

Parish News

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 \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](#). 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?

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

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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	Fr Joe McLoughlin



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.

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 20th November 2022

Envelopes	£ 15.00
Loose Cash	£307.05
Contactless payment	£ 52.00
Standing Orders	£606.15

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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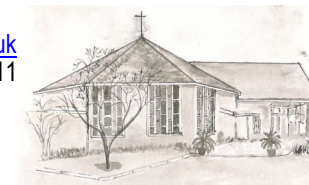
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Parish office opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

1st Sunday of Advent

Year A

27th November 2022

Psalm Response:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."





We experience Christmas when we experience Advent

We are given entire weeks to prepare our hearts for the special graces of Christmas. During this time the Church prays incessantly for the coming of Jesus. Advent is then a special period to focus our hearts on His coming down to earth: "Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above" (Is 45:8). The Church focuses on the hunger for Jesus and for His coming. We can even say that the process of growing in faith depends on our hunger for God. The hunger, the desire of Jesus, the desire for His coming to us, to our family, to our parish, to our broken world, is the key to a great banquet of Christmas. Advent is then the period of awareness that, although Jesus is present amongst us, there are areas in us where there is a lack of Jesus. The lack of His presence brings a strong hope that His rebirth will come within our hearts at Christmas. He comes to match the extent of our preparation and our openness. We can say, to match the extent of our faith. If there is no Advent, then... Christmas is just a beautiful but empty celebration. The danger of Christmas is then that it can become an artificial celebration, full of shopping, rushing, carols and a meal, only because there is not much meaning, no preparation. If you do not experience the message of Advent, then do not be surprised that Christmas seems to be always the same.

Advent is a period when we should allow ourselves to see all areas where the Lord is outside of us, knocking on the door of our hearts, asking for our attention. Let us pray that our lack of Jesus brings the deeper desire of Communion with Him – Holy Communion with Him – Most Holy Communion with Him. He waits for us to receive Holy Communion. He wants to give Himself to you fully and His heart there beats for you.

Fr Stan

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.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 27th November 2022 First Sunday of Advent 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Thyveetil family intention Rosary Claire Eddleston thanksgiving For Parishioners
Mon 28th Nov	6.00pm 6.30pm in Latin	Rosary Aurelia Meza RIP
Tues 29th Nov	8.00am	Eva Nora intention
Wed 30th Nov St Andrew	6.30am 4.15pm	Rosalia Krauze RIP Rosary
Thur 1st Dec	No Mass	
Friday 2nd Dec	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Alice Willson RIP Foundation Mass
Sat 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass Kathleen Krauze RIP
Sun 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Ken Mansfield RIP Rosary For Parishioners Holy Souls

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

27th Nov: Mary Underwood (2000);
29th Nov: William O'Riordan (1996); Peter Sellen (2004);
20th Nov: Z Maratona (1991); Olive Henry (1991);
2nd Dec: Helen Nolan (1984); Alice Willson (1999);
3rd Dec: Michael Clarridge (1993);
4th Dec: Mary Carter (2009);

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

Advent

Advent Giving: During Advent as a Parish, we will, as usual, be collecting gifts to donate to a good cause. This year, we have decided to donate to Woodley food bank, who are struggling to meet increased and unprecedented demand at the moment. We will place receptacles in the Advent room to collect your gifts. Items required include: Tinned vegetables, fruit, meats and fish. Coffee, sugar, tea bags (packets of 40) Cereals, biscuits , custard, tinned puddings, Squash. Cash donations are also welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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.

"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.

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 the church office, ideally by email

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.

Introduction to Men's Formation group continues on Thursday 1st December - 19:00 - 20:30 in Blessed Dominic Barberi room. We invite all men who have a desire to develop their spiritual growth.

Saturday 3rd December: 1st Saturday of every month at 10am-.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

Sunday 4th December: We welcome Fr Aldo Tapparo from Oxford who will celebrate all 3 Sunday Masses.

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th December: There will be no weekday Mass on 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.

Advent Confession in our Pastoral Area. Please spare some time for prayer and reflection, this Advent. Start planning now to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season. All are welcome.

Advent Penitential Services

Date	Time	Venue
Fri 9th	7.00pm	Christ the King
Sat 10th	10.00am	Our Lady of Peace
Mon 12th	7.00pm	St John Bosco
Thu 15th	7.00pm	St Joseph's
Fri 16th	7.00pm	St James
Sat 17th	10.00am	English Martyrs

Christmas services

Sat 24th Dec, 5.00pm-Children's short service followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass.

Sat 24th Dec, 11.00pm Vigil Service followed by Midnight mass.

Sun 25th Dec - 8.30am & 11am - Holy Mass.
No weekday Mass during 26th Dec to 31st Dec.

Sun 1st Jan 2023:8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Holy Mass
No weekday Mass on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Jan 2023

Friday Adoration. Friday 16th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2022, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 6th January 2023.