

Masses and Intentions  
Week 21 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 24<sup>h</sup> August 17.30 Baby Harrison Lavell RIP

Sunday 25<sup>h</sup> August 10:00 Frances Hodgson  
18:30 People of the parish

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 Private intention  
*Feast: Blessed Dominic Barberi*

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 09.15 Mary Wheeler RIP  
*Memorial: St Monica*

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 Requiem Mass—Philomena  
*Memorial: St Augustine* Jordan

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 09.15 Charlie Daly RIP  
*Memorial: Beheading of Saint John the Baptist*

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 12.30 Private intention  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 10.00 Private intention  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 17.30 Eric Swallow RIP

Sunday 1st September 10.00 Colehan family—thanksgiving  
18.30 People of the parish

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 24/25 August 2019

“Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.”

Luke 13, 30

## HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out a health and safety audit of the church and surrounding premises.

If you have noticed anything that you would like to draw to our attention, please email or ring the office by 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philomena Jordan who died recently.

Her requiem Mass will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.

## OUR LADY & ST ANNE'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

OLSA BSG will meet on the following dates: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September and Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Next month, Heritage Open Days will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A chance to look behind the scenes of some of the historical features in Caversham and Reading. Runs 13<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£136.77	Loose	£536.63
Standing Orders			£459.00

## POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

### Families, Schools of

### Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

## JOINING THE CLEAN TEAM

Each weekend the church is beautifully clean which is down to a small team of dedicated cleaners to whom we are very grateful. Would you like to make your own contribution by sparing an hour or two to help with hoovering, polishing etc. on either a **Monday or Wednesday morning from 10am onwards?** Not necessarily a weekly commitment, if there are enough people we could build up teams to spread the load. Knock on the sacristy door after Mass on Mon/Wed or ring the office for info. Families more than welcome .

## GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle  
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Luke):** The French cabaret singer Edith Piaf crooned *Je ne regrette rien*/There is nothing I regret and it is by these words that she is best remembered. The irony is that Edith had anything but a happy life, she had made many mistakes and it is precisely the sadness induced by memories of her past that added such touching pathos to her singing. Most of us, looking back, wonder how things would have turned out had we made different choices, had we not done certain things and had we responded to the prompting of our conscience and done what we felt we ought at the time but didn't. The list is long: the sick people we could have visited, the lonely people we could have spent some time with, the letters we did not write, the phone calls we did not make, the people we crossed off our Christmas card list. And yet what the scripture readings this weekend remind us of is that as long as we are alive there is the opportunity to open ourselves to the promptings of God's grace. The gospel urges us to be ever vigilant and alert to the graces of the present moment. While we may regret the mistakes of the past, the missed opportunities and the wrong moves we have made, the time for conversion is now, the Spirit is still knocking at the door of our hearts, the opportunities are there - we must just recognise them and act upon the promptings of grace.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 66, 18 - 21:** The exile in Babylon is passed. The time has come for a return to Jerusalem and the opportunity has dawned for a new beginning. Many of the people have been dispersed in foreign countries, they have let themselves be seduced by the worship of false deities. And yet the creation of a new society, just like the re-construction of the Temple, is no easy task. The Hebrews who have returned to the land of Israel lose heart, the task of creating a new society daunts them. And yet the prophet presents them with a vision which extends well beyond the hopes of the Jewish people alone. The glory of God will be revealed to all peoples from the new Jerusalem, people will be drawn to it from the farthest islands. We are all included in the invitation to be embraced in the new Jerusalem by the all-encompassing glory of God.

**Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 12, 5 - 7. 11 - 13:** The author outlines a philosophy of punishment, including corporal punishment, that is disagreeable to the contemporary ear. We hear debates about the death penalty, longer and stricter prison sentences, and corporal punishment: all seem to belong to a dark past. The issue here is the way in which God trains, instructs and guides each one of us. Like an athletics coach, his instructions involve pain. But the point the author wishes to highlight is that without being stretched, without suffering, we cannot grow.

**Gospel: Luke 13, 22 - 30:** The question of who and how many will be saved, first articulated here by the anonymous question directed to Jesus, has dominated the history of Christianity. There have been liberal, generous views: everyone will be saved. Yet Calvinism (in the Protestant world) and Jansenism (in the Catholic world) provided a grimmer answer. Let us pay attention to what Jesus says today.

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