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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	23rd October 2022
Psalm Response: This poor man called; the Lord heard him		

Faith and humble heart

When St. Paul reached the end of his life, he asked his close disciples to "aim at faith" (2 Tim 2:22) with the same constancy as when they were children (cf. 2 Tim 3:15). It is a very interesting statement. Suddenly, in the teaching of St. Paul, we find that what really matters in our life is faith based on simple and attentive adherence to Christ. Everything else regarding Christian life follows that constancy. The most basic link of our soul with Jesus is the foundation on which we build the rest of our lives. Hence faith and gratitude, faith and prayer life, are expressions and nourishment of that innocent and delicate stream of living relationship with God.

Reflecting closely on the intensity of the simple act of faith, we see that there is no place for the impression that some of us are better than the others. The institution of a 'pecking order', however innocent, is the remaining rotten fruit of the sin from Paradise, where Adam and Eve were redirected from a relationship with God to a possessive attitude towards life, and when they believed they would be as high as God, the Almighty.

On that basis, we see that anybody who prides himself or herself on being virtuous and despises everyone else, is a victim of the temptation of the old serpent (Luke 18:9-14). For Satan it was enough to redirect the great act of zeal, prayer and gratitude to damage the soul of the dedicated Pharisee, who in the Temple did not meet the Lord and went home without God's blessing. The tragic life of the Pharisee continued as even then he felt more privileged and closer to God than others.

Strangely enough, sometimes our spiritual wounds or our damaged moral and spiritual status can lead us to the most basic stream of faith: "The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'" Of course, Satan will try to redirect our attention to another channel, a channel of despair or ignorance, so that it is not obvious the we should express our love to God in the act of contrition and that we really must come back to the simplicity of a relationship with Jesus Christ, in which humbleness and faith are close sisters, together with prayer and gratitude.

"O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, strengthen me with your Spirit.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, teach me your ways."

Fr Stan

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: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>.

For more information, please contact Martin on e mail 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com or on mobile 07436018688

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 / November 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 16th October 2022

Envelopes £ 88.00
 Loose Cash £299.67
 Contactless payment £284.00
 Standing Orders £600.31
 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 :

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 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

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 23rd October 2022 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Libby Sinclair thanksgiving Rosary Lianne Hemingway RIP rec. dec. For Parishioners
Mon 24th Oct St Anthony Claret	6.00pm 6.30pm in Latin	Rosary Victor Stanislaus & family thanksgiving
Tues 25th Oct	8.00am	God's blessing and thanksgiving for Zuzanna
Wed 26th Oct Ss Chad & Cedd	12.15pm 4.15pm	✠ Requiem Mass Kamilia Corbari RIP Rosary
Thur 27th Oct	No Mass	
Friday 28th Oct Ss Simon * Jude	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Wieslaw - conversion of his heart
Sat 29th Oct	No Mass	
Sun 30th October 2022 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary George & Nancy Johnson Rosary Antonietta Napolitano RIP 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 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

24th Oct: Gwenth Cull (1996);
26th Oct: David Trinder (1995); Maurice Fahey (1975); Dolly Coffey (2015);
27th Oct: Aloisy Karas (2002); 28th Oct: Bernard McCloskey (1995); Lucienne Wakefield (1974);
29th Oct: Enid Newman ; 30th Oct: Patricia Hewitt (1981)

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

Kamilia Marcal Torres Corbari RIP: Its with deep sadness we share the news that our parishioner Kamilia Corbari died on 6th October 2022 aged 38yrs. May her soul rest in peace. We keep in our hearts and prayer her husband Vademir and their young children Nicolli & Antonella that God gives them strength to cope with the loss. Requiem Mass at our church on Wednesday 26th October at 12.15pm.

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.

Catechesis by Neocatechumenal Community in September: You are warmly invited to a series of catechesis in the Advent room on Mondays and Thursdays at 20:15.

Sunday 30th October 12.30 - 15.30; Children's All Saints party. In order to promote the Good Spirit of All Saints Day & All Souls Days, we are organising a get together in the Parish hall. Children are encouraged to dress up as saints and there is a prize for the best dressed saint.

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".

Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party: Saturday 26th November at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall. - a great opportunity to socialise with each other and get to know the parish family better. Tickets are available after Mass - £5 each (free entry for children of school age). Please bring a plate to share. Soft drinks & nibbles will

be provided. Other drinks available from the Club bar. See you there!

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 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:

Abortion clinic buffer zone vote: The Bishops' Conference has issued a statement in response to the disappointing news that MPs have voted to ban prayer vigils and other forms of peaceful protests in the vicinity of abortion clinics nationwide: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-sherrington-disappointed-with-abortion-clinic-buffer-zones-vote/>. Separately, Reading Borough Council has unanimously passed a similar motion targeting specifically at the local abortion clinic."

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

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).