

Community Support

Supporting Ukraine: For up-to-date information on how people can support the crisis in the Ukraine, visit the Caritas Website [Caritas Portsmouth](http://CaritasPortsmouth)

Reading Ukraine Centre: Please see poster in Advent room and noticeboard for more details on how to donate.

Woodley food bank :List of items needed are:- Toilet paper, Kitchen rolls, Cooking oil, Tinned meats, Tea bags, Sugar, Coffee, Puddings. (sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. "NO PASTA/RICE"as they have enough. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Pastoral News:

Monday 11th April at 7.30pm. Spirituality for health care workers. How do my religious beliefs influence my everyday work: Fr Joe McNerney would like to invite all health care workers to put this event in their diaries as they have a wonderful opportunity to hear Fr James McTavish, Verbum Dei Missionary priest and former doctor and surgeon. The event is organised by the Catholic Medical Association at the Discovery Centre, St John's Cathedral Portsmouth.

Amazon Smile: There are all sorts of ways in which you can support the life of our Diocese

financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese. The full name of the charity to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

Offertory Collection 3rd April 2022

Envelopes	£ 65.00
Loose Cash	£ 532.38
Contactless payment	£ 90.00
Standing Orders	£ 686.24

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next Special Collection

Good Friday Collection is for Holy places: The Good Friday Collection is the main source of funds for the maintenance of Christian life around these Sacred Sites. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate via our contactless payment in the Advent room or here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-collection>.

Easter offerings The collections at all the Easter Masses are for Fr Stan. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest's yearly income. Please either use our contactless payment or use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you.

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	Msrgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Parish office opening hours this week Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11.00am-2.00pm.

Passion Sunday

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10th April 2022

Psalm Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ?

We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship



We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship to welcome Christ, the Emperor of Life and the High Priest. Amazingly, as the Priest and Victim, the Holy Host, he is preparing himself for sacrifice. He is the Lamb of God, who was slaughtered instead of Isaac. He is the Lamb whose blood was sprinkled upon us, so that we are safe. He is the Lamb of God, who is given to us. He has asked us to take Him and eat His Precious Body.

We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship to welcome Christ. He enters Jerusalem, God's property, as the Warrior. As we will see during Holy Week and Holy Triduum, He gives no chance to spiritual forces. Jesus Christ came to wrest from hearts the core of sin, which has divided the soul from the body, life from eternity, man from God.

At the gates of Jerusalem, the time for imitating Christ reaches its threshold. 'You cannot come where I am going' (J. 13:33) says the Lord. Although we were invited to follow His footsteps; although we were taught how to rise from the table, gird our hips, kneel down and wash the feet of our neighbours, all our actions have now reached their limit. Our imitation of the Lord has its limit. This limit is the beginning of worship, and the beginning of working with Christ, in Christ and through Christ. This is where our nature submits itself to grace.

We raise our palm leaves with awe and worship. There are some things which only He can do, and doors which only He can enter. Let Him be our Redeemer. Let us adore, the Saviour of the world.
Fr Stan

**Visitors to the Parish are reminded that photography/video recording is not permitted at any time during mass services unless authorised by the Parish.
Photography of children and young people is prohibited.**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Emilian Amram thanksgiving 5th birthday Rosary Rajani Jayasekara RIP rec. dec Wilson family intention
Mon 11th April	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Peace in Ukraine
Tues 12th April	No Mass at church 11.00am	Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral
Wed 13th April	No Mass at church	
Thur 14th April- Maundy Thursday	10.00am *8.00pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration till midnight
Friday 15th April Good Friday (Day of fasting & abstinence)	10.00am 11.00am *3.00pm 6.30pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum Children's Good Friday service Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
Sat 16th April Holy Saturday	10.00am *9.00pm (Easter Vigil Mass)	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum and later Blessing of food. Parish family and friends
Sun 17th April 2022 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am No 5.00pm Mass	Rosary Parish family and friends Parish family and friends

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

Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in the church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.



Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

11th April: Carlton Alves (2002);
12th April: Frederick Harvey (1996); Robert Bosanko (2014); Clare Poulton (2016)
13th April: Muriel Wigley (1993); 14th April: Nan McDonagh (2017); 15th April: Theresa Doyle (2016);
16th April: Leonard Cracknell (1993); 17th April: Horace Tilley (1983); Margaret Eddleston (2004);

We also continue to pray for David Roper, Theresa Pashley & Caroline Hurst. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

Holy week

Sunday 10th April Palm (Passion) Sunday - (Our morning Masses will begin with a procession from the hall (or from Advent Room if it is raining).

Mon 11th April: 6.30pm Mass

Tues 12th April: Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral 11.00am (No Mass at church)

Wed 13th April (No Mass at church) 6.00pm - "Paul - Apostle of Christ" You are invited to come to church and watch this movie in preparation to the Holy Triduum.

Thurs 14th April Maundy Thursday

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

*8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

Friday 15th April Good Friday

(Day of fasting & abstinence)

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

11.00am Children's Good Friday service

*3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 16th Apr Holy Saturday

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum.

After Tenebraerum, blessing of food.

*9.00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th Apr - Easter Sunday.

8.30am, 11.00am Mass.

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RCIA candidates: Please keep in your prayers our 3 RCIA candidates: Kieran Maloney who will be received into the church and Ellen Kwofie & Martin Little -who will receive their sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Divine Mercy Novena: Divine Mercy Novena, starts on Good Friday and continues for 9 days, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena can be found on the following website: <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/divine-mercy-novena/#>.

Next two weeks

Sun 17th April : No 5pm Mass

Easter Week There will also be no weekday Mass or Adoration from Easter Monday 18th April—Saturday 23rd April. Friday adoration will start as normal from 29th April 2022.

Sunday 24 Apr - Divine Mercy Sunday: 2.30pm Divine Mercy Service - will be held in our Church, for approximately one hour.

First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th April 2022 at 11.00am. Please keep our FHC children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Parish News

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

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 Holy Communion at home.

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

Resources

Day by Day in the Advent Room £1.00/book:

Lent edition & Easter editions. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

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