

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

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, Syria 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>

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 23rd October 2022

Envelopes	£ 35.00
Loose Cash	£388.21
Contactless payment	£ 72.00
Standing Orders	£600.31
Second Collection on 23rd October for World Mission Sunday: 84.80	

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Special Collection on Sunday 4th November is for Bamenda Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update please see copy of the Bamenda Newsletter or on website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com.

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.

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Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
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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 Goddard

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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

30th October 2022

Psalm Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb 9: 27)

In the month of November, let us find time to meditate on our lives from a bird's point of view, from outside our feelings and desires.

At the beginning, after making the sign of the cross and praying to the Holy Spirit, let us imagine ourselves, here in the centre of church, in a coffin. The paschal candle will be lit, Holy Water will be sprinkled on you, and fragrance of incense will be calling you to praise the Lord as you lay there inside the coffin. Some of us will be around you. There will be nothing to do, no commitment any more. It is only death and the Lord. After death, everything stops. All people will die. There is no time to do good any more. "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." (John 9: 4).

The moment of our death is uncertain. We do not know the day or the hour (Mt 25:13). What is Death? It is the separation of the soul from the body. The soul is immortal, so it does not die. Only the body decays and turns into dust.. "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19). Death entered our lives only as the outcome of the original sin. It is linked with the great liar and enemy of the human race. All people will be judged by God at death.

Having involved our imagination, let us reflect on the facts of life in relation to the truth about us. Whilst reflecting on them, embrace Christ with your heart

- I am created by God to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and the life to come;
- my soul is immortal;
- I received the seed of heaven in Baptism. It depends on my care how it will grow. The Paschal candle at baptism reminds me of Christ who broke the power of death and entered my life for the unity with the Holy Trinity
- There are three last stages of my soul: Death, Judgement, Heaven or Hell.

Finish your reflection by saying slowly the Hail Mary, the Our Father and finish with Glory be..

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 31st Oct	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Warriors of Mary for God's blessing
Tues 1st Nov ALL SAINTS	8.00am 6.30pm	Boguslaw- God's will in his life For Parishioners
Wed 2nd Nov Commemoration of ALL SOULS	8.00am 4.15pm 6.30pm	All Souls Rosary All Souls
Thur 3rd Nov St Nartin de Porres	No Mass	
Friday 4th Nov St Charles Borromeo	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Peter Mooney RIP
Sat 5th Nov	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Achillies & Methsiri Fernando RIP
Sun 6th November 2022 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Jennings RIP Rosary Jane Mooney RIP For Parishioners

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Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

30th Oct: Patricia Hewitt (1981); 31st Oct: Annie Wareham (1987)
1st Nov: Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);
2nd Nov: Alvina Bossey (1982); Joyce Darnell (2008);
4th Nov: William Tully (1988); 5th Nov: Michael Pegg (1990);
6th Nov: William Sawyer (2002); Doug Gudmundson (2015);

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

Indulgenced Acts for the Poor Souls A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery in the month of November. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory. More information can be found on Vatican website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

Parish News

Children's All Saints Party on Sunday 30th October 12.30 to 15.30. 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.

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

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".

Blessing of Graves:
Sunday 6th November at 3pm: Fr Stan will bless the graves at Mayes Lane.
Sunday 13th November at 3.00pm: Blessing of the graves at Henley Road Cemetery.

Saturday 5th November : 1st Saturday of every month at 10am- (Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

Sunday 13th November 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm. The prayer will be led by laity as Fr Stan will be blessing the graves at the Henley Road Cemetery.

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 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.

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 specifically targeting at the local abortion clinic."

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: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>. For more information, please contact Martin on e mail 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com or on mobile 07436018688

Retrouvaille "A lifeline for married couples". Next programme commencing on 24th -26th February 2023. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.