

Confirmation - Anchoring you in the Holy Spirit: What is the sacrament of confirmation? What does God do through it? What does it mean to be confirmed? Join our 6 sessions course to discover the sacrament of confirmation and to reflect on our life and friendship with the Holy Spirit. The course will be led by the Dominican Sisters and will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, starting on the 28th April. You can register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8999999999>

Offertory Collection 20th Feb 2022

Envelopes £ 30.00
 Loose Cash £ 309.72
 Standing Orders £ 684.85
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 27th Feb 2022

Loose Cash £ 367.49
 Standing Orders £ 669.23
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 6th Mar 2022

Envelopes £ 15.00
 Loose Cash £ 409.74
 Standing Orders £ 669.23
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

2nd collection: CAFOD Lent Day – Small acts of love can make big things happen.

Donating to CAFOD, this Lent will enable local experts across the world to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent. CAFOD has launched an online appeal as well. [Ukraine crisis: How you can help | CAFOD](#)

In light of the situation in Ukraine, CAFOD has – in partnership with its sister Caritas agencies in Ukraine, Poland and Moldova – committed £100,000 on behalf of the Catholic community in England and Wales. Those in our parishes who would like to contribute to this appeal can use the CAFOD Lent Appeal envelopes already distributed: if they intend their donations specifically to benefit those in need in Ukraine, **please mark the donations envelopes “For Ukraine”**.

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.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

2nd Sunday of Lent	Year C	13th March 2022
Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.		

Transformation in the desert

As we remain in the desert called Lent (fasting and almsgiving, examination of conscience and confession, inner prayer and more silence, spiritual books, and other Lenten discipline), we get to know God more closely. In Lent, we also learn more about our weaknesses and fears, wounds and hidden faults and motives.

It may be a painful challenge to lay open our body to drag out of ourselves all our sins, bad habits and tendencies, with the intention to pin them to the Cross of Christ and to kill them all. However, apart from sacrifices out of our generosity, also in this context we are encouraged by St Paul: I appeal to you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1).

At the same time, we must never forget that Christ, by rejecting the evil One and renouncing all temptations, and by accepting the Cross, extinguished in his body hostility, which blocked our hearts and separated us from each other. It means that in Christ there are no obstacles for generosity of charity towards one another. We are free to love like Christ has loved us. If we, then accept Christ in our life, we allow Him to dwell in us and have companionship with him, also at the point when we openly uncover to Him the state of our soul and let him crucify in us our habits and tendencies: tendencies to pride and to seek power, to impurity and passions that feed our ego. He, indeed comes to our aid: I will melt you down and skim off your slag. I will remove all your impurities (Isaiah 1:25).

Importantly, we should never forget that we are created in the image and likeness of God to do noble deeds, that we are immersed in the Loving Presence of God. Otherwise, the temptation to escape the desert and come back to our old negative and obsessive thoughts, bad habits and practices would be irresistible. Without more consistent prayer, particularly inner prayer, we will not survive long.

As God promised to transform us, if we cooperate with him, He will work on us and sculpt out of our poor souls a new creation. He will keep us in perfect peace if our mind is bent on Him, because we trust in Him.

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

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 13th Mar 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Christine Quan RIP rec. dec Rosary Pedro Dias RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Parishioners Intention
Mon 14th Mar	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Marie Harding
Tues 15th Mar	8.00am	Intention available
Wed 16th Mar	6.30am 4.00pm	Christine Wright's health Rosary
Thur 17th Mar- St Patrick	No Mass	Christine Wright's health
Friday 18th Mar	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm Mass Intention	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass Jurko Janusz RIP
Sat 19th Mar St Joseph	9.00am	Paul Thaliath RIP
Sun 20th Mar 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Methsiri Fernando RIP Rosary Intention available Parishioners Intention

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

Confirmation group meeting on 13th Mar at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room".

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

Message from our Safeguarding officer: Visitors to the Parish are reminded that photography/video recording is not permitted at any time during mass services unless authorised by the Parish. Photography of children and young people is prohibited.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

13th Mar: Chris Dickie (1996); **14th Mar:** William Miller (1986); and Doreen Warrick (2000);
15th Mar: Bridie Cummins (2015); **16th Mar:** Sister Christine (1979); Derek Higgs (1992);
17th Mar: Percy Chamberlain (1976); Edward Brookes (1992); Eileen Cafferty (2012);
18th Mar: George (Jurko) Janusz (2012); **19th Mar:** Owen Kilbane (1999);
20th Mar: Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011); Lucy Collaco (2020)

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.

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". Tuesday 15th March. 7.30 pm start in our church. (4th session). 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.

Stations of the Cross - every Friday in Lent at 6.30 pm. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

Change in Mass times on Friday due to Lent: Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass.

St Joseph's Feast 19th March : Holy Mass at 9.00am.

Saturday 19th March – Youth Day of Formation – all youth from all Reading parishes welcomed. Please register your interest with Harish via e mail: hariszek@icloud.com

Saturday 2nd April– Youth Day Out/Activity – Any children aged 11-16 welcomed.– Please register with Harish via e mail: hariszek@icloud.com

Friday 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord solemnity. Stations of the cross at the earlier time of 6.00pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm .

Saturday 26th March: 11.00am - 12 noon. Lenten Confession at Our Lady of Peace.

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 via standing order or Direct Debit, please let the Parish office know and the relevant form will be emailed to you.

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.

Pastoral News:

ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

Saturday, 26TH MARCH AT 1 pm. Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. . *If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive, instead park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly.*

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18th – 22nd July 2022.

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 2022: Departing from Gatwick half board £630 single room supplement if required. Organised by Marian Pilgrimages: www.marian-uk.com. Please contact Heather Hauschild on 07810310316 or hauschild287@btinternet.com for a booking form and further details.

New Courses on offer from Diocesan

Formation for Mission Team:

Baptism - Anchoring you in New Life

Join the 6 sessions course open to all adults, to discover the meaning and rite of our baptism, This is a course for everyone who wishes to understand the meaning of Christianity and their own baptism. The course will be led by the Dominican Sisters and will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, starting on the 26th April. You can register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8444444444>