

Synod Preparatory Document :The Vatican has published the Preparatory Document for the 2023 Synod. In the Diocese of Portsmouth, Bishop Philip will initiate the synodal process with a special Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 17th October. The document can be accessed on the diocese website.

40 Days for life Vigil from 22nd September - 31st October 2021: 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAUK). For more information, please contact Martin - 07436018688. Email: 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com

6th November 2021 - Faith and Politics. An online symposium with Bishop Philip Egan & key speakers. For more information and to book tickets, please visit the following link.: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-andreligion-a-symposium-tickets-173534876487?aff=ebdssbeac>

Community Support

Woodley food bank: Items can be left in Advent room and we will take them to the food bank. Latest list request is for Fruit Juice (non fresh), Long life Milk, Bathroom items, Cooking oil, Tinned meals, Coffee, Sugar Tinned / packet soups, Biscuits.

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank): are experiencing increased demand with the arrival

of greater numbers of refugees in Reading and would appreciate donations. More Information can be found on their website <https://readifood.org.uk>.

CIRDIC: Items for packed lunches are needed to feed the homeless. Please take them directly to CIRDIC (St Saviours Church Hall, 1, Berkeley Ave, Reading RG1 6JT) from 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. Please contact Mabel at enquiries@cirdic.org.uk or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

Resources

Day by Day: October edition in Advent Room. £1.00/ book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

Offertory Collection 26th Sept 2021

Main Envelopes	£
Loose Cash	£ 561.88
Standing Orders	£ 695.46

Thank you all for your kind donations

Second Collection:

3rd October: CAFOD Fast day: Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room or online on their website: CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B 3rd October 2021

Psalm Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

In the Rosary, we contemplate the face of Jesus with Mary

Saint Francis de Sales teaches us that “the greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” Indeed, the Rosary is the remedy for all our spiritual difficulties, a remedy for all our moral struggles, a remedy for our evils and predominant faults. The Rosary is also the root of all our blessings. “Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Marys which purifies the monotony of your sins!” (St. Josemaria Escriva)

“Rosary” means the garden of roses where we, together with Our Mother, walk safely and happily, while reflecting on the life of the Lord. With her, we contemplate the face of Jesus. Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: “By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord”.

Praying the Rosary, we say many times 'Hail Mary, full of grace' together with Archangel Gabriel and with an angel we admire her answer to God. This reflection elevates our minds to Paradise. When we think of Her 'Yes' we are already in the sweet presence of the Lord as if we are in the garden of roses.

Praying the Rosary we learn from Mary's gaze, ever filled with adoration and wonder, how to love Jesus. We learn that with her we also would never leave him. In the recitation of each decade, we enter into contact with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary. It was in her womb that Christ was formed, receiving from her a human resemblance, which points to an even greater spiritual closeness. Contemplating the scenes of the Rosary in union with Mary is a means of learning from her to “read” Christ, to discover his secrets and to understand his message.

“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!” (St. Padre Pio)

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	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid until the 1st week of Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 3rd October 27th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Donal Gilboy RIP rec. dec Rosary John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Eva Nora's Intention
Mon 4th October St Francis of Assisi	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 7.00pm 7.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration & Confession Rosary in Latin Jamie Powell
Tues 5th October St Faustina Kowalska	10.00am	Thanksgiving Thyveetil family
Wed 6th October St Bruno	10.00am 4.00pm	Healing for Genevieve Mgang Rosary
Thur 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	No Mass	
Fri 8th October	10.00am 12.00 noon -7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	✠Requiem Mass Barbara Boyce Adoration Rosary Intention available
Sat 9th October St John Henry Newman	No Mass	
Sun 10th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Con & Emily Harvey RIP Foundation Mass Rosary Intention available Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available

October: Month of Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful." (Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, Source: Catholic.net) .

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

3rd Oct: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);
4th Oct: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);
6th Oct: Jeanette Barron (1983); 8th Oct: Albert Twiney (2013);
10th Oct: Philomena Butler (1988); Emily George (1996); Caroline Hobbs (2004);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound.

COVID 19 update

Last Sunday, we were able to accommodate 100 people for 11.00am Mass having kept alternate pews empty. With this in mind, Father Stan has decided to remove the need to book for Mass.

We will continue to leave alternate pews empty to maintain distance and the other pews will return to pre-covid conditions with the option for members of the congregation to place a card by their side requesting that some space be left next to them. Cards bearing the words: 'Please leave a space' are available by the pews. All other Covid measures of face covering, hand sanitisation will remain as before.

This week

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be carried out during all Sunday Masses on 3rd & 10th October.

Tea & Coffee is back after 8.30am & 11.00am Mass. Please join us for refreshments and a chance to catch up after Mass.

Sunday Rosary: Now that our 8.00am Rosary before 8.30am Mass is well established, we have started another Rosary at 10.30 am in the church. If it is successful we will continue saying the Rosary before the 11.00am Mass throughout the year.

Sunday 10th October: 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm. We will gather intentions specifically focused on begging for Mercy. Intentions are collected on Sundays in an extra box called: "DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION".

Parish News:

Altar renovation: There has been a delay in shipment so project is behind schedule. We will continue celebrating Mass with the temporary Altar. We thank you for your patience whilst the work is being done.

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 office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Communion at home. We are hoping to start making appointments for Fr Stan to make home visits from October .

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.00pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Helping those most vulnerable in our Parish. If you know of anyone, or are yourself lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

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

SOCIAL CLUB is now open, see the website olopsocialclub.co.uk or posters in the complex for details.

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

Saturday 23rd October: 2021 is a very important year for Fr Stan. He celebrated his Silver anniversary of priesthood in May and will be turning 50 in October!!!. We are planning a party for him and would like to invite you on Saturday 23rd October at 11.00am for Holy Mass followed by refreshments at our Parish Hall. If you are able to help in any manner then please get in touch with the Parish office or Zuzanne after Sunday Mass.

Consecration of the Church by Bishop Philip on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm. Please keep our church in your prayers.

Pastoral News:

Diocesan Survey - A Thousand Voices: The views, hopes and fears of the lay faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. The analysis of the survey can be found at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/survey>.