# **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.

Care4Calais - Winter Coat Appeal Deadline **30 Oct** are supporting over 800 refugees locally many of whom have No Recourse to Public Funds. Those they support come from many war torn countries, including Ukraine, Afghanistan, Svria and Eritrea. There is need of Men's sizes S and M: Puffa or Parka style coats and jackets; also Ladies' size 8-14: Puffa or Parka style coats with hoods. Ladies' long cardigans, and umbrellas. Drop-off/collection, please email Reading@care4calais.org for details. We can also buy warm coats at wholesale prices so if you'd like to stick a few pounds in our fundraiser here's the link https:// www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/ thames-valley-refugee-support-care4calais

## Offertory Collection 9th October 2022

Envelopes	£ 45.00
Loose Cash	£315.36
Contactless payment	£237.00
Standing Orders	£600.31
2nd Collection CAFOD	£330.05
Thank you all for your kind donations.	

Second Collection on 23rd October for World Mission Sunday: Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room or online through Missio's website https://missio.org.uk/donate/. This is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere and by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

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 LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth 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.

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 Goddadrd

# Reading Catholic Churches

Emergency numbers for a Priest – Please call your own priest first

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

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 16th October 2022

Psalm Response:

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who makes heaven and earth".

# Perseverance or Laziness? This is a question

Perseverance is the act of will enlighted by the hope of seeing things through until the end. Despite obstacles, persecution, discouragement and fear, one acts with great conviction as the certainty of finding an answer is granted.

How should we respond to this lack of stability? First of all, we should accept that we live in a privileged time of purification and then we need to search for ways of co-operating with God who purifies everyone and everything. We need to deepen our stability in Christ in His Teaching entrusted to the Church. We must never separate love of God from love of the Deposit of the Faith entrusted to the Church as in the doctrine we learn of Him whom we love. The deposit is the Revelation. His words are Truth. It is the Deposit of the faith that Christ is the Divine Person and in this light, we know whom we love. Enlighted by the Doctrine we know that He is fully present in the Blessed Sacrament in His body, soul and divinity and we know where to put our hearts and all our love.

"Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows 'what is in man'. He alone knows it." (St John Paul 2)

Having been deeply rooted in Christ we will be able to "keep our heads in all situations" (2 Tm 4:5). Hence "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed." (1 P 4:12 - 13)

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16h October 2022 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Dari & Dawide conversion & purity of heart Rosary For Parishioners
Mon 17th Oct St Ignatius of Antioch	No Mass	
Tues 18th Oct St Luke	No Mass	
Wed 19th Oct St Paul of the Cross	No Mass 4.15pm	Rosary
Thur 20th Oct	No Mass	
Friday 21st Oct	11.00am 6.00pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Rosary
Sat 22nd Oct St John Paul 11	No Mass	
Sun 23rd October 2022 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am <b>8.30am</b> 10.30am <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Intention available Rosary

# **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

16th Oct: Doris Jamieson (2005); Tony Morgan (2016); Veronica Nelson (2016);

17th Oct: Marjorie Parmentier (1996); Kathleen Andrews (1993);

18th Oct: Thomas O'Farrell (1987); Ellen Bennett (2013);

19th Oct: Catherine Heil (2009); Agnes Horvath (2016); 20th Oct: Carl Barton (1977);

21st Oct: Dudley Soza (1998); Michael Aolio Anali (2004); Liz Gudmundson (2020)

22nd Oct: Maureen Karas (1980); John Dwyer (1988); Christina Belcher (1999); and Betty Ledger (2012); Flirshoth Espace Madulay (2017)

(2012); Elizabeth Frances McAuley (2017)

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

## **Parish News**

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

**Tea & Coffee after 8.30am Mass on Sunday:** Please join us in the Dominic Barberi room after 8.30am Mass. Everyone welcome. Also, there will be continental pastries every 3rd Sunday and fresh toast on the 1st Sunday of the month.

No Weekday mass this week from Monday 17th Oct to Thursday 20th Oct.

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.

Tuesday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 8.00am & 6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd Nov "All Souls Day": Holy Mass at 08.00am & 6.30pm Mass. The 6.30pm Solemn Mass is 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".

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.

Request from Reading University Chaplaincy:

We are looking to create a small database of local people who may be able to offer emergency accommodation to students. We are looking for local people who could take in a student for 1-4 weeks (with or without rent) at short notice whilst they search for longer term accommodation. If you are willing to be added to our database please contact Mark Laynesmith (m.d.laynesmith@reading.ac.uk) for further

information. There are an increasing number of such students, particularly at the beginning and end of each academic year. Many of these students are international or have little family support.

#### Pastoral News:

40 days for life campaign - Wed 28th September to Sun 6th November. 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAUK). Please consider coming out at least for one hour a week and encourage friends and family to join you. To sign up please go to: <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk">https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk</a>. For more information, please contact Martin on e mail <a href="https://www.40daysforlifereading@gmail.com">40daysforlifereading@gmail.com</a> or on

mobile 07436018688

Thursday 27th October: National Day of Prayer & Fasting "For Life". "There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain

since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 27th October, please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day

**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 . 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.