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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 28th August 2022

Psalm Response: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

It is the humble who wins

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us about humility. As we all know, there can be many prejudices and misunderstandings about this humility. Some may say that to be humble means to act like a loser, and none of us wants to feel like a loser, We want to win, All of us want to be the best in that great race that's called life. The question is, does humility really mean weakness? What does it really mean for us to be humble?

One of my professors (Fr. K. Grzywocz) used to remind his students that the word humility is derived from the Latin word humus, that means soil. Soil, he explained, is very fertile, precious, very valuable but at the same time soil is, also very dusty, dirty and contaminated. This is true about us, humans, because we humans are derived from that humus, that is from soil (cf. Gen. 2,7). We have very great achievements, big talents; we are good, altruistic, and ready to help, but at the same time we are selfish, jealous, self-centred, and prone to temptations. We are a mixture of light and darkness and good things and bad.

So, to be humble means to be aware that in the same "ME" there are many bright dimensions but also, those shady ones. This awareness protects us from falling into extremities. We won't fall into false pride because we will remember that we are sinners, we need God, we need His mercy and need our neighbours, who is not immaculate, who also makes mistakes but it is His presence that makes life easier. We will not fall into despair because we will be aware of all those good things that God has put into our hearts: kindness, openness, honesty, compassion.

To take the last seat means to be humble, to be aware about the good and bad parts of our hearts. It is with this attitude that we will be able to remain open to God's Grace, to love our neighbour, and so in the end we win the life eternal.

Fr. Michael.

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.

(sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Resources

Vacancy for Head of Charity - CARITAS. Full time role:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has an exciting opportunity for an experienced and highly motivated professional to lead its social and community charitable developments, principally at home but, also fostering strong relationships with partner charities who support work overseas in particular, Bamenda where we have had long standing connections. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 9th September 2022. For full details and how to apply please contact: recruitment@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.

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

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

Offertory Collection 21st August 2022

Envelopes	£ 48.00
Loose Cash	£407.76
Contactless payment	£305.00
Standing Orders	£712.99

Thank you all for your kind donations.

2nd Collection on Sunday 4th September for Fr Michael to show our appreciation.

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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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. Daniel Agber	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Leo Odomeja	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Fr. Gaston Forbah	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 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
Mon 29th Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist	6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Brigid's Intention
Tues 30th Aug SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward	8.00am	Patrick Too's intention
Wed 31st Aug St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne	8.00am 4.15pm	Mary Burke RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 1st Sept	No Mass	
Friday 2nd Sept	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary John & Mary Nee RIP
Sat 3rd Sept St Gregory the Great	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	12 noon - Peter Fernando RIP
Sun 4th September 2022 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Kathleen Mongan RIP McAteer family For Parishioners

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

30th Aug: Albert Bone (1978);
31st Aug: Barbara Eve Boyce (2021);
1st Sept: Geoff Way (1994); Mary Burke (2002);
2nd Sept: Angela Hughes (2012);

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

Saturday 3rd Sept: 1st Saturday of the month at 10am -(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary & Confession followed by Holy Mass at 12 noon.

Sunday 4th September: We welcome Father Stan back and hope he had a restful break. We thank Fr Michael for being with us. On Sunday 4th September, there will be a second collection for Fr Michael to show our appreciation.

Catechesis in September: The Neocatechumenal Community warmly invites you to a series of catechesis given by the members of the Neocatechumenal Communities in the Advent room on Mondays and Thursdays at 20:15 beginning Monday the 19th of September to 31st October 2022.

Parish office will be closed from Thursday 8th September to Monday 19th September. The newsletter for Sunday 11th September will be e mailed on Thursday 8th September and will cover the two Sundays while the parish office is closed (11th & 18th September) - so, please keep your copy!

Sunday 11th September: Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2.30pm.

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.

Parish meeting on Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm in Church Hall to discuss Bishop Philip's 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.

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 at: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/**

CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal. On **Saturday 10th September** there will be an online meeting from 10:30 am to 12:30pm at which Catherine Ogolla CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya and Uganda will give an update on the desperate situation in East Africa . On **Saturday 17th September**, there will be a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's church hall from 10:30am to 12 noon to hear from Ibrahim Njuguna CAFOD's Surge Country Representative for Africa about the World Food Crisis and the difficulties facing communities in East Africa. Please book your place for either meeting by contacting Jo Lewry on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447 .

29th September at 12 noon: Bishop Philip's 10th year anniversary mass in the Cathedral followed by reception. To book please e mail: kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.