

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

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:

"On Fire" Prayer & Healing Service on Saturday, 28th May: 1 pm at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. The next one will take place in several months time. All are welcome! Please park considerately.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022 18th – 22nd July. (Few places still left) You are invited to join Bishop Philip whether as pilgrim or youth helper. Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La Solitude. Email for further details at lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 8th May 2022

Envelopes	£ 30.00
Loose Cash	£ 327.57
Contactless payment	£ .00
Standing Orders	£ 669.23
Clergy Training Fund	£ 70.80
Thank you all for your kind donations.	

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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Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No 246871

Parish Priest

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Hall Bookings

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



5th Sunday of Easter

Year C

15th May 2022

Psalm Response:

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

God opened the door of faith to the pagans (cp. Acts 14:27)

We are asked to allow Christ to be in the centre of the lives of those who may not share our faith at the moment. That is the attitude God wants. What does this mean? - that the Church is Catholic. The Greek word catholicos (καθολικός) means "concerning the whole, universal, general". Originally, this word designated a financial or civil office in the Roman Empire and was adopted by the Church to describe her nature. Catholic means to remain open and available. Openness is transparency and a loving care of others and an always inclusive attitude. Open means that there are no walls and borders. It describes a friendly attitude towards a stranger. Openness is a characteristic attitude of a host and a guest, a superior and an inferior.

One of the rotten fruits of the Reformation in XVI century Europe is the grown prejudice and the lack of hospitality which had not been known before. Even now we suffer from that time. Openness means respect for others, respect to offer help and protection of uniqueness, individuality and decisions. When it comes to the spiritual dimension of life, it means to make Christ available for everyone and proclaim Him as the Saviour and Redeemer. Everybody has a right to share the Good News and to be embraced by the Church. Openness, also means to give freedom for various philosophies and theologies, ways of being and doing, but yet remaining within the range of the voice of the Shepherd, His teaching and Truth, remaining within the range of the authority of the moral and doctrinal and liturgical and social teaching of the Church. That means openness is not to embrace different ideologies, for instance the relativism of moral life or multicultural unification. The tendency to be selective, or to set up private groups, is very normal but is not the message transferred by Christ.

To remain open is then an ongoing process. Openness is a risk for the untransformed (not converted) nature of man. In this sense, as someone said, life begins at the end of your comfort zone.

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 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 James Thomson RIP
Mon 16th May	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Dawid & Zuzanna marriage intention
Tues 17th May St Dunstan	8.00am	Eva Nora Intention
Wed 18th May St John 1	8.00am 4.00pm	Intention available Rosary
Thur 19th May- Dedication of the Cathedral	No Mass	
Friday 20th May	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Fernandes family thanksgiving
Sat 21st May	No Mass	
Sun 22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Monica & Greg blessing Rosary Joe Steventon thanksgiving For Lukasz for conversion & healing

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

15th May: Nellie Sawyer (2000); Edward McAuliffe (1977); Vera Johnston (1995)
17th May: Maria Filippo (1997); and Alfred Walsh (1984);
18th May: Anne Flannery (1979); Patrick Walsh (2001); 19th May: Charles Turner (1988);
20th May: Henrietta Jane O'Hara (1998); Lilian Ralph (2004);
21st May: Patrick McLoughlin (2001); Ted McGuirk (2013); 22nd May: Elizabeth Parker (2003);

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 is on Monday May 16th at 10.30am at St. Thomas More church, Twyford.

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

Thank you Red Box Holders - Message from Missio. Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. We ignite God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities who are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Thank you to the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace for raising £4,783.15 in 2021 through the Red Box, Direct Debits and online donations. The past two years have been challenging for us all and it is a tribute to you to have kept supporting our global Church through prayer and generous giving. If you don't already have a red box at home or would like more information on other ways to donate then please contact your Parish's red box secretary Kate Gorman via the Parish office.

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:

Thursday 26th May: The Ascension of the Lord. Solemnity. (Holy day of Obligation) Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Sunday 29th May 2.30pm Rosary Walk: - We are delighted to be able to begin Rosary Walks' again - please join us on May 29th at 2-30 pm, meeting at the car park at the Waterside centre to walk along the river bank to pray to Our Lady.

Tuesday 31st May - Feast of the Visitation of the BI Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at 6.30pm followed by procession. A parish procession will be held after the 6-30pm Mass to mark the end of Mary's month of May. Please come along and join in.

Sunday 5th June at 8.30am & 11am Mass We are very pleased that the Knights of St Columba will bring the relic of St. Edmund Campion to our church. For more details, please visit <http://www.province30.co.uk/>.

Change in date - Sunday 19th June - Parish get together "International meal" - We are planning on having a Parish get together on Sunday 19th 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. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or e mail: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk.