers is satisfactory. Let us also accept that we are created for heaven, to co-love not to co-hate, that our souls can have life to the full and enjoy life to the full only when we become saints, as it is written in our moral and spiritual DNA and fully expressed in God's Ten Commandments and the Revealed Life and Teaching of the Son of God. Let us acknowledge that God does not accept a "halfway" saint, if any of us at the deathbed is not a saint, his life is failed in many areas. Hence purgatory as a great act of Mercy from God becomes a place for further purification, as nothing impure can enter heaven. Finally, Christ often says that we should be also careful of not entering the path leading to hell.

Fr Stan

**Indulged Acts for the Poor Souls** A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery in the month of November. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory. More information can be found on Vatican website.

\* 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 7th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Fr Terry Burke RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	*11.00 am	Fr Griffen RIP
	3.00pm	Blessing of Graves at Mayes Lane
	5.00pm	Melbon D'Silva RIP
Mon 8th November	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Diana Gana RIP
Tues 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	8.00am	Fr Swinton RIP
Wed 10th November St Leo the Great	8.00am 4.00pm	Eileen & Eric Watson (Foundation Mass) Rosary
Thur 11th November St Martin of Tours	No Mass	
Fri 12th November St Josaphat	11.00 am -7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rosary Luke Alexander thanksgiving
Sat 13th November	No Mass	
Sun 14th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Thyveetil family thanksgiving
	10.30am	Rosary
	*11.00 am	Tessie Carneiro RIP 6 month anniversary
	2.30pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
	3.00pm	Blessing of Graves at Henley Road Cemetery
	5.00pm	Valentine family thanksgiving

**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.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

7th Nov: Sheila Louri (2004);  
9th Nov: Violet Knight (1981);  
10th Nov: Theodora Ward (1987); (Jean) Mary Oakman (2005);  
12th Nov: Catherine Ondore (2008);  
14th Nov: Henry Wiggins (1980); Antonio Fiorentini (2014); Philip Doyle (2020)

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your prayers Theresa Pashley (Jonathan Pashley & Mary Francis's Mum) who is in hospital. We also pray for Rosemary McQueen & Caroline Hurst who are recuperating at home after being admitted in hospital.

#### Blessing of Graves

**Sunday 7th November at 3pm:** Fr Stan will bless the graves at Mayes Lane.  
**Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm:** Blessing of the graves at Henley Road Cemetery.

#### Parish News:

**Thank you:** Last Sunday's children's All Saints Party was a huge success. All the children were so beautifully dressed as saints. Father Stan wanted to express his thanks to all the parents for encouraging their children and also, for teaching them about the saints that they were dressed as. Special thanks to the organisers of the party. Everyone had a great time.

**Change to weekday Mass Times:** From November, Monday Mass will be at 6.30pm, Tuesday & Wednesday Mass will be at 8.00am.

**Sun 7th November at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.: Confirmation Group 3rd Session "Missing the Mark".**

**Mon 8th Nov 8.15pm - Monday film in the Social club. "Fatima"** inspired by the true story of the miracle in Fatima. See Poster for more details.

**Thursday 11 November (and every 2nd Thursday). AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE** in the main hall from 1pm with Music by Finbarr & Paul from 1.30pm until 4.30pm, only £5. Free tea & coffee, light refreshments at a nominal charge.

**Sunday 14th November 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm.** The prayer will be led by laity as Fr Stan will be blessing the graves at the Henley Road Cemetery.

**Wednesday 17th November 6.00pm: Sainthood and Suffering:** A special evening of grace that will enrich your understanding and help appreciate our daily suffering. Holy Mass at 6.00pm followed by Q&A with John Cassidy. See poster for more details.

**Parish Christmas / Pre Advent Party: Saturday 27th November at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall.** - a great opportunity to socialise with each other and get to know the parish family better. Tickets are available after Mass - £5 each (free entry for children of school age). Please bring a plate to share. Soft drinks & nibbles will be provided. Other drinks available from the Club bar. See you there!

**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.

**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.

#### Events in Advent

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses

We will again celebrate the Rorate Mass every Wednesday morning in Advent from 1st December at 6.30am. Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark so please bring lantern.

**Wednesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Mass at 6.30am and 6.00pm.** Also, on this feast day, we are truly blessed to have our church consecrated by Bishop Philip at 6.00pm.

#### Pastoral News:

**COP26: Message from CAFOD:** Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. Please pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate