

or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

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

Pastoral News:

CAFOD World gifts: Let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crop to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the Advent Room.

Wokingham Catenians Association
Who are we? We are an association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their faith, their families, to those in need and to each other. Our primary purpose is to develop our network of friends, enhance our family life, strengthen our faith and support one another in difficult times. Our friendships are developed through meeting monthly and taking part in a varied programme of social events together with our families, widows of members and members and families from other circles. How can you find out more? Please visit <http://www.wokcat.org>

Vacancy: The University of Reading Chaplaincy Centre is looking for a new Administrator for its drop-in centre at the heart of Whiteknights campus. 10 hours per week term time. A full job description and

person specification is available. Please email chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk to request this before you apply. Closing date: Monday, 29th November at 5 pm. Interview date: Tuesday, 7th December 2021.

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.

Resources

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

Offertory Collection 14th Nov 2021

Envelopes	£ 10.00
Loose Cash	£ 320.32
Standing Orders	£ 715.60

Thank you all for your kind donations

Offertory Collection 21st Nov 2021

Envelopes	£ 15.00
Loose Cash	£ 333.74
Standing Orders	£ 715.60

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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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

1st Sunday of Advent Year C 28th November 2021
Psalm Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

We experience Christmas when we experience Advent



We are given entire weeks to prepare our hearts for the special graces of Christmas. During this time the Church prays incessantly for the coming of Jesus. Advent is then a special period to focus our hearts for His coming down to earth: "Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above" (Is 45:8). The Church focuses on the hunger for Jesus and for His coming. We can even say that the process of growing in faith depends on our hunger for God. The hunger, the desire of Jesus, the desire for His coming to us, to our family, to our parish, to our broken world, is the key to a great banquet of Christmas. Advent is then the period of awareness that, although Jesus is present amongst us, there are areas in us where there is a lack of Jesus. The lack of His presence brings a strong hope that His rebirth will come within our hearts at Christmas. He comes to match the extent of our preparation and our openness. We can say, to match the extent of our faith. "If there is no Advent, then... Christmas is only a beautiful but empty celebration. The danger of Christmas is then that it can become an artificial celebration", full of shopping, rushing, carols and even a boring meal, only because there is not much meaning, no preparation. If you do not experience the message of Advent, then do not be surprised that Christmas seems to be always the same.

Advent is then a period when I allow myself to see all areas where the Lord is outside of me, knocking on the door of my heart, asking for my attention. Let us, my lack of Jesus and Jesus' lack of me bring the deeper desire of Communion with Him – Holy Communion with Him – Most Holy Communion with Him. He waits for me to receive Holy Communion. He wants to give Himself to you fully and His heart there beats for you.



Fr Stan

ADVENT begins this Sunday 28th November, with the start of a new liturgical year and the re-instatement of the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent  Year C	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Peter & Brigid Mooney RIP Rosary Joseph Britto RIP 6 month anniversary Holy Souls
Mon 29th November	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) No Mass	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin
Tues 30th November	No Mass	Jane Mooney RIP
Wed 1st December St Andrew	6.30am 4.00pm	Alice Willson RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 2nd December	No Mass	
Fri 3rd December	11.00 am -6.30pm- 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary John & Ann Harper family
Sat 4th December	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Achillies & Methsiri Fernando RIP
Sun 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Nick Alexander thanksgiving Rosary McDonagh & Ward family tree Intention Steve Lewis RIP

* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

29th Nov: William O’Riordan (1996); Peter Sellen (2004);
30th Nov: Z Maratona (1991); Olive Henry (1991);
2nd Dec: Helen Nolan (1984); Alice Willson (1999);
3rd Dec: Michael Clarridge (1993);
4th Dec: Mary Carter (2009);
5th Dec: Eric Watson (1997); Diane Smith (2001);

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.

Parish News:

Christmas Cards: The Parish Christmas cards are on sale in Advent Room. £2.00 for pack of ten cards or £5 for pack of 30. All proceeds will go towards the Consecration fund / refurbishment for the church.

Advent Giving Tree : This Advent, we will be collecting gifts to donate to CCA (Christian Community Action). CCA provides support for individuals and households in Reading who are in need. The charity has asked for donations of toiletries for men & women, warm hats, scarves and gloves for adults. Please leave your donations by the Giving Tree in the Advent Room.

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th November - No weekday Mass due to Diocesan Clergy meeting.

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses.

Rorate Mass at 6.30am every Wednesday during Advent - Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn. Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark so please bring lantern.

Saturday 4th November : 1st Saturday of every month at 10am-(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

Sun 5th December at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.: Confirmation Group session.

Wednesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Mass at 6.30am

Wednesday 8th December 6.00pm-Consecration Service - Also, on this feast day, we are truly blessed to have our church consecrated by Bishop Philip at 6.00pm. Christmas cards will be blessed after Mass.

Advent Confession on Saturday 11th December at 11.00am: Fr Stan and Fr Bill will be available to hear confession at Our Lady of Peace at 11.00am on Saturday 11th December. Please spare some time for prayer and reflection this Advent. Start planning now to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season. All are welcome.

Sunday 12th December: 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm. We will gather intentions specifically focused on begging for Mercy. Intentions are collected on Sundays in an extra box called: "DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION".

First Holy Communion sessions: The last Catechism session for the year will be on the 27th of November and will resume in the New Year on the 15th of January.

Friday day Adoration. Friday 17th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2021, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 14th January 2022.

Christmas services

Fri 24th Dec, 4.30pm-Children's Nativity play followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass.

Fr 24th Dec, 11.00pm Vigil Service followed by Midnight mass.

Sat 25th Dec 8.30am & 11am - Holy Mass

Sun 26th Dec: Holy Family Sunday . 8.30am. 11am & 5pm Holy Mass with renewal of marriage vows-

Fri 31st Dec, 6.30pm: Thanksgiving Mass for 2021

Sat 1st Jan, 12.00 noon: Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation, 5.30pm - 6.30pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

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/