

**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](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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.

**Resources**

**Viva Voce:** Summer edition from the diocese available in the Advent Room.

**Day by Day - August / September edition is in the Advent Room £1.00/book:** Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

**The Universe Catholic Weekly:** Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by e mail [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk). Or by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650.

**Offertory Collection 7th August 2022**

Envelopes	£ 33.00
Loose Cash	£328.92
Contactless payment	£110.00
Standing Orders	£712.99
Thank you all for your kind donations.	

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**Catholic Chaplaincy in Royal Berkshire Hospital** Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

From September, there will be changes to the Hospital Chaplaincy. The new parish priest of Christ the King in Whitley, Reading, Fr. Daniel Agber will coordinate the Hospital Chaplaincy from 1st September 2022. Fr. Pat will step down from this Ministry from Monday 1st August. The hospital chaplaincy from 1st August until 1st September, will be covered by the priests from the FSSP (07445106330) Fr. Seth and Fr. Matthew. 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*

**Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi**

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

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year C 14th August 2022**

**Psalm Response:**  
**On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

**Have courage to stare into heaven**

Today’s joyful feast, “The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary”, reminds us about Heaven - . that blue sky above us with its unending dimensions. Many say that only dreamers or idealists look at heaven. We don’t have time for such ridiculous things, as we have to stand firm on the ground, do our daily stuff, make money, do business. We don’t have time to look for heaven. Maybe that’s why we often feel so bad, these days. Maybe that’s why there are so many depressed people of all ages, people who don’t see any sense in their life, people who feel useless or on the opposite overburdened with life?

For Christians, heaven is not just some blue dimension above. For we who believe, who see more, heaven means God himself. God is open for us, ready to share our daily routine with us, to sanctify all our good efforts. Let us look at Mary the heroine of today’s feast. She is not a dreamer. She stands firmly on earth. Today we meet her, when she goes to Elisabeth, to help her. She had to travel for about 100 miles from Galilee to Judea. Plan that trip, make all preparations, watch for thieves, robbers, enemies. She arrives at Elisabeth’s house ready to serve her. She must have been a very practical woman but at the same time she was not ashamed of watching above, raise her eyes to heaven, to God. From him she received strength to cope with all adversities and daily routine.

In today’s gospel we hear about Mary singing the *Magnificat*, “My soul magnifies God, my spirit joys in Him”. I think that to watch for heaven in our Christian sense means to proclaim the great deeds of the Lord. To be aware of the proportions. God is great, and I am small, He is my father and I am his child, it’s His job to look after me, I don’t have to do all on my own, because He is ready to help me, to give me strength and courage. To exalt God means to perceive life is good, real proportions, to see things as they should be seen. Doing that can bring us much relief.

Fr. Michael.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 14th August 2022 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Achillies Fernando RIP For Parishioners Divine Mercy Holy hour Brian Brogan RIP rec. dec.
Mon 15th Aug	6.00pm 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Family of Lucia Reiling
Tues 16th Aug St Stephen	8.00am	Jofi Alexander thanksgiving
Wed 17th Aug	8.00am 4.15pm	Alan Pollard RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 18th Aug	No Mass	
Friday 19th Aug	1.00pm 3.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Veronica Mocuau ☩ Adoration from 3.00pm to 6.00pm Rosary Evelyne Brooks intention
Sat 20th Aug St Bernard	No Mass	
Sun 21st August 2022 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Evelyne Brooks thanksgiving Karolina Fieber birthday thanksgiving For Parishioners

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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 Michal.

**Baptism:** If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan on his return in September.

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

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

17th Aug: Alan Pollard (2013); 18th Aug: Bruce Bentley (2018)  
19th Aug: Joan Kennedy (1992); Alan Williams (2011);  
20th Aug: Caroline Wheeler (1985); Pauline Pringle (1999);  
21st Aug: Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000).

We pray for the repose of the soul of Veronica, Laviana Slavin's mum who died on Friday 29th July, Requiem Mass on Friday 19th August at 1.00pm. We keep the family in our prayers.  
We keep in our prayers, Caroline Hurst who is back home & recuperating.  
We continue to pray for David Roper & Theresa Pashley. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

### Parish News

**Sunday 14th August is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** (transferred from 15th August to Sunday 14th August this year). We will have procession with the statue of Mary after the 11am Mass.

**Sunday 14th August: Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2.30pm.**

**Friday 19th August:** Adoration will start at a later time of 3.00pm due to Requiem Mass at 1.00pm.

**Martin Kendal RIP:** We have been advised by the local Catenian Association that Martin Kendal died on 4th August 2022. Martin was a member of OLOP Parish for many years. Martin and his wife Alison moved to Wolverhampton a few years ago to be near family. They lived on Wokingham Road. We pray for the repose of his soul and keep his family in our prayers.

**Mass Intentions:** There are Mass intentions available over the coming weeks. Please book them for your deceased relatives or for any intentions that you may have. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Thank you.

**Sponsor a square for St James UK (Camino walk):** David Sinclair and Adrian Croft walked the St James' Way from Reading to Southampton over 3 days from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August 2022 to raise funds to install a stone distance marker (a "mouteira" in Galician) and a St James cross monument along its route. If you would like to sponsor a square and help complete its painting as well as support the cause, please visit the link : [www.csj.org.uk/Appeal/st-james-way-fund](http://www.csj.org.uk/Appeal/st-james-way-fund) & select the 'Donate' box in blue for this fund (not at the 'Donate' at the top of the CSJ website).

#### Pastoral News:

**29th September at 12 noon:** Bishop Philips 10th year anniversary mass in the Cathedral followed by reception. To book please e mail: [kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Ten Year Mission Strategy called "You will be My Witnesses".** You may have already read about Bishop Philip's 10 year strategy plan in e news. The draft can be accessed on the Portsmouth diocese website: [Ten Year Plan - Portsmouth Diocese, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](http://Ten Year Plan - Portsmouth Diocese, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth). There will be a consultation period that runs across the parishes from 13th July 2022 to 15th December 2022. The feedback will then be collated and the plan will be finalised. In October, Fr Stan will hold a Parish meeting where we can all meet and discuss the strategy.

**September 1st - November 1st 2022: Encountering the Relics of St. Bernadette:** 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 reservation system is now open and can be accessed here: [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/).** 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.

**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](http://www.csj.org.uk/st-james-way) or contact us at [office@csj.org.uk](mailto:office@csj.org.uk).