

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)

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:

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass: Are you celebrating this year, 2022, a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years? If so, you are invited to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please send an email to lizmurphyatanniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. See poster in Advent Room for more detail.

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 1st May 2022

Envelopes	£ 25.00
Loose Cash	£ 328.91
Contactless payment	£ 75.00
Standing Orders	£ 669.23
Holy Places	£ 95.00

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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. The online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians>.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

4th Sunday of Easter

Year C

8th May 2022

Psalm Response:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Good shepherd amongst us

There are many religions but only one covenant God - Jesus Christ who entered into Heaven via the Cross. He, indeed accepted rejection and death and chose the most humble and in fact, the lowest place amongst us in order to bring us back to life, to restore in us the joy of life so that in confidence we profess that He is the New and Everlasting Covenant made between God and us. "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me...they listen to my voice..."

Behold the great love that the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. Our Lord desires our happiness. He says these words to the Father: *I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.*

We, as His disciples are called to imitate Him in our love and care of one another. We will be able to fulfil our vocation when we continue to listen to Him and are attentive and forgiving to one another: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends .

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.

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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 9th May	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm in Latin	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Tessie Carneiro RIP 1st anniversary
Tues 10th May St John of Avila	8.00am	Michael Cafferty RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 11th May	8.00am 4.00pm	Intention available Rosary
Thur 12th May-	No Mass	
Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Lucila Olga Delcarpio RIP
Sat 14th May St Matthias	No Mass	
Sun 15th May 2022 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary All involved in Parish life Rosary Mary Coakley RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available

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

8th May: Thomas Harbison (2006);
9th May: Louise Miles (1999); Mary Morris (2000); 10th May: Michael Cafferty (2010);
11th May: Abdul Jazrawi (1980); 12th May: Mary Vidgen (1980); Cyril Tilton (1981);
13th May: Eileen O'Brien-White (1980); Joan Judd (2012); Christina Field (2018);
14th May: Ivy Florence Allen (1998); Katy Mills (2002);
15th May: Nellie Sawyer (2000); Edward McAuliffe (1977); Vera Johnston (1995)

We 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.

Parish News

Fr Vincent Patrick Flanagan R.I.P (1927-2022) former Parish Priest of our church. Funeral date is on Monday May 16th at 10.30am at St. Thomas More Twyford.

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

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

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.

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

Start of Youth Group: We are really pleased to announce a new initiative to start our Parish Youth Group. 1st Meeting will be on Sunday 12th June after the 11.00am Mass. Please contact the Parish office if your child (11+) will be interested in joining the group.

Volunteers needed for Youth Group in our Parish: Would you like to volunteer to help out in our Parish? Looking for volunteers to help out with young children aged 11+. Everyone must undergo a DBS check before starting. Please contact Safeguarding Officer at safeguarding@olop.org.uk

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.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 31st May - Feast of the Visitation of the Bl Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at 6.30pm followed by procession. Please spread the word.

Sunday 12th June - Parish get together "International meal" - We are planning on having a Parish get together on Sunday 12th June after the 11.00am Mass. Please keep the date in your diary. The Plan is for everyone to bring food to share and we celebrate the diverse nature of our church community. If you are interested in helping, then please contact 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