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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	17th July 2022
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Psalm Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

The Springtime that never came but Christ has come

Although stability of the faith is granted, since Vatican II Council “anxiety” diminished vibrancy of evangelisation. Within 61 years 52,000 Catholics in our diocese stopped attending Sunday Mass. Drop in Mass attendance from 70,000 in 1960 to 18,000 in 2021. Many are confused, some redirected in their focus towards Protestantism without recognising the change, others lost, transformed into hybrid of eclectic ideas and postures, or put into corner of narrow circles.

The main problem is the idea which undermines the uniqueness of Catholic Church. Certain truths and values of the faith were presented as lesser important, no longer lived and loved within the Church. The truth which has salvific content was marginalised. The truth is thought to be a claim that is too exalted, a “triumphalism” that cannot be permitted any longer. On that base, faithfulness is seen as pride and rigidity. Pleasant chats has been promoted till the point of deprivation of the zeal of fighting for salvation. The semantic war brought changes in Catholic dictionary. Under the mantle of such rhetoric among Catholics, there is silent or open acceptance of immorality including Sodom’s sin, a noise of self-creativity in liturgy, reduction of prayer to psychological comfort, rejection of penance and sacrifice, illusion of adhering to the Word of God.

However, stability of the faith is granted, untouched and accessible to anyone. *Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one.* Stop being distracted with ongoing experiments, stop transforming the mystery into distraction, liturgy into festivity or into a meeting for the purpose of having a good time. Stop being worried that people would not come back when you say about the ugliness of sin. Just sit down at the Lord’s feet and listen to him speaking. You do not have to attract anyone. God comes and calls because He wills. The truth is attractive. God is the chief actor in the hearts called to conversion, in the liturgy, in purity and honesty of proclamation of the Gospel with all its sharpness and demanding tasks. God is the chief actor of our charity. We do not return to the Church because of “intellectual gymnastics”, tricks or extra efforts. We return through true repentance, reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration and processions, Confession, and the Holy Rosary.

building and construction expertise and a commercial approach to investment properties to support the work of the diocese.

The post for a Senior Estates Manager will carry senior and professional responsibility for the delivery of all schools’ estates and facilities services across the Diocese. The postholder will provide building and construction expertise to support the development of the schools’ estate and be the principal advisor on all land, property, and facilities matters to the Parishes and Diocesan Trustees through the Head of Estates.

If you would like to receive a full job description for either of the roles then, please email recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Closing date for applications: 9am, Monday 18th July 2022

Community Support

Supporting Ukraine locally: A parishioner from English Martyrs will be travelling to Ukraine this Summer. Please see notice board in Advent room for list of items needed such as First Aid & personal hygiene items. There is also a request for boots (A phone call from someone on the front line reported that many Ukrainians are

defending their country in flip-flops). These can be any size, mainly male but there are female soldiers and they not need to be brand new. All items need to be in the Advent Room by Tuesday July 19th. Thank you for your support.

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.

Offertory Collection 10th July 2022

Envelopes	£ 42.00
Loose Cash	£336.11
Contactless payment	£ 40.00
Standing Orders	£791.16
2nd Collection Stella Maris	£110.58

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Resources

Day by Day - July edition is in the Advent Room £1.00/book:

Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

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

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	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 17th July 2022 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Marina Regnoso Meze RIP Luke Alexander thanksgiving For Parishioners
Mon 18th July	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm in Latin	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Emma Reynoso Meza RIP
Tues 19th July	8.00am	Brigid Awah birthday thanksgiving
Wed 20th July St Apollinaris	8.00am 4.15pm	Denis Buckley RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 21st July St Laurance of Brindisi	No Mass	
Friday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Daniel Reynoso RIP
Sat 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden	No Mass	
Sun 24th July 2022 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Joanne - cure for depression & anxiety Ks Stanislaw

Now Accepting Contactless Donations

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 5.30pm-6.30pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

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

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

17th July: Emma & Catherine Novell (1979); and Jack Tierney (1982).

18th July: Stanislaw Wisniewski (2012);

19th July: Eileen O'Riordan (2016);

21st July: Denis Buckley (2011);

22nd July: Norman Mace (1976);

23rd July: Frances Scott (1995); Colin Hay (2000);

24th July: Brian Curran (2008).

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

Weekday Mass w/c 25th July: There will be no weekday mass from Monday 25th July- Thursday 28th July.

St James' Way: Help develop a UK Camino, the St James' Way, that starts in Reading and passes through the full length of our Diocese on a pilgrim's way to Santiago de Compostela. David Sinclair, and his friend Adrian Croft, need your support to add a stone distance marker (called a "mouteira" in Galician) and a St James Cross monument to further mark the Way. They intend to walk the 110km to Southampton over 3 days in August for this cause. **Please join the open invitation to a pre-walk BBQ at Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi small hall on Sunday, 31st July, any time between 12-4pm to find out more and enjoy a pilgrim gathering.**

"The Catholic Mass": by Bishop Athanasius Schneider " Steps to restore the centrality of God in the Liturgy". A group of parishioners has expressed an interest in reading this book as a study project and discussing it together. If you would like to join us, please let Nancy Johnson 077455434888 or Fr Stan know. We would expect to be able to start meeting in September. And then weekly / fortnightly.

Pastoral News:

Camino Pilgrim: Exciting news from CSJ about the developments of Camino in England - St James' Way from Reading to Southampton. See Poster for more details. The poster includes the current list of pubs situated throughout the route, which now carry pilgrim stamps and pilgrim discounts on food and drink, as part of the work being done to promote this walking & cycling route. For more details on the initiative, please visit www.csj.org.uk/st-james-way or contact us at office@csj.org.uk.

Encountering the Relics of St. Bernadette: In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales. This very special once in a

lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The relics of St Bernadette will be in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8th September and on the morning of 9th September 2022. The relics involve fragments of two ribs, the saint's kneecaps, muscle from the right thigh, and other muscle, skin and hair tissue, which are kept in a reliquary.

7-9th OCT 2022 YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND at Douai Abbey Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics" - Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr. Glaysner will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun). It is possible to stay the whole weekend (full board) or to come for the day (bring a packed lunch). Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022). To book go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

World Youth day Lisbon, Portugal 2023: If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. For further information, please email wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Vacancy in Diocese:

HEAD OF ESTATES (Diocesan Surveyor) & SENIOR ESTATES MANAGER: A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Head of Estates (Diocesan Surveyor) to have responsibility for the development and delivery of all estates and facilities services across the Diocese. This includes Churches, School Estate, Presbyteries and other investment property. The postholder will have substantial experience providing