

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:

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. Contact information: 020 7592 1856.'

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.

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
 St. John Bosco, Woodley Fr. Bill Wilson
 St. James Fr Chris Heaps
 English Martyrs, Tilehurst Cn. Michael Dennehy
 St. Joseph, Tilehurst Fr Peter Glas
 St. William of York Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Seth Phipps
 Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Msrgr. Patrick Daly

Offertory Collection 24th April 2022

Envelopes £ 1.00
 Loose Cash £366.26
 Contactless payment £255.00
 Standing Orders £ 669.23
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

This Sunday Special Collection: Holy Places

The Good Friday Collection is the main source of funds for the maintenance of Christian life around these Sacred Sites. Due to an oversight, we did not have the collection on Good Friday, so, we are collecting this Sunday for Holy Places. Please give generously. Donations can be given via loose plate or through our contactless machine.

Next Special Collection on 8th May is for

The Clergy Training Fund. This supports our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians>.

Emergency numbers for a Priest –
Please call your own priest first

0118 931 4469
 0118 969 3423
 0118 957 4171
 0118 957 2149
 0118 942 8632
 0118 966 5284
 0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C 1st May 2022

Psalm Response:
I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Calling to faith in the Resurrection of Christ

The faith in the Resurrection of Christ leads us to the deep experience of the unconditional love of God which transforms souls for ever. However, sometimes the declaration that Christ has risen does not speak to us. It is not our personal joyful event, and we worry a lot about many things. Sometimes, we live as if He was partly alive and partly in the grave. On the one hand, we do believe in His resurrection and on the other hand, we cannot see it in the context of our life. There are areas in our hearts, which are enlightened by His presence. There are, also areas in the same hearts, which are half darkened or even dead. Statistically, the part-time hearts, the part-time Christianity, is not an unusual reality. Half planted faith in the resurrection brings both much hope and many uncertainties at the same time.

The worst outcome of this ambiguous condition would be the abandonment of faith or obsession by sadness that we are not up to the standards of faith. Also, we would berate ourselves over not being full-time believers. On the contrary, it

is good to see where we really are in our life. It is good to see the truth. It is good to see that various kinds of tensions of faith call us to adhere to the Lord. We are people who are born from the calling of Christ and we are led by His calling all the time.

All the disciples were born into faith from the permanent calling to faith. It happened to Peter many times and we can observe different stages of his adherence to the Lord. The purification of Peter's heart from his illusions, from pride and from the lack of sensitivity of a sinner, including the great experience of acknowledgment of his nothingness without Christ, was then built into his heart. Peter understood that literally everything is given for free and the radiance of the resurrection shines forth in his heart. On that basis, Peter was able to become the rock on which Christ has built His Church. The faith in the Risen Christ led him into the deep personal experience of the unconditional love of God which transformed him forever.

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 1st May 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Greg & Monica 12th wedding anniversary Fernandes family intention Hayley, Abigail, Camilla & Ingrid
Mon 2nd May St Athanasius	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Kieran Maloney
Tues 3rd May Ss Philip & James	8.00am	McIntyre family intention
Wed 4th May The English Martyrs	8.00am 4.00pm	Thanksgiving Thyveetil family Rosary
Thur 5th May-	No Mass	
Friday 6th May	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Eliana Mills RIP
Sat 7th May	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Fr Vincent Flanagan RIP rec. dec.
Sun 8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Greg's birthday Rosary Denise Courtney RIP Lucila Olga Delcarpo RIP

Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. 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

1st May: Shirley Preston (2011);
3rd May: Margaret Horslett (1990); and Arthur Leonard (Len) Johncock (2012).
4th May: Marian Lewis (1985); Vi Greenway (2003);
5th May: Gerald Frost (1992); Frank McConnell (2017)
6th May: Herbert Pegg (2003); Maureen Reichelt (2013);
7th May: Danny Daniels (1981); Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998); Bernard Coffey (2012);
David Prior (2017); 8th May: Thomas Harbison (2006);

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.

Thank you from Father Stan: "Thank you so much for your generosity during Easter: for the collection, lovely Easter cards, and all your good wishes".

Parish News

Fr Vincent Patrick Flanagan R.I.P (1927-2022)

We are sad to inform that Fr. Vincent former Parish Priest of our church died on the morning of Wednesday 13th April 2022 at the Bridgecourt Care Home in Twyford. He was appointed priest in charge of our church (1972 - 1976) and then parish priest (1976 - 1983). He then became parish priest of St. Joseph's, Maidenhead (1983 - 1987) and parish priest of Christ the King, Reading (1987 - 1994). In 1994, he was appointed to St. Thomas More, Twyford (1994 - 2015). He retired to Kiln Green convent. Let us thank God for his witness and pray for his peaceful repose. The Holy Mass on Saturday 7th May is offered for the Repose of his soul at our church at 12 noon. His funeral date has not yet been set, however a Memory Giving page has been set up in favour of Cafod if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Fr Vincent. It can be accessed at memorygiving.com/fathervincentflanagan or via www.abwalker.co.uk

Confirmation Candidates: Please keep our six Confirmation candidates Jet Eros dela Cruz, Madalina Elena Savin, Kerstin Aurelia Da Costa, Nnenna Amelie Anatogu, Victor Nawrot & Ashlee Anthony in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 7th May at the Portsmouth Cathedral.

Saturday 7th May: 1st Saturday of the month at 10am-(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary & Confession followed by Holy Mass at 12 noon.

Sunday 15th May 2.30pm: Divine Mercy holy hour at our church. Everyone welcome.

Friday 13th May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Adoration in our church from 11.00am - 6.00pm. 6.00pm Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Parish Office: The Parish office will be closed on Thursday 12th May & Friday 13th May. Newsletter for Sunday 15th May will be emailed on Wednesday 11th May.

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 (Easter edition - Good Friday 15th April - 31st May) in the Advent Room £1.00/ book: Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

Viva Voce: Easter edition from the diocese available in the Advent Room.

The Universe Catholic Weekly have launched a new online newspaper with the full support from their first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or e mail: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or

Reading University Chaplaincy:

Want to deepen your prayer life or try a new way of praying? The University Chaplaincy is hosting Free Prayer Workshops on Zoom which are open to all.

Tuesday 3 May, 7.30pm: Ways of Praying
Wednesday 4 May, 8pm: Imaginative Contemplation

Thursday 5 May, 7.30pm: Exploring Images of God

No need to book, just join us via Zoom: <https://u.nu/chaplaincyx>

More information: chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

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)