

Two Vacancy at Portsmouth Diocese - See poster on noticeboard for more details:

1. Head of Charity - CARITAS. Full time role:
Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 9th September 2022.

2. Planned Giving Officer: Full time role.
Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Wednesday 28th September 2022

For full details and how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Resources

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.

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

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 21st August 2022

Envelopes	£ 18.00
Loose Cash	£374.75
Contactless payment	£122.00
Standing Orders	£720.09

Thank you all for your kind donations.

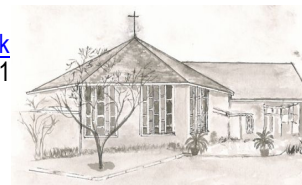
2nd Collection on Sunday 4th September for Fr Michael to show our appreciation.

Next 2nd collection is on Sunday 11th September for Catholic Education Service

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	4th September 2022
Psalm Response:		
O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.		

A whole life task

The words of today's Gospel may appear very harsh to us. Jesus says to the crowds that were following him: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple". How should we understand these words? Some scholars say that in this statement Jesus had expressed himself in a typical semitic way of parlance. When people in ancient Palestine wanted to say: "I like A more than B", they used to say: "I love A and I hate B". So following that explanation we might say that Jesus demanded for himself the highest level of love, the very same as should be given to God in accordance with the Scripture: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deut. 6,5). So expressing himself that way, Jesus had taught his listeners about his divinity and reminded them to love him in a manner that's appropriate for God, Himself.

Some of us may still ask why should we love God more than our beloved ones, more than our wonderful spouses, more than our dearest children. After all, love is the most important feeling that we can bestow upon our loved ones and it is much easier to love our loved ones whom we see than to love God who we cannot see. One needs to admit that these words tell the truth, but it seems to me that God, calling us to love Him, does not want to take anything from our loved ones, does not want our love for them to weaken. It is just the contrary. Figuratively speaking, in order to love our loved ones every day, we need strength, energy, patience, peace of mind, perseverance. We have to get them from somewhere and it is God who is the source of this energy for us. When we love God, we learn to love others as God does. With no selfishness, no anger, no complaining, no calculation.

Today's gospel invites us to begin learning this love, slowly, step by step, day by day. It all starts with the desire. So, let us express ourselves to the Lord today: "God, I don't know how should love you, but I want to learn it, like the schoolchildren, You, yourself be my teacher and let me love You more and more in the next days of my life".

Fr. Michael.

PS: Since I will be leaving in the next few days. I would like to thank you all for welcoming me so warmly. This month has been a good time for me. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness. God bless.

Fr. M. L.

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.

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow :

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

The Diocese website:

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
<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. 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	Msrgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 5th Sept	6.00pm 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Anne & Ricardo Nee RIP
Tues 6th Sept	8.00am	Mike Downs RIP
Wed 7th Sept	8.00am 4.15pm	James & Kathleen Buckley RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 8th Sept The Nativity of the BI Virgin Mary	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Friday 9th Sept St Peter Claver	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Veronica Mocanu RIP rec. dec
Sat 10th Sept	No Mass	
Sun 11th September 2022 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Liz Coleman's intention Divine Mercy Holy Hour Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

4th Sept: Linda Clayton (1979); Dee Faithfull (2008); 6th Sept: Lydia Robertson (1979); 7th Sept: William Dailly (1992); Peter Dawson (2008); 9th Sept: Bill Hunt (1994); Regina Zaboklicka (2007); 10th Sept: Frederick Grigg (1993); 11th Sept: Janice Robins (1995); Bernard Coakeley (2004); Desolina Auch (2019)

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

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.

Thursday 8th September: Feast of The Nativity of the BI Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at 6.30pm

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 programme 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:

Vacancy for Parish Administrator at Christ the King Church: A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator at Christ the King parish, Reading for 15 hours per week on a permanent contract. Closing date for applications: 30th September 2022, Interview date: W/C 10th October 2022. Application forms and Job Description are available via email : ctk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Tel: 0118 931 4469

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/

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal: Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/ give

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