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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. Glaysher 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

Resources

Day by Day - July / August 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

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 17th July 2022

Envelopes	£ 3.00
Loose Cash	£366.95
Contactless payment	£ 60.00
Standing Orders	£791.16

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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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<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

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	Msgr. Patrick Daly

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

24th July 2022

Psalm Response: One the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Faith in a hard ground

We do not invent but embrace and grow in faith. This is the faith of the Church in which we participate. Hence the renewal of faith is based on the most basic questions, the answer is given to us in profession of the faith which we say publicly as part of our Sunday assembly at the Holy Mass. In this way we detach ourselves from the practical apostasy of our time, that is, the tendency of the going away from Christ by many in the Church. We also detach ourselves from ideological tendencies which has been constantly entering into the day today life of Catholics, which might be understood as infiltration of wordiness and paganism. For instance, funerals are being understood more as celebration of life than penitential character of prayer for deceased. The same applies to the lack of teaching many fundamental truths in order to expend attractive platform for everyone with tolerance as the main commandment replacing Decalogue. "I sometimes hear accounts of the times of darkness before Vatican II which strike me as lies." - said prof. Elisabeth Anscome to seminarians at Oscott College on 27th October 1975. She specified that this kind of narrative was seen in some presentations, discussions and apologetics. In the same lecture she added: "In the late 1960s some sentence in a sermon would often begin 'We used to believe that ...'. I always heard these phrases with sinking heart: For example: 'We used to believe that there was no worse sin than to miss Mass on Sunday' or 'We used to believe that there was something special about priesthood' and " We used to believe that the Church was here for salvation of souls".

Let us then focus on the fact that we do not invent but embrace and grow in faith in a way as soil embraces seeds and allow them grow. On that base let us ask ourselves a questions what kind of soil we are, seeing also some answers:

- 1) What happens with seeds where there is little soil? They spring up straight away, but as soon as the sun comes up they are being scorched and withered away.
- 2) What happens with seeds on the edge of the path? The birds come and eat them up.
- 3) What does happen with seeds among thorns? The thorns choke them.
- 4) What does happen with seeds on rich soil? They produce their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 25th July St James	No Mass	
Tues 26th July Ss Joachim & Anne	No Mass	
Wed 27th July	No Mass 4.15pm	Rosary
Thur 28th July	No Mass	
Friday 29th July Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Joanne - cure for depression & anxiety
Sat 30th July St Peter Chrysologus	No Mass	
Sun 31st July 2022 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Pauline Thomas RIP Maria Carvallo RIP

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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

24th July: Brian Curran (2008).
25th July: Bridget Tansey (2008);
26th July: Filomena Colella (1988); Tony O'Neil (2019)
28th July: Jan Lorenz (1996); Bill Taylor (2005); Ann Taylor (2006);
29th July: Frank Allen (1980);
31st July: Peter Manning (2015);

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 on 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.** See poster in notice board for more details.

Summer Break Father Stan will be taking his summer break from Monday 8th August - Saturday 3rd September. We wish him a good break and a restful summer. We welcome Fr Michał Ludewicz, a student in Catholic University of Lublin in Poland. Fr Michał is studying patristics (Fathers of the Church) under Fr Marcin who came for summer few years ago.

"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.

Volunteers needed: We looking for volunteers to set a rota for cleaning the church. Please contact the church office if you can spare few hours on Saturday. Depending on the numbers of volunteers we have, the Rota could be once in 4 weeks.

Tuesday 2nd August at 2.00pm - Summer Concert at our hall by the Reading Concert Band in aid of Doctors without Borders. Ticket

£5/adult, £1/child from 07980 262309 or at the door. See Poster in noticeboard for more details.

Pastoral News:

New Appointments from 8th September in our Pastoral Area:

English Martyrs, Reading: Canon Michael Dennehy is on sabbatical leave this coming year. Fr. Gaston Forbah moves to English Martyrs.

Christ the King, Reading: Fr. Pat Madden is on sabbatical leave this coming year in the Diocese of Galway. Fr. Daniel Agber moves to Christ the King, Reading & becomes Coordinator of the Catholic Chaplaincy to Reading Hospital.

St. John Bosco, Woodley: Fr. Bill Wilson moves to Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton. Fr. Leo Odomeja moves to St. John Bosco, Woodley.

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