

Spiritual Events

Tuesday 11 February, 12 midday:

Blessing of building, students and staff for new semester

Friday 28 February - Sunday 2 March: Retreat

Residential visit to local Benedictine Abbey with students from other nearby universities. Cost: £78 tbc.

Booking essential: chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

Wednesday 5 March, 1-2pm:

Ash Wednesday service

*Ecumenical service led by Fr Stan and Mark
Sorby Room, Wager Building*

Friday 7 and 21 March, 5-6pm:

Stations of the Cross

Guided prayer walk on campus led by Sr Margaret

Saturday 15 March, 10-6pm: Flame 2025

Catholic Youth event, Wembley Arena, contact Sr Margaret for more details

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Chaplaincy Activities Spring 2025

Chaplains look after people

The Chaplaincy Centre is behind the main Library.
Our kitchen, quiet room, library, common room and garden
are open Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm; Fridays 9am-7pm.

Social and Educational Events

8-Week Mindfulness Course

Wednesdays, 3-4pm: online (starting 5 February)

Booking essential: chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

Tuesday 4 March, 5-7pm: Pancake day

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and fairtrade toppings. Donations to Mary's meals

Scriptural Reasoning

Christian, Muslim, Jewish interfaith conversations

Friday 7 February, 3-4.30pm: Topic: Revelation

Friday 7 March, 3-4.30pm: Topic: Migration

Tuesday 11 March, 6-9pm: Interfaith Iftar

Meal and interfaith conversation

Booking essential: chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

Café Théologique Public Theology Talks

*at Zerodegrees Bar, Bridge Street with food from 6pm,
also on Zoom: u.nu/cafetheo.*

**Wednesday 19 March, 7.30-9pm: Interview with new
Bishop of Reading, Mary Gregory**

Weekly What's On

Mondays

1-2pm Soup Lunch

Community meal with £2.50 charity donation

1-2pm Staff & Postgrad Bible Study

Also on Zoom: u.nu/chaplaincyx

5-5.30pm Evening Prayer

20 mins of candle-lit stillness

6pm Adoration and Confession

at Our Lady of Peace church, Three Tuns Crossroads

Tuesdays

12pm Praying the Rosary

Catholic devotions followed by free cooked lunch

1-2pm Tuesday Table Talk

For international students to practise their English

Contact: rachel.hubbard@friendsinternational.uk

2-3pm Know your Faith

Discussion with Sr Margaret

3pm Divine Mercy Prayers / Choir practice

4pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Wednesdays

1-2pm Theology and Doughnuts

Informal student study group exploring theology.

No faith required, with free lunch.

Wednesdays (continued)

(6-8pm Catholic Society Activities)

(7-9pm Mandarin and Cantonese Fellowships)

Thursdays

10.30am-12pm Newcomers Group (Chaplaincy guests)

Friendship group for families of International & UK students/staff. Children welcome. Open to all.

Contact: w.newcomers-group@reading.ac.uk

1pm Anglican Communion

30 mins, followed by lunch

Fridays

10.30 & 11.30 French Bread Making

Hour-slot to learn to make bread. Cost: £2

(On 21st Feb & 14th Mar learn to make Challah)

Email to book: chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

5-7pm Tea & Cake and Evening Prayer

Socialising followed by 20 min candle-lit night prayer

(On 21st Feb & 14th Mar Shabbat prayers)

Sundays

11am Catholic Mass

at Our Lady of Peace church, Three Tuns Crossroads