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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.

Vacancy - Please visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists vacancies including: Part-Time Parish Secretary St Francis of Assisi, Ascot, Part-Time Parish Administrator Christ the King, Reading, Planned Giving Officer, Portsmouth, Part-Time Parish Administrator Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's, Portsmouth. For full details and how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Resources

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.

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 11th September 2022

Envelopes	£ 25.00
Loose Cash	£390.36
Contactless payment	£274.00
Standing Orders	£720.09

2nd collection on Sunday 11th September for Catholic Education Service: £111.10p.
Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 18th September 2022

Envelopes	£ 17.00
Loose Cash	£272.49
Contactless payment	£ 65.00
Standing Orders	£720.09

Next 2nd collection on Sunday 18th September for Home Mission Sunday: £145.10p
Thank you all for your kind donations.

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
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Leo Odomeja
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Fr. Gaston Forbah
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

0118 931 4469
0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

25th September 2022

Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Reflection on awareness of hell in our time

Have you noticed that we hardly hear in our churches about the threat of hell? Maybe priests these days are afraid of discouraging their flock from coming to the church? Indeed, some of the faithful come to Masses to find rest, joy and company and they are not willing to listen to uncomfortable subjects. In the case of fear of preaching about hell, priests must be helped by all of us to be brave and never to give up. Their duty is to show us love for God and Heaven as our destiny and a place already prepared for us but at some point they are obliged to teach us wisely on the realm of eternal condemnation. The teaching must be well presented to show us a path to God and warn of the abysses in our way. We must hear about being watchful as "the enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1P5:8). If we lead bad immoral lives (against God's commandments) we will find ourselves outside of God, literally in reality called hell. In this way St Maria Goretti was educated by the Church. Knowing the danger of the abyss of hell, she shouted at her neighbour Alessandro when he wanted to have an impure act with her: "No, never, that is a sin! God does not want it and we would go to hell". As a consequence of her preaching at that dramatic moment, and her determination in protecting her chastity, in his eighth year in prison, Alessandro was able to produce an act of contrition by acknowledging and rejecting his sins and all evil he that he had perpetrated.. He started living life in the spirit of great penance. He was just about to enter hell when he was rescued and he knew about it till the last day of his life.

God does not occupy the centre of most people's lives and therefore, their thoughts and actions are based on other principles. Hence many say that there are no temporary or eternal consequences. However, Fathers of the Church are firm on the reality of an eternal hell. St Ignatius of Antioch says: "Corrupters of families will not inherit the kingdom of God. And if they who do these things according to the flesh suffer death, how much more if a man corrupt by evil teaching the faith of God for the sake of which Jesus Christ was crucified? A man become so foul will depart into unquenchable fire: and so will anyone who listens to him" (Letter to the Ephesians 16:1-2 [A.D. 110).

The issue that some will go to hell is already decided! We must be aware of it. Of course, there is an issue of who in particular will go to hell and that is not within the range of our decision.

Father Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 25th September 2022 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Fr Eamon Walsh RIP Antonia Napolitano RIP For Parishioners
Mon 26th Sept Ss Cosmas & Damian	6.00pm 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Dawid & Daria's conversion
Tues 27th Sept St Vincent de Paul	8.00am	Eva Nora's intention
Wed 28th Sept St Wenceslaus	8.00am 4.15pm 6.00pm Votive Mass for Students	Wieslaw's conversion of his heart Rosary Laura Little's intention
Thur 29th Sept The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	No Mass	
Friday 30th Sept St Jerome	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass
Sat 1st October St Teresa of the child Jesus	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun 2nd October 2022 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Intention available

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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

25th Sept: Bernadette Barnes (1985); John Thompson (1990); and Fr. Eamon Walsh (2013);

28th Sept: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998);

29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012);

30th Sept: Ethel Wiggins (2005); Vincent Aspell (2021)

1st Oct:

We keep in our prayers 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.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Rachel at the Parish Office

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.

Parish News

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 18th & 25th Sept, 1st & 9th October.

Message from The Catholic Society of the University - Wednesday 28th September at 6.00pm: New university students of Reading are invited to join fellow students for Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit at our church. This is the perfect opportunity to praise God alongside other students, as well as connecting with them. Also every Wednesday there will be student meeting in the DB Room at 6.00pm.

Thursday 29th September is the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. Solemn Mass at St William of York at 7 pm in Latin celebrated by Fr Stan. Everyone is welcome.

Catechesis by Neocatechumenal Community in September: You are warmly invited 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 19th September to Monday 31st October 2022.

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

CAFOD Family Fast day - Friday 7th October for World Food Crisis Appeal. CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and donate the money saved. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith, we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church, this week and give generously or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday.

Sunday 9th October: Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2.30pm.

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](http://TenYearPlan-PortsmouthDiocese.CatholicDioceseofPortsmouth). There will be a consultation period that runs across the parishes from 13th July 2022 to 15th December 2022.

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. Parents meeting with Fr Stan on Sunday 2nd October after 11.00am Mass. Further details about the programme will be communicated later.

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.

Pastoral News:

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.

Saturday 8th October - Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore. Commemorating the arrival of Bl Dominic Barberi at the college on 8th Oct 1845, and the anniversary of the reception of St John Henry Newman. Walk starts with Pilgrim Prayer at 7.15pm from the Oratory. Please see