

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:

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. The website detail for the walk is www.newmanfriendsinternational.org. Please see poster in our noticeboard

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 - October 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 25th September 2022

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| Envelopes | £ 48.00 |
| Loose Cash | £313.02 |
| Contactless payment | £ 23.00 |
| Standing Orders | £720.09 |

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 LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC The Diocese website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

Catholic Chaplaincy in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.
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".
Fr. Daniel Agber will now coordinate the Hospital Chaplaincy. On call Hospital Chaplains are the priests from the FSSP (07445106330) Fr. Seth Phipps and Fr. Matthew Goddard

Reading Catholic Churches

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| 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 |

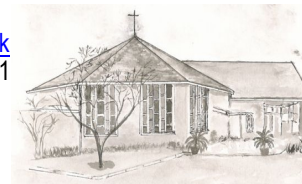
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Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

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| 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | 2nd October 2022 |
| Psalm Response: | | |
| O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. | | |

October - Month of the Rosary.

The Church has been going through the moment of sorrow which affects many people in different ways. For our personal safety and for the goodness of the Church, we unite ourselves to the suffering of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We gain confidence that never was it known that any one who fled to Her protection, implored Her help, and sought Her intercession, was left unaided (St. Bernard 'The Memorare'.

In the Heart of Mary, the Church is protected from corruption and false teachings as She, the Most Pure, helps us to identify their ugliness and crushes their father, the serpent, with a bare foot. The Mother of God is in the midst of the rancour of war as the Virgin of Victory, and She entrusted to us a special tool by which we take part in Her defeating spiritual forces so that they have no access to us and the Heart of the Church. This tool is the Rosary.

Our Lady gave it first to St. Dominic (1170-1221) in the conflicts with the Albigensians. In XVI century, when the whole Europe was in danger of being taken over by Islam, again the Rosary became a tool to protect our civilisation. It is from the battle of Lepanto when October became the month of Rosary.

As our Christian Faith and culture are in danger today, we need to find ourselves in the garden of Roses composed out of lots of "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and "Glory be". In this garden, we are given peace and stability which we pass on to others.

Let us embrace the Rosary, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin", this scriptural prayer, „a compendium of the entire Gospel", focusing on mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption in the Heart of the Immaculate Mother.

Fr Stan

Sunday 9th October is Fr Stan's birthday. We wish Fr Stan a very happy birthday. May God continue to shine upon you and shower you with blessings on your special day, today and for evermore !!!!!.

| Date & Dedication | Time | Mass Intentions etc |
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| Sun 2nd October 2022 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm | Rosary For Parishioners Rosary John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Irene Valentine's thanksgiving |
| Mon 3rd Oct | 6.00pm 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i> | Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Kaspra's thanksgiving to God for all blessings. |
| Tues 4th Oct St Francis of Assisi | 8.00am | Intention available |
| Wed 5th Oct St Faustina Kowalska | 8.00am 4.15pm | Mariam & James thanksgiving Rosary |
| Thur 6th Oct St Bruno | No Mass | |
| Friday 7th Oct Our Lady of Rosary | 11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm | Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Sebastian's release from all bondage |
| Sat 8th Oct | No Mass | |
| Sun 9th October 2022 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm | Rosary Con & Emily Harvey RIP Foundation Mass Rosary Fr Stan's intention Divine Mercy holy hour 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 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

3rd October: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);
4th October: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);
6th October: Jeanette Barron (1983);
8th October: Albert Twiney (2013);

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

October: Month of Rosary: The month of October, each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful." (Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, Source: Catholic.net) .

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

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

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.

Parish Office is closed on Friday 7th October. Next week the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 12th October due to the Parish Administrators training day.

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. There will be a consultation period that runs across the parishes from 13th July 2022 to 15th December 2022.

Saturday 15 October at 7.30 pm with Reading Community Gospel Choir: The NGCF are very pleased to announce the return of their annual concert starring the Reading Community Gospel Choir. The concert will take place on Saturday 15 October at 7.30 pm in our church hall in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, sponsoring education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. Tickets £10 (cash) on the door, under 18s free. To reserve tickets in advance email info@ngcf.co.uk.

Bereavement Service. "All Souls Day" on Wednesday 2nd Nov 6.30pm: Solemn Mass for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners. "A book of remembrance" is in the church - please write the names of those whom you wish to remember. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass".

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