

**Liturgical Calendar & Mass Times**  
**18-25 February**

18th Sat 6.30pm Geraldine Costello Int  
 19th Sun 10.00am Mrs Walsh RIP  
 20th Mon No Mass  
 21st Tue 10.00am Edward Mc Cormack Int  
*St Peter Damian*  
 22nd Wed 10.00am Mass at School –  
**ASH WEDNESDAY** (all are welcome)  
*Day of Fasting & Abstinence*  
 7.30pm Mass in the Church  
 23rd Thur 10.00am Father Noel Britto RIP  
*St Polycarp*  
 24th Fri 10.00am Sean Farrell  
*Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Holy  
 Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood.*  
 25th Sat 6.30pm Patrick Devaney RIP  
 Rite of Election at Portsmouth Cathedral  
 26th Sun 10.00am Victoria Apap RIP  
**Family Mass**  
 Session four of the 1st Communion from 3.30PM -  
 5PM.

**Adoration of the Most  
 Holy Sacrament is  
 every Thursday  
 from 10.30 to  
 11.30am**



**Interested in becoming a  
 Catholic?**

A series of meetings and talks  
 take place in the Parish of St  
 John Bosco for those  
 interested in becoming a  
 member of the Catholic  
 Church. If you would like to  
 know more, please fill in the  
 form and return it to Father  
 Pat

I am interested in knowing  
 more about becoming a  
 Catholic.

Name  
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 Telephone  
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**Christ The King Roman Catholic Church**

**Parish Priest : Fr Patrick Madden**  
 Parish Secretary: Nelly Langer  
 Office is open: Tue & Thur 10.30am –12.30pm  
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Christ The King Parish School  
 Headteacher: Mr John Cosgrove  
 Lulworth Rd, RG2 8LX 0118 901 5434

**Confessions** will be available at Christ The King Church from  
 10.00 – 10.30am on Saturday morning and 5.30 – 6.15pm on Saturday evening or can be  
 arranged by appointment with Father Pat.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please speak to Father Pat if you are going to hospital and would like  
 to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.

**Baptisms:** Please speak to Father Pat to arrange the date of your child's Baptism. Parents  
 who request this Sacrament are asked to take part in a course of preparation.

**Weddings:** Please speak to Father Pat to discuss arrangements. Couples who request this  
 Sacrament are asked to take part in a course or preparation.

**Tuesdays: Teas and coffees after Mass – all are welcome.**  
**Emergency contacts Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469, Fr. Chris Whelan 0118 969 3423.**

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**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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**First Reading: Isaiah 43: 18-19. 21-22. 254-25**  
**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22**  
**Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12**

**BEFORE MASS**  
**SPEAK TO GOD**

**DURING MASS**  
**LISTEN TO**  
**GOD**

**AFTER MASS**  
**SPEAK TO**  
**YOUR FRIENDS**

**Pastoral Area of Loddon Valley**  
**Part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**

## Reflection

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent, we are reminded about our duty to forgive. The Lord says: 'I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything and not remember your sins'. Our redemption through forgiveness of our sins comes from God; we didn't deserve it or earned it, it is only His work, His compassion and His love, which saves us from eternal death. We need to do is to accept it and have faith in Him, cooperate with Him.

We, as His image, must be 'like Him': we must blot out all the sins of those 'who trespassed against us' too! Jesus said: 'the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'. We are marked with His seal, we carry His Spirit in our hearts, so we participate in His redemptive work today, in His forgiving others, in His plan to save humankind. Let it be our sacrifice, especially now when we start our Lent Season.

### Vocations in the Diocese of Portsmouth *Prayer for Openness to God's Call* (Pope John Paul II)

*Lord Jesus, once You called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to Your voice. Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors. Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation. Amen.*

If you are a visitor or just moved into the Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Pat . Also if you are not a Catholic or unable to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward at Communion time for a blessing.

### **'INTERFAITH DIALOGUE - THE WORK OF THE CHURCH:**

Monday, 5th March at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Church Hall Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB. Archbishop Kevin McDonald will speak on the importance of dialogue between the religions. Katharina Muller, Advisor to the Bishops, will speak on practical experiences of Interfaith in other dioceses. A growing number of different faith communities are now worshipping in this town. An event not to be missed. All are welcome.'

### **Last week donations:**

**Loose: £164.50; Envelopes:  
£319.91**

**Direct Debit: £179.00**

**Today there is Cabrini Society  
Second Collection**

### **Parish bank details are:**

**A/c 0885550, Sort Code: 30-93-04  
A/c Name: PRCDTR Reading, CTK**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Marion O'Neill, Helena Fernandez, Les & Elsie Leng, Mabel Norris, Joyce and Michael Corrigan, John O'Neill and Joseph O'Neill, Thomas Madden, Eddie McCormack, Kevin Hood, Ann-Marie Cotter and Karl Mulnier.

## **PARISH INFORMATION:**

We welcome to our community Chloe Madelaine Villoldo. Father Patrick Baptised Chloe in our church last Saturday. Congratulations to her parents: Chola and Luis!

Next weekend we will welcome a speaker at the Masses from Cafod who will talk about the importance of the family Fast day on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

From the 1st weekend in Lent our newsletter will be changing, and we will be having a Loddon Valley Parish newsletter each weekend. The new newsletter will cover all 3 churches in our Pastoral Area Parish.

Thanks to all those parishioners who attended the two sessions of training for extraordinary ministers and readers. Fr. Pat and Sr. Vicky are organising a day of prayer and reflection at Douai Abbey on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. This will be for all ministers of Communion and readers. Commissioning for all existing and new extraordinary ministers and readers will take place at all the weekend Masses on the 24/25<sup>th</sup> of March. Please make every effort to attend.

Irish Night in Christ The King parish hall on Saturday, 17<sup>TH</sup> of March. A blend of Irish, Country, 60's and 70's music and a display of Irish dancing. Tickets are £3.00 or £10.00 for a family of four. Tickets will be available after the weekend Masses.

Please do not use the bathroom toilet in the Sacristy. The toilets in the hall are opened during the weekend Masses. Please see one of the welcomers if you are unsure where these are located.

## **Other Information**

Catholic Social Teaching: Lenten Study Group: A new Study Group on Catholic Social Teaching will meet at St John Bosco Church Centre for six consecutive Tuesday evenings in Lent. The sessions will explore how we can formulate our views and actions over issues such as poverty and wealth distribution, trust in public figures, the damage to the environment and the morality of the market. The key reference document will be "The Common Good", originally issued by the Bishops Conference in 1996. The Study Group will meet between 7.30 and 8.30, with the first session taking place on 21 February. For more information please ring Rita on: 0118 969 6219.

CATHOLIC 20's and 30's Lenten Group: The Living Stones is a Catholic group of adults in their 20's and 30's that meet weekly for either prayer and reflection or socials. We aim to build community between the age group across Reading. We will be holding a Lenten group every Thursday, 7.30pm till 9pm at St James church from the 1st till 29th (1st,8th,15th,22nd and 29th). No need to book, just turn up. For more information please email [catholiclivingstones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catholiclivingstones@hotmail.co.uk) or join the facebook group [Living Stones Catholic Group Reading](#)

R.C.I.A at St. John Bosco parish Woodley this coming Thursday, 23rd of February at 7.30PM

From Our Lady and St Anne in Caversham: We will have a Friends of the Holy Land representative in our parish who is going to have a presentation here, in St Anne's Church on the 24 Feb. at 7.30pm-all welcome.