

Poem Competition All Children and Youth are encouraged to enter the Christmas Poem competition. The topic could be anything relating to Christmas, such as the star or the stable. Entries need to be in by Sat 10th Dec - please send to church office, ideally by email

Pastoral News:

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



CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas : In

Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. We have included a QR code that can be scanned, which takes you to the world gifts website. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

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

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	Msgsr. Patrick Daly

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. Please check the expiry dates on your donations. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Resources

Day by Day - Advent edition is in the Advent Room £1.00/book: Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

Offertory Collection 6th November 2022

Envelopes	£ 2.00
Loose Cash	£362.32
Contactless payment	£ 78.50
Standing Orders	£606.15

Special Collection on Sunday 6th November is for Bamenda £143.46

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 6th November 2022

NEXT SUNDAY is the feast of Christ the King and the last Sunday of Liturgical Year C.

**Psalm Response:
 The Lord comes to rule the people with fairness.**

Faith and the Last Things

What makes us ask about God? Where do we find Him? Although there is no simple answer to this question, it looks like we think more seriously about Him when we believe in the edge of life; when we approach a metaphorical cliff, after which there is only an ocean and everything around us says: stop. Then it is a moment of touching base. Interestingly enough, we are more open to God when we realise that we are really 'short' and there is no-one to help us. For instance, consider the case of Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10) and the invalid man who at the Sheep Gate asked the Lord: *Sir, I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me (Jn 5:7).* Before that often we are either not interested or mistaken about Him. Before reaching our lowest point, we have our own agendas. Before that moment we are talkative about Him. Faith is often born in the context of touching death of all kinds: spiritual, moral, social, physical. Only then we start screaming in the depths of our hearts: Where are you my God?

We will be blessed if one day a priest will pray over our coffin: *May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.* It is good to have the image of that moment in our heads. It really helps our faith to develop in many areas. Our unhealthy attachments disappear, we simplify our demands and needs, we stop treating God like the next door neighbour, etc. Everything is then in another order. The Last Things of man are death, judgment, heaven and hell. Death is the separation of body (mortal) and soul (immortal). At the moment of death, we experience one-to-one judgement by God based on our life. We will go immediately to our reward or punishment. There will be time for purification called purgatory but only for those who are in the state of imperfection and are in preparation for their entry to heaven. After that it will be the end of the world. Then we will rise again to be judged by Jesus Christ (all living and dead). The body and soul will come back together. Only at that time will God's whole plan for the world will be revealed.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 13th November 2022 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Brigid & Peter Mooney RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon 14th Nov	6.00pm 6.30pm in Latin	Rosary Alan Thomas RIP
Tues 15th Nov St Albert the Great	8.00am	Winifred & Arthur Lees RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 16th Nov St Edmund of Abingdon	8.00am 4.15pm	Dorothy Hill RIP Rosary
Thur 17th Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary	No Mass	
Friday 18th Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Kathleen Pearl RIP Foundation Mass
Sat 19th Nov	No Mass	
Sun 20th November 2022 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Luke Alexander thanksgiving Rosary Patrick Mooney RIP For Parishioners

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Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

14th Nov: Henry Wiggins (1980); Antonio Fiorentini (2014); Philip Doyle (2020);
Maria Magdalena Mijares (2021); 15th Nov: Catherine Purcell (1975); Winifred Lees (1998);
17th Nov: Edward McIlvenna (1974); Alexander O'Boyle (1990); Mary Kelliner (2003);
Rudolf Horvath (2018); 18th Nov: Kathleen Pearl (1987); Sheila Scott (2001); Miles Webber (2012);
20th Nov: John Pringle (1998); Sunday Adepoju Salako (2018)

We keep in our prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound. 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

Blessing of Graves: Sunday 13th November at 3.00pm at Henley Road Cemetery.

Sunday 13th November is Remembrance Sunday: The 11.00am Mass will start with 2 min silence to remember all the people who have died in wars. Please come to church early so the 2 min silence can be observed without disruption.

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.

Christmas Cards: The Parish Christmas cards are on sale in Advent Room. £2.00 for pack of ten cards or £5 for pack of 30.

Bishop Philip's 10 year plan "You will be my Witness". You can access the document via the Portsmouth diocese website. [You-Will-be-My-Witnesses SHORT Website.pdf \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses-SHORT-Website.pdf).

Thanks to all who came for the Parish meeting on 12th October 2022. Please hand in your feedback form to either Fr Stan or the Parish Office by 30th November. We need to hand our final feedback to the diocese by mid December 2022. The feedback form had the following questions -

Questions for Reflection

1. Reflecting on the information we have shared; are there any priorities you feel we have missed from our Ten-Year Mission Plan?
2. What else beyond what is set out in the plan, do we need to do to realise this plan as a Diocese, as parishes, as individuals?
3. Is there anything further we should take into account when considering the shape of parish groupings?

Introduction to Men's Formation group on Thursday 17th November - 19:30 - 20:30 in. Blessed Dominic Barberi room. We invite all men who expressed a desire to develop their spiritual growth. The 2nd meeting will be 01 December.

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

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.

Events in Advent

"Retreat for Youth "Advent Crusaders : From 26th November for 4 weeks every Saturday at 10.00am for 1 hour for youths aged 11-25 are invited to join us at Our Lady of Peace, Earley RG6 7DA in Dominic Barberi Hall. Short course/retreat reconnecting the Youth to Christ celebrating the feast of the Nativity - God becoming Man.

The Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses.

Wednesday morning at 6.30am: We will celebrate the Rorate Mass every Wednesday morning in Advent from 30th November at 6.30am. Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark so please bring lantern.

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th December: There will be no weekday Mass on Monday 5th December & Tuesday 6th December as Fr Stan will be away on a retreat.

Thursday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Holy Mass at 6.30pm.