

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

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. If you would like to come, please send an email to lizmurphyatanniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. See poster in Advent Room for more detail.

Encounter Festival from 29th July - 31st July for ages 25-35. The encounter festival will help you discover God as a dear friend and deepen your prayer life. <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/retreats/encounter-festival/>. See poster for more details.

Volunteer role at Marriage Care. It is a Catholic charity which supports marriage through relationship counselling and marriage preparation. We are, currently looking to recruit volunteers, couples or individuals, to facilitate our marriage preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic church. Full training and continuing support are provided. If you think you could help to support marriage in this way, please contact Sue Cooper at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org or 07939495774. For further information about Marriage Care visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

Catholic Home Care Vacancy: Due to increased demand, we need more home care assistants to join our team. If you, or someone you know, likes elderly people and would like a part-time job, is this something that would suit? Good rate of pay (£9.80 ph.), paid holidays and flexible working through Monday - Friday daytime. Core business domestic support (cleaning & shopping) to help elderly people to stay in their own homes for longer. Car driver an advantage, but not essential. For more details & application pack call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on: 023 8017 0498. Closing date: Friday 3rd June 2022

Offertory Collection 22nd May 2022

Envelopes	£ 48.00
Loose Cash	£ 301.84
Contactless payment	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£ 669.23

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next 2nd collection on 29th May is for World Communication Day. You can also donate via the 2nd collection basket or via the contactless payment. Online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network>.

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

7th Sunday of Easter	Year C	29th May 2022
Psalm Response:		
The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.		

Take me to heaven!

Jesus is in heaven. Heaven was locked and He has "opened" it to us through His glorious passion, death and resurrection. Heaven is, then the ultimate purpose of His Incarnation and final purpose of our vocation. He said: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (Jn 12:32). He was lifted up on the cross, but this lifting proclaimed His lifting up by His Ascension into heaven.

Heaven was locked and He has "opened" it in His Sacrifice and putting himself into the Almighty Father's hands. He did it as the Priest and as the Priest He drew us to Himself.

To go through the gate of Christ to heaven means to possess all fruits of the redemption given to us by Christ. To live in Heaven is "to be with Christ." (Phil 1:23; Jn 14:3; 1 Thess 4:17) because where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom. (St. Ambrose). Only in Christ do we have access to the completely unbelievable reality, a new dimension of life where we are given new bodies, identity, where we recognise our true own name (Rev 2:17), and where we share life with one another, full of joy.

What kind of reality is heaven? There are many biblical images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise. However, "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9).

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.
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Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 29th May 2022 7th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Rachel Alexander thanksgiving Geoffrey Wilman RIP Rosary walk by the Thames For Lukasz for conversion & healing
Mon 30th May	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm in Latin	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Geoffrey Wilman RIP
Tues 31st May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Veronica Mulhern † Andrea Thorn's intention
Wed 1st June St Justin	8.00am 4.00pm	Ann Harding Rosary
Thur 2nd June	No Mass	
Friday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Thanksgiving to Lady of Fatima, St Jacinta & St Francisco
Sat 4th June	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Holy souls in Purgatory
Sun 5th June 2022 Pentecost Sunday	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners For Lukasz for conversion & healing Irene & Herbert Pollard RIP Foundation Mass

Charles Haggerty RIP: The parish offers condolences to family of Charles Haggerty who died on Tuesday 10th May. May his soul rest in peace. Requiem Mass at our church on Tuesday 7th June 1.00pm followed by burial at Mays Lane cemetery.

David Holland RIP: The parish offers condolences to family of David Holland who died on Sunday 14th May. His funeral will be at St Thomas More Church, London Road, Twyford, RG10 9EL at 12 noon on Tuesday, 14 June. Everyone is warmly welcomed both to the Service and to the Bereavement Reception in the Church Hall afterwards. We keep Mary, his wife in our prayers.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

30th May: Rita Oliver (1996); Patrick Marron (1974); John Cunningham (2009); Geoffrey Wilman (2011); Ruzica Marija Doggett (2020); **31st May:** John Reichelt (1992); Lucia Riccio (2008); Timothy Culhane (2014). **1st June:** Raymond Wakefield (1997); **2nd June:** Ruth Pegg (2011); **4th June:** Edwin Francis (1996); Joan Currie (1986); Anthony Rafter (2021); **5th June:** Gertrude Swaker (1981);

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.

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Parish News

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.

Saturday 4th June: 1st Saturday of the month at 10am-(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary & Confession followed by Holy Mass at 12 noon.

Sunday 5th June: 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/>.

Sunday 5th June: 2.30-5.00pm - OLOP Social club is inviting you to join for Queen's jubilee pageant live on big screen. Bring your own picnic. Tea & cake will be available. Club opens at 12 noon.

Start of Youth Group on 12th June: 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.

12th June Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2.30pm.

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.

Wednesday 29th June Ss Peter & Paul solemnity. Holy day of obligation. Holy Mass at 8.00am

Vacancy for Chair of Finance – We are grateful to Isabelle Thorn for taking care of our finance for the last 4 years and thank her for her support to our Parish over the years. She is moving to Winchester and we are looking for a new Chair of Finance. Training and hand over will be provided. Please speak to Fr Stan if you are interested or know of someone who can help us.

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

Resources

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

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. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Pastoral News:

Youth Summer Camp 01/08/22-08.08/2022: Our Parish has been invited to join the camp with St Mary's church in Gosport. The summer camp will be held in Gaveston Hall, Nuthurst, West Sussex England RH13 6RF. You can visit their website here: (gavestonhallsussex.com): <https://www.gavestonhallsussex.com/>>. The summer camp is for boys and girls. There will be a lot of outdoor activities but priority will be given to the spiritual formation of the children. The aim of our camps is to gradually furnish our kids and teenagers with all the spiritual formation they need to help them grow as Catholics and children of God. More information about schedule and activities will be sent out closer to the time.