

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.

Pastoral News:

Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion: The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

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

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

from other circles. How can you find out more?
Please visit: <http://www.wokcat.org>

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.

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 28th Nov 2021

Envelopes	£ 10.00
Loose Cash	£ 290.28
Standing Orders	£ 699.89
Thank you all for your kind donations	

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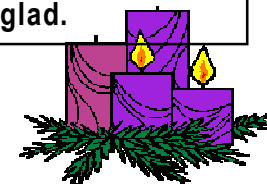
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Parish office opening hours : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C 5th December 2021
Psalm Response:
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.

What is special about Advent?





Advent is focused on Christ who is coming back in His glory, and it is a season when we are getting ready for Christmas. Why are we excited about these days? It is because it is God who has entered our dwelling place, and our hope of His return and Christmas.

In practice, our Advent is often disturbed by too many parties mixed with business and tiredness, irritations and secondary matters. Perhaps, during this time of Covid we should be able to see everything in different light. Usually, during Advent we hardly see God, who is really the only One entirely focused on each one of us. Maybe, at this very year, we will learn how to love the one who is Love and is the sustainer of our lives. As we cannot be certain about it, let us learn that Love is misunderstood. Even the natural trust and love of Joseph towards Mary was not sufficient to greet her with joy after the Annunciation. When Joseph first heard the Gospel from Mary, he was heartbroken. Bitter tears remained in him until the moment when an Angel came and opened his heart. Only then did beautiful tears appear on his cheeks. His Christmas started when he returned to Mary. She amazingly embraced his heart with unconditional love. Christ, who was already with them in the womb of Mary, now permeated their relationship and enlightened the journey to Bethlehem. Christmas was at hand.

Exactly the same happens to you and me. We need angels to soften us and open our hearts for the great mysteries of His return in glory as well as at His Birth in Bethlehem and at the Holy Mass. Behind our preparations for Christmas lies the awareness of why we should also celebrate these special days with a good spiritual dimension and find time for prayer, especially if we were unable to make the sacrament of confession. We have the crucial support of angels. Without them we would not have been consoled, the Gospel would not have been fully delivered, Christmas would not be our time of joy.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent 	8.00am *8.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Nick Alexander thanksgiving Baptism of Aiden Carter Benjamin Rosary McDonagh & Ward family tree Intention Steve Lewis RIP
Mon 6th December St Nicholas	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Sarah Checkley & family
Tues 7th December St Ambrose	8.00am	Maria de Davila RIP
Wed 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Margaret Hogg RIP rec. dec Rosary Parishioner's Intention
Thur 9th December	10.30am	✠Requiem Mass for Maria Magdalena Mijares-Cibrian
Fri 10th December Our Lady of Loreto	11.00 am -6.30pm- 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Louis Carvelto & family
Sat 11th December	10.00am - 12 noon	Advent Confession in the church
Sun 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) 	8.00am *8.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Sheila Freel RIP rec. dec. Baptism of Annabella Emily Gibson Rosary Sean Connolly RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Peggie Bentley RIP Foundation Mass

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

5th Dec: Eric Watson (1997); Diane Smith (2001); 6th Dec: James Eighteen (2005) ;
8th Dec: Lilian Neville (2010); 9th Dec: Peter Carmichel (2012); Mona Botherel (2013);
12th Dec: Bernadette Joyce (1984) Peggy Bentley (1989)

Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Margaret Hogg (Katharine Wilson's mum) who died on 29th November 21. Our prayers are with Katharine and her family during this difficult time. Please also keep in your prayers the repose of the souls of Josie Higgs & Fiametta Scola who died recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

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.

Announcement regarding Consecration

Due to the uncertainty of the new Covid variant Omicron, after discussion with the Diocese and parishioners, to avoid large gathering it has been decided to postpone our feast of consecration planned for 8th of December. Hopefully, we can start planning it again soon after Christmas. Kindly yours in Christ, Fr Stan.

Parish News:

Livestreaming of Mass: From this Sunday the live streaming will be at 8.30am Mass. Also with the re-instatement of the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass, the Live Stream of Mass will stop after Christmas. If you are using this option and want it to continue, then please contact the parish office.& Fr Stan will consider the need.

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.

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses.

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

Wednesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Mass at 6.30am & 6.00pm

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 2021

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

* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube

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.