

office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at home.

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

Offertory Collection 13h Mar 2022

Envelopes £ 15.00
Loose Cash £ 803.04
Standing Orders £ 669.23

Thank you all for your kind donations.

2nd collection: CAFOD Lent Day – 403.20

Next 2nd Collection on 27th March is for "Clergy Assistance Fund"

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.

Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La Solitude. For further details, email at lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

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 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/8461292000>

Confirmation - Anchoring you in the Holy Spirit:

starts on Thursday evenings from 28th April 7.00 to 8.30 pm for 6 weeks. What is the sacrament of confirmation? What does God do through it? What does it mean to be confirmed? Join us to discover the sacrament of confirmation and to reflect on our life and friendship with the Holy Spirit. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8461292000>

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year C

20th March 2022

Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Come to God when the offer is on.

Each one of us is a tree that God is about to desert, but He gives us one more chance. Today, the Lord is begging the Father for us. Let us see His determination and fight for our souls, individually. Christ believes in our conversion. He trusts in us, hence He cries out for each one of us: 'Leave the fig tree one more year'. God is to dig round our souls and fertilise them: by healing them from wounds of lacking faith in His love, by calling us to conversion, by explaining everything about the meaning of life, by coming to our souls in sacraments and in the poor, by dwelling in us and speaking through the Gospel, through others, in daily events, in suffering.

In Christ's begging, we find the exact range of God's Mercy. God's Mercy, although it is infinite, for each one of us has its measure. God, who gives us generous opportunities, does not give us infinite opportunities. If during this year nothing happens to us, if we do not produce any fruit of conversion, God will execute his decision of cutting down the tree. Remember, if we reject our chance of conversion, if we choose to live a sinful life, God may leave us within the range of our decisions. As it will be our choice, God's grace may abandon us.

Actually, we need to face a fear of the possibility of being cut off, a fear of hell. This fear keeps us safe against illusory life. It is also a good medicine for our souls. It motivates us not to enter into sinful areas, and as we know some of them have sweet notions of attraction. Unfortunately, many think they have outgrown the reality of damnation. For that reason they end up into a trap of satanic pride and they are lead astray.

Hence, now, during this Lent, there is the favourable time for us. Come to God when the offer is on! Now is the day of salvation! Do not think you have time as tomorrow may never happen. If you think you have no ability, then make a change to : choose the primacy of God in your life and have good confession, cut off your attachments to sins; cross out in you the tendencies of self-seeking, etc. This will build your confidence and later your ability to change will increase too.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 20th Mar 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Methsiri Fernando RIP Rosary Kay Krauze Lucy Collaco RIP 2nd anniversary
Mon 21st Mar	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm in Latin	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Parishioners Intention
Tues 22nd Mar	8.00am	Intention available
Wed 23rd Mar	6.30am 4.00pm	Anthony Thyveetil RIP Rosary
Thur 24th Mar-	No Mass	
Friday 25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord	11.00am 6.30pm Mass Intention	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass Tess Heenan RIP rec. dec
Sat 26th Mar	11.00am-12 noon	Lenten Confession
Sun 27th Mar 2022 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Holy Souls Rosary Cham family Deborah Alexander thanksgiving

First Holy Communion catechism session every Saturday at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room. Please keep our FHC children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 24th April 2022.

Confirmation group meeting on 26th 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

20th Mar: Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011); Lucy Collaco (2020);
22nd Mar: Mary Molony (1981); & Richard Martin (2003); **23rd Mar:** John Austen Fardy (2006);
24th Mar: Joyce Hart (1990); Jorge Hortal (1999); Ray Dils (2002);
25th Mar: Irene Hickson (1994); **27th Mar:** Margaret Berriman (2021)

Please pray for members of the parish and their families who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your prayers Kay Krauze, who is seriously ill and we pray for Ben and the Krauze family that God gives them strength to cope during this difficult period.

We also continue to pray for David Roper, 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.

Help Ukraine

Local Help: There are 19 refugees from Ukraine arriving in Reading next week. This has been organised by the Reading Ukraine Centre and through official channels. English Martyrs have been helping the Reading Ukraine Centre with storage of all of the donations that they have been receiving and have asked if we can help in any other way.: They are looking for help with hosting these families which are mainly mums and their children and are in groups of 2 or 3. We pray for their safe journey to Reading as they are currently travelling and on their way. If anyone can help with the hosting or can provide any practical support please contact Roz on 07876 596758. / roz.doctor@gmail.com.

Reading Ukraine Centre: Please see poster in Advent room and noticeboard for more details on how to donate.

Help in Poland for Ukraine families: A lot of parishioners have asked how they can support the refugees in Poland. Father Stan has looked into it and found the 3 Heart foundation (www.przemyslwmari.pl) who are helping in the Przemysl Station where most of the refugees are arriving. See Poster in Advent room for more details.

Holy week

Sunday 10th April Palm (Passion) Sunday - 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass.

Mon 11th April: 6.30pm Mass

Tues 12th April Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral (No Mass at church)

Wed 13th April (No Mass at church)

Thurs 14th April Maundy Thursday

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

***8.00pm** Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

Friday 15th April Good Friday

(Day of fasting & abstinence)

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

11.00am Children's Good Friday service

***3.00pm** Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 16th Apr Easter Saturday

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum.

After Tenebrarum, blessing of food.

***9.00pm** Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th Apr - Easter Sunday.

8.30am, 11.00am Mass.

** We are hoping to live stream the Mass via YouTube (olop earley). Please let us know if you would like this option.*

Sunday 24th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

2.30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Parish News

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". Tuesday 15th March. 7.30 pm start in our church. (5th 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.

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

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

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

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

Change in Parish Diary: Due to Lent, we will not be having overnight adoration on 25th Mar, the last Friday of the month & also Divine Mercy Holy hour will not be on Sunday 10th April the 2nd Sunday of the Month but on Sunday 24th April which is Divine Mercy Sunday.

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