

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A 11th December 2022

Psalm Response: "Come Lord, and save us."

Gaudete Sunday- Joy as one of the fruits of God's Loving Presence

If we were hungry for God,
we would not have a problem understanding what Advent is about.
If we lost God,
we would appreciate him more.
If we found God,
we would never allow Him to be lost among so many things.
If we knew that forgiveness and reconciliation is possible,
we would sacrifice ourselves for the sake of Jesus' peace.
If we witnessed how God's message works in hearts,
we would never leave the Holy Scripture on a shelf.
If we saw how much we benefit from little gestures of daily charity,
we would smile and offer a hand to everyone.
If we knew how much flavour our openness brings to the community,
we would remain open even to our difficult neighbours.
If we knew how much depends on the room we make for others,
we would enjoy every moment when we are unnoticed, unseen, not welcomed.
If we experienced the gentleness of the Almighty,
we would never have a problem with confession.
If we were touched by the living God,
we would not be able to live without Holy Communion and Adoration.
If we understood how much we are loved by God,
we would be overwhelmed by joy.



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.

Dates for January 2023

Fri 6th January 23: The Epiphany of the Lord.
Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Saturday 7th January 23 : 1st Saturday of every month at 10am- (Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

Sunday 8th January 23- 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

Pastoral News:

Resources for Advent: The Bible Society has produced some inspirational resources for

Advent—www.godwhospeaks.uk/advent/.

More Bible Society Christmas resources are available at www.godwhospeaks.uk/saints-seasons-christmas-celebrate-christmas-with-bible-society/

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

Offertory Collection 4th December 2022

Envelopes £ 58.00
Loose Cash £332.90
Contactless payment £ 57.00
Standing Orders £606.15
Thank you all for your kind donations.

Christmas Crib Collection: . In the Diocese, we alternate our annual Christmas Crib offerings between Friends of the Holy Land and the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, the Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. The Order of the Holy Sepulchre is rooted in tradition and the past, but it strives every day to make a future possible for those living in the very birthplace of the Catholic faith.

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.

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow :

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
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 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 Fr Joe McLoughlin 0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Elsie Roche RIP rec. dec Divine Mercy Holy Hour Luciladel Carpio Meza RIP
Mon 12th Dec Out Lady of Guadalupe	6.00pm 6.30pm in Latin	Rosary Peggie Bentley RIP Foundation Mass
Tues 13th Dec St Lucy	8.00am	Thyveetil family thanksgiving
Wed 14th Dec St John of the Cross	6.30am 4.15pm	C Harding Intention Rosary
Thur 15th Dec	No Mass	
Friday 16th Dec	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Ranjani Jayasekara RIP
Sat 17th Dec	No Mass	
Sun 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Bartlomiej Golinski Rosary M Harding's Intention For Parishioners

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 from 26th Dec to 31st Dec.

Sun 1st Jan 2023: 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm - Holy Mass

No weekday Mass from 2nd- 5th Jan 2023

Fri 6th January 23: The Epiphany of the Lord: Holy Day of Obligation Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

12th Dec: Bernadette Joyce (1984) Peggy Bentley (1989)

16th Dec: John Carter (2001); Jamie O'Grady (2001)

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 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. Confession in our church is on Saturday 10th December at 10.00am. 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 day collection: The collections from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Please either use our contactless payment or use the envelope provided

The Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses.

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 Continues every Saturday at 10.00am for 1 hour for youths aged 11-25 in Dominic Barberi Hall. Short course/retreat reconnecting the Youth to Christ celebrating the feast of the Nativity - God becoming Man.

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

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.

The Christmas newsletter will cover the 3 Sundays while the parish office is closed (25th Dec, 1st Jan & 8th Jan.) - so please keep your copy!

Parish office will be closed from Friday 23rd December 2022 to Tuesday 10th January 2023.

Parish News

Do you donate to our parish/Diocese? We would like to thank all those who donate to the parish/Diocese via Standing order / Direct Debit. Your contributions are truly valued and appreciated and enable the parish/Diocese to function. The Diocese will change from a Trust to Charitable Incorporated Organisation from 1st January 2023, which is a change of legal status. If you donate to our Parish/Diocese, we need to have your up-to-date contact details for each donor, including your address or email address, so that we can inform you of what is happening and any next steps to take.

Please would all donors e mail/contact the Parish office with the following contact details by Monday 12th December:

Name

Address (including postcode)

Telephone number

Email address

We thank you for your co-operation

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.