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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	21st August 2022
Psalm Response: Go out to the world; proclaim the Good News.		

Life is a struggle : A struggle for Salvation.

All of us have our little daily struggles. In the morning, we struggle to get up, then we struggle to reach our work on time, then we struggle to survive until the afternoon etc. These little daily struggles seem to be enough. In today's Gospel we are reminded about another struggle and this time it's a big one: It's a life and death struggle. It is a struggle for our salvation, "Our eternity". The Lord reminds us today: "Try your hardest to enter by the narrow door". When he says: "Try your hardest..." he uses a Greek word agonizeste that means to struggle with difficulties and dangers. That word can remind us about agony – a state of endangered life. Jesus himself experienced the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before his passion. So, he knows exactly what he is talking about.

Some people may ask why is he so serious? What's the big deal with all that struggle. Shouldn't he speak more gently to us, then it would be easier for us to hear and consider the case? Maybe it's just that kind of attitude that causes the problem. We do not see the seriousness of this matter. To such degree, we are involved in our little daily struggles that we don't perceive the one that is really big. The struggle for salvation - that's the biggest victory of our archenemy, because the thing the Evil Spirit wants us to believe is that we shouldn't be worried about our eternal future, we should just believe that everything is going to be all right, mild, pleasant, just fine, ok.

So, is the struggle already lost? No it's not. As long as we live, we still have a chance. So what can we do? I think at the beginning it is just good to be aware of the problem. There is a beautiful phrase in the 16th Psalm: "I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken". To be always aware about his presence. It is God, Himself and our neighbor that our greatest treasure. Therefore, we should always ask ourselves for example in the morning "will those all things that I am going to do during my day help me to get closer to God or my neighbor? Does my job help me to become a better person? Will that new thing that I want to buy so badly help me to become better to my wife, to my children to my parents? Let us be always aware that this big struggle for our salvation is played out in our little decisions every day.

Fr. Michael.

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>

sauce, Long life milk. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Resources

Retrouvaille "A lifeline for married couples". Next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 13-16 October or face to face on 24th -26th February 2023. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

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.

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

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

Offertory Collection 14th August 2022

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

Envelopes	£ 18.00
Loose Cash	£394.58
Contactless payment	£50.00
Standing Orders	£712.99

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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Facebook: @PortsmouthRC	LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC	https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/

Catholic Chaplaincy in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.
 From 1st September 2022, 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. 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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 22nd Aug The Queenship of Mary	6.00pm 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Jane Mooney RIP
Tues 23rd Aug St Rose of Lima	8.00am	Eva Nora's intention
Wed 24th Aug St Bartholomew	8.00am 4.15pm	Valentine family's intention Rosary
Thur 25th Aug St Louis IX	No Mass	
Friday 26th Aug Bl Dominic Barberi	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Peter Mooney RIP
Sat 27th Aug St Monica	No Mass	
Sun 28th August 2022 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Wayne Gorman 40th birthday thanksgiving For Parishioners Terence Kelly RIP

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 Michael.

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

21st Aug: Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000);
24th Aug: Antonio Napolitano (2019); 25th Aug: Marlene Quinlivan (2014);
26th Aug: Thomas Callaghan (1976); Timothy Sugme (1979); Paul Nunn (2001);
27th Aug: Mafalda Mastaglio (1985); George Tinson (1988); and Mary Kelly (1989).

We keep in our prayers, Caroline Hurst who is back home from hospital & 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

First Holy Communion 2023.

Parents, If your child will be in School year 3 and will be at least 8 years old between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, then they are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation program in September 2022. Please email or write to Father Stan at the church office, with child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details. The first meeting will be with Fr Stan on Sunday 11th September after the 11.00m Mass. Further details about the programme will be communicated later.

Martin Kendal RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Kendal who died in Wolverhampton on 4th August aged 92. He was an active member of our parish from 1992. About 3 years ago his ill health required that he and his wife Alison move nearer to the family. The funeral will be at St Christopher's in Codsall on 31st August at 1.00pm and will be livestreamed. (www.catholicparishes.org.uk)

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 & select the 'Donate' box in blue for this fund (not at the 'Donate' at the top of the CSJ website).

Pastoral News:

Encountering the Relics of St. Bernadette at the Portsmouth Cathedral from 10.00am on 8th September to 10.00am on 9th September . Please see the poster in the Advent room for more details. On 8th September, there will be Mass with anointing of the sick at 4.30pm, Vesper and torchlight procession at 7.00pm & overnight Adoration from 10.30pm.

The relics will be in UK from 1st September - 1st November 2022. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

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.

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. 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. Fr Stan will hold a Parish meeting on Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm, where we can all meet and discuss the strategy. Please keep the date free.

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.

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. Glaysheer 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