

Pastoral Area

Catholic? Going to university this year?

Most universities and higher education institutions have a Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

Please see the Catholics at University web-site at: catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

Flame Catholic Youth Event: 2nd March 2019

at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 - 5.30pm.
For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+)
Tickets £20 pp. Free coach from Reading.
Parents meeting in Feb. Please let the Parish or the Youth team know if you are interested..
Closing date 30.09.18. More information www.cymfed.org.uk/flame

Saturday 6th October 10am-4pm: The Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution. A celebration of family life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. Please save the date..

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: Fr JP Lyttle

Mobile: 07391 896559, RBH: 0118 3227105
Sunday Mass 4.00pm

Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION 1 year course at Douai Abbey beginning on Tue 25th Sept at 10.30am-4pm. The aim of the course is to support those who are willing to journey in faith with others and help them to a deeper level of faith. For further information please see the website: www.soulfriend.org.uk or email Susan Shepp at susan.sheppy@btinternet.com

Portsmouth Diocese e news:

Don't forget you can keep in touch with what's going on in and around the diocese via e-News: [.http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/).

Offertory Collection 22nd July 2018

Envelopes	£ 105.00
Loose Cash	£ 438.46
Standing Orders	£ 716.08
Total	£ 1,259.54

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 29th July 2018

Envelopes	£ 59.50
Loose Cash	£ 768.11
Standing Orders	£ 716.08
Total	£ 1,543.69

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Sunday 5th August 2018

There will be an additional collection at all masses for Fr Michal's studies.

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am

St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm

St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm
Mgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
Fr. Raffaele Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale	0118 969 3423
Cn. John O'Shea	0118 957 4171
Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149

Fr. Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	0118 966 5284

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri 8pm in HALL

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm

18th Sunday of Ordinary time

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5th August 2018

“New self”, thus a pinch of psychology and philosophy

Today in the second reading from the letter of Saint Paul to Ephesians we can read: “You must have your old self, which gets corrupted (...) so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way”. In the common sense the person “full of himself” is an image of mediocrity, of selfishness, while the truly mature, sage person is humble and ready to endure sacrifice. Either in the case of our faith, the central moral theme is to renounce oneself (“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me”). Thus the self would seem to be something that is better to lose than to find. For what? For what reason should we deny ourselves? It seems that for something that exceeds the ordinary self, for something that actually resembles more to a non-self than to a self. What is this? How should we understand this paradox?

In other words we can call “self” as “self-consciousness”. In practice, when I am aware of the glass that “is” in front of me, the “me” indicates that I am simultaneously and necessarily also “conscious-of-being-conscious” of the glass. It means that I am conscious also of my conscious “me” (“Here I am and I am looking at the glass”). And because of that being conscious, is formed in me the image of my “ego/I”. I am self-objectifying myself and knowing myself as my own “self”. But the “self” is not “who I am”, but at most “what I was”. The self is the trace of the action, of the “passage” of me. Like the trail of smoke in the sky is the trace of the passage of the plane, but it is not the plane!

Therefore now the paradox of self can be revealed. The “ego/I” is not the self, nor the “me/myself”. The “I/ego” is the whole person (the subject), but the “self” is the continuous and always necessarily partial image of my ego/I. That's why Paul talks about leaving the old self. In order not to block the development of the person, not to block my continuous self-transcendence, my continuous crossing my own limits or continuous crossing my own selfishness. And this full development, full dynamism of psychic life, full crossing own selfishness we can find in... Jesus! And it is the spiritual revolution – new self that has been created in God's way.

Fr Michal

Psalm Response:
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 5th Aug 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Noronha family thanksgiving Anne Napolitano RIP Baptism Sophieanna-Rose O'Donnell Caroline Mongan
Mon 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tues 7th August St Sixtus 11	10.00am	Intention available
Wed 8th August St Dominic	10.00am	Intention available
Thurs 9th Aug St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	No Mass	
Fri 10th Aug St Laurence	7.30pm	Wilson family
Sat 11th Aug St Clare	No Mass	
Sun 12th Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Intention available John Bosco Noronha & family Baptism Mia-Grace Divine Mercy Holy Hour Terence Kelly RIP

No Children's liturgy during Summer Holiday.

Anniversaries
Please keep in your prayers

Ruth Dady (1975); Gerry Stander Batt (1975); Sarah Doyle (1982); Mary Silvester (1993); Kathleen Kulan (2001); Happiness Saliru (2004); Edward Ralph (2010);

Sunday 5th Aug

We welcome Fr Stan back and hope that he had a restful break. This will be Fr Michal's last Sunday with us and we would like to thank him for being with us and serving our community.

After 9am Mass: The Noronha family would like to invite everyone to the social club after 9am Mass to bid John Bosco farewell. As a parish we support John in his desire and pray for right discernment as he enters the noviciate of the Society of Jesus (known as Jesuits).

After 11am Mass
Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

Parish News

Sunday 12th Aug at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Every one welcome. Divine Mercy service will be held at our church every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Friday Mass / Adoration: In the month of July & August, each Friday, we will have regular Mass at 7.30pm. Please spread the word around. There will be no Friday Adoration from 6th July to 31st August. Normal Adoration will start from 7th September.

Confirmation is offered for all young baptised Catholics who are in school Year 8 or above in September 2018. If interested, please drop the Confirmation Form, Consent Form (available in Advent room or the parish website) and a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Office. **Last date for registration is 15th August 2018.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation
20 min before Sunday & Weekday Mass . On Friday and Holy Day of Obligation 6.00pm—7.15pm or by private appointment with Fr. Stan.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Or simply want to find out more about the Catholic faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions start in September. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass, or Parish office.

Privacy policy is available at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

Mass Intentions:
There are Mass intentions available over the coming weeks. Please book them for your deceased relatives and also for any intentions that you may have. Thank you.

Important dates in September

Sunday 2nd September : The Bishop's visit to our Parish. He would like to meet the whole Parish so please keep the date free.

Saturday 22nd September Children and parents pilgrimage to Littlemore (especially 1st Holy Communion and Altar Servers welcome). Please book your name. in the Parish office. It is great start to the new school year. Depending on the number, we will organise transport.

Resources

August edition of My Day by Day £1 per copy.
Shorter Morning Prayer £9 per copy.
Please leave money in the box next to the books.

Radioimaculate—
24 hour on-line Catholic Radio Tune in using App or www.radioimaculata.org.