

## Pastoral News:

**Vacancy for Catholic Governor:** St Joseph's College, the only Catholic independent school in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: Finance, Safeguarding, IT, Health, HR or Estates. For more information please contact David Hallé, Chair of Governors on [chair@sjcr.org.uk](mailto:chair@sjcr.org.uk) or on 07484 318174. For more information about the College, do visit the College web site at <https://sjcr.org.uk>

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022 18th – 22nd July.** You are invited to join Bishop Philip whether as pilgrim or youth helper. Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La Solitude. Email for further details at [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2022 23rd-30th September:** You are invited to the pilgrimage to Medjugorje at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bosnia Herzegovina. From September 23- 30th departing from Gatwick half board £630 single room supplement if required. Early booking discount of £30 applies until 31 January 2022. Full support from Marian Pilgrimages. [www.marian-uk.com](http://www.marian-uk.com). Please contact Heather Hauschild at [hauschild287@btinternet.com](mailto:hauschild287@btinternet.com) or 07810310316 for a booking form and further details

### 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

## Resources

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

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

### Offertory Collection 16th Jan 2022

Envelopes	£ 15.00
Loose Cash	£ 351.34
Standing Orders	£ 699.89

Thank you all for your kind donations.

**Second Collection on 23rd January for our Cathedral:** Envelopes are available in the Advent Room, at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collection. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Online donation can be made via <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>. Please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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### Hall Bookings

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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23rd January 2022

### Psalm Response:

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

## Reflection on lukewarm Christians.

Christians rightly say and learn to treat others with humility and respect. They rightly reject all kinds of agenda of indoctrination. In doing so, they lose missionary zeal and they use methods that do not work with many challenges. It seems like alien ideas take over more and more space in the Christian sphere, whereas Christians act as if they had very little to offer. They hardly believe that God really established the Church to save the whole world; that they are commissioned to bring the fruit of conversion. It looks like Christians are lost in naive convictions – they act with dispense of prudence, which they are not supposed to use. If only they showed some charity towards their neighbours.

Many think that all those with whom they enter into dialogue have good motives, good will, good intentions, and wish well; Some think that others are perfect and have their sufficient stories bringing them salvation. Others embrace beliefs, convictions, values and virtues of their non-Christian friends. They have learnt from the world that chastity does not matter, but calling to conversion, indeed it does – it is a grave sin. They strangely believe that civilisation is eternal and will never fall apart.

It looks like lukewarm Christians discredit faith in Jesus Christ and betray the world.

How come others can call upon God in whom they have not believed?

How are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear if nobody proclaims the Gospel? (Romans 10:14)

If only Christians knew what they have received.

If only they knew who they are.

If only they were united with Christ.

If only they embodied the full teaching – their treasure – in each one of them.

Then, they would have had something special to offer,

far more than salt, which lost its taste

the world would regain its soul

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
<b>Sun 23rd Jan 2022</b> 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am <b>8.30am</b> 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Methsiri Fernando RIP</b> Rosary <b>Juliana Ntephe RIP</b> <b>Ottorino Visentin RIP</b>
<b>Mon 24th Jan 2022</b> <b>St Francis de Sales</b>	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) <b>6.30pm</b> <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin <b>Colin &amp; Hannah Turner RIP</b>
<b>Tues 25th Jan 2022</b> <b>The Conversion of St Paul</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Intention available</b>
<b>Wed 26th Jan 2022</b> <b>St Timothy</b>	<b>8.00am</b> 4.00pm	<b>Eva Nora Intention</b> Rosary
<b>Thur 27th Jan 2022</b> <b>St Angela Merici</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 28th Jan 2022</b> <b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	11.00am 6.00pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary <b>Thanksgiving Rachel &amp; Jofi</b> followed by overnight Adoration till 6.00am
<b>Sat 29th Jan 2022</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 30th Jan 2022</b> 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am <b>8.30am</b> 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Niomi Fernando RIP</b> Rosary <b>Brigid C Intention</b> <b>Magdalena Mijares RIP</b>

**First Holy Communion catechism session every Saturday at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.**

**Confirmation group meeting on Sun 30th Jan at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room: 7th session.**

**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

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

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

#### **Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers**

**23rd Jan:** Michael Lynch (1986);

**24th Jan:** Charles Farr (1996); David Brown (1997); Reg Oakman (2006);

**25th Jan:** José Matias (2014). **26th Jan:** Rupert Christopher (2006)

**27th Jan:** Paul McMenemy (2001); **30th Jan:** Joseph Haughton (1973);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their families who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your prayers Kathleen Mongan who is in hospital. We also keep in our prayers David Roper, Kay Krauze, Theresa Pashley, Rosemary McQueen & Caroline Hurst. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

#### **COVID-19 update:**

As we move ahead in the fight against COVID-19, please see below our guidelines for safe worship.

- From 27th January, the wearing of a face covering is optional but we will strongly encourage everyone to wear it inside church but at the same time be respectful to those who choose not to wear a face covering.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Maintain a safe distance between families.
- Thank you for keeping our church safe.

#### **Parish News:**

**Synod 2023:** Pope Francis is gathering the entire Church, wanting every single person to be listened to. He desires more of discernment, of prayer and dialogue. In our parish we have formed synodal groups. If you are interested to fill the form as an individual, please take a printed copy from the back of the church and submit your answers through the letter box.

**28th January 2022 - Last Friday of the month overnight adoration after the 6.30pm Mass till 6.00am Saturday.** There is also a new initiative this year to join, via zoom, other rosary groups in Europe to recite the Penance Rosary at 8.45pm. More details to follow.

**"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". 7 week session from Tuesday 22nd Feb. 7.00 pm start in our church.** *Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. This DVD course helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible. It will give an insight into your Catholic faith and help to understand its true beauty.* You can book your place by contacting the parish office or after Mass on Sunday 13th Feb & 20th Feb. Please note that there is a fee of £5.00 to cover administration cost.

**Father Stan will be taking his Christmas break from 1st Feb to 26th Feb.** There will be no weekday Mass during this period. We welcome Father Paul Mooney from Mill Hill Missionaries who will celebrate the 1st Sat Mass on 5th Feb

at 12 noon and Sunday Mass on 6th February. On Sunday 13th February, we will welcome Fr Gerry also from Mill Hill missionaries who will celebrate all 3 Sunday masses.

**2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord:** Please do have a look at the local church timings and attend Mass on this feast day.

**MISSIMO RED BOXES:** Anyone holding a red box, please could you bring it to church. If you are unable to come to church, then please contact Kate Gorman on 07834734067 for collection.

**Message from CAFOD:** This Lent we are asking you to help us to stamp out hunger by joining our Walk Against Hunger. You can take on the individual challenge of walking 200km – 5km each day for the 40 days of Lent or walk as a group to reach 200km. Why not organise a group from your parish to join our community Walk against Hunger on Saturday 26th March?

**Mass Intention:** The Mass Intention book for 2022 is available for you to book your Mass Intention. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we cannot place the book in the Advent room. You can book Mass Intention via the Parish office either by visiting in person or phoning the Parish office during opening times.

**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.

#### **Community Support**

**Woodley food bank** :List of items needed are:- Toilet paper./Kitchen rolls, Cooking oil./Tinned meats, Tea bags./ Sugar, Coffee./ Puddings. (sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. "NO PASTA/RICE"as they have enough. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.