

sauce, Long life milk. "NO PASTA/RICE" as they have enough. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Pastoral News:

Be ready to help stop assisted suicide amendment: The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is a high risk that Lord Forsyth will retable his amendment. As such, Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link: www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

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. For further details email at lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje- 23rd-30th September: You are invited to the pilgrimage to Medjugorje at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bosnia Herzegovina. Departing from Gatwick half board £630 single room supplement if required. Full support from Marian Pilgrimages. www.marian-uk.com. Please contact Heather Hauschild on 07810310316 or

hauschild287@btinternet.com for a booking form and further details.

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?

Resources

Day by Day: 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 30th Jan 2022

Envelopes	£ 10.00
Loose Cash	£ 407.43
Standing Orders	£ 592.71

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Sunday 13th February 2nd Collection for Racial Justice

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*

0118 931 4469
0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
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0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

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Hall Bookings	



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	6th February 2022
Psalm Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord		

The world deserves to know the truth about itself - Here I am, send Me.

The world deserves to know the truth about itself. The truth partly comes from an amazement. Once any person is amazed by the beauty and power of nature, he or she might admire how much more beautiful and powerful is He who formed them. "For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator." (Wisdom 13:5). However, no one has ever seen God but only through His only begotten Son (J 1;18). Through Christ, then we know the truth and the Will of God and thus the purpose of existence of the world. In Him everything is revealed to its absolute fullness and we owe it to the world to pass it exactly as it was given to us. We must never preach other messages but only the one entrusted to us; we are only ambassadors of Christ making his appeal (2 Cor 5:20). "In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was

pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross." (Col 1:15-20). "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

As the world deserves to know the truth, which is Christ, it is duty of the Church to do it! The Church is compelled by God to do it! How terrible for her if she didn't preach the Good News! (1 Cor 9;16). In Christ then, as the members of the Church we might express: "Here I am, send me". However we must be well rooted in Christ and in the Teaching of the Church, so we are not turning to a different gospel- which is really no gospel at all. We must avoid any confusions and those who may try to pervert the gospel of Christ. (Galatians 1:6-7).

Only then, if we are who we are ought to be, we are not only serving the world by bringing the truth about Christ, but at the same time we are the real yeast working in the world, bringing back everybody and everything to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 6th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Vera Gorman RIP Rosary Evelyne Brooke's intention Lochlin (new grandson in Wilson family)
Mon 7th Feb	No Mass	Holy Soul
Tues 8th Feb St Jerome Emiliani	No Mass	Holy Soul
Wed 9th Feb	No Mass 4.00pm	Catherine Winifred Grattan RIP 1st ann Rosary
Thur 10th Feb St Scholastica	No Mass	Holy Soul
Friday 11th Feb	No Adoration 6.00pm No Mass	Rosary Holy Soul
Sat 12th Feb	No Mass	
Sun 13th Feb 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Holy Soul Rosary Richard Johnston RIP Divine Mercy Wilson family

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

Confirmation group meeting on Sun 13th at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room: 8th session.

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.

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 Holy Communion at home.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

7th Feb: Anna Pelickan (1978)

8th Feb: Roselyn Fernando (1990); and Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007); Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Bailey (2018)

10th Feb: Kathleen Patience (1977); Catherine Winston (2004);

12th Feb: Mary Wallace (1987); 13th Feb: Ann Mackie (1992);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their families who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your 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.

- We strongly encourage everyone to wear face covering 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:

Tea & Coffee after 8.30am Mass on Sunday:

Please join us in the Dominic Barberi room after 8.30am Mass. Everyone welcome. Also there will be continental pastries every 3rd Sunday and fresh toast on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Sunday Mass: This Sunday 6th February, we welcome Father Paul Mooney from Mill Hill Missionaries who will celebrate the Sunday Mass. On Sunday 13th February, we will welcome Fr Gerry also from Mill Hill missionaries and on Sunday 20th February, we will welcome Fr Pio from Gosport who will celebrate all 3 Sunday masses.

Father Stan is on his Christmas break till 24th Feb. There will be no weekday Mass during this period. We wish Father Stan a restful break. Mass Intentions can still be made as Father Stan will continue to celebrate Mass during his break.

Friday Adoration: There will be no Friday Adoration on Friday 11th & 18th February. Adoration will start again on Friday 25th February at 1.00pm.

Kathleen Mongan RIP: Requiem Mass at our church (invitation only) on 23rd February at 11.00am. We pray for the repose of her soul & keep the whole family in our prayers.

Synod 2023: Pope Francis is gathering the entire Church, wanting every single person to be listened to. He desires more discernment, 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.

"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.

Parish office will be closed from Tuesday 22nd February to Monday 7th March.

Mass Intention whilst office is closed: If you would like to book Mass intention for February or March then please contact the parish office latest by 15th February. After that, you can approach Brigid after Sunday Mass.

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.

Offertory envelope and GIFT AID: As we near the approach to the end of this financial year, please can you inform the office if you still require offertory envelopes for the coming financial year 2022/23. If you wish to join our gift aid scheme and set up a regular donation please let the Parish office know and the relevant form will be emailed to you.

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