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Resources

Day by Day - July edition is in the Advent Room £1.20/book: Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

Offertory Donations:

You can set up regular offertory donation by setting up monthly standing order.

Our Bank details are as follows:

A/c name: CDP Reading Our Lady of Peace
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018

If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. You can also pay via the contactless machine in the Advent Room.

Community News

Woodley food bank List of items needed are:-
Pasta, rice, 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 food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Saturday 27th June: ADORe invites you to join them on for this month's online spiritual mini-retreat: "Love One Another." discovering how the Holy Spirit empowers us to share Christ's love with others. Please visit their website [ADORE Catholic Charismatic Renewal Meeting for spiritual renewal](http://ADORE.Catholic.Charismatic.Renewal.Meeting.for.spiritual.renewal) for more information and registration details.

The next Adoremus event is due to take place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Its on Saturday 10th October 2026, with Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Groups from parishes intending to attend should let Canon Michael Dennehy know via e mail mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Wednesday 1st July 2026, in order to co-ordinate travel and book places. See poster in Advent Room for more details.

Vocation: Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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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The Diocese website:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

Catholic Chaplaincy in Royal Berkshire Hospital

All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". : If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please inform the Catholic Chaplaincy. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you. Ring the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

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 Henry Jan Nkop
St. William of York Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Fr Joe McLoughlin

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

Saints Peter and Paul

Year A (Sunday Missal page 1155)

28th June 2026

Psalm Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

The simple fisherman and the learned citizen of the world - united in one faith and one Church.

Peter and Paul, one a simple fisherman from Bethsaida, living in Capernaum, the other an educated cosmopolitan man from Tarsus, are united in one faith, one hope, and one love within the one undivided Church.

After Jesus Christ, the Gospels stresses Saint Peter. While the Virgin Mary appears in 171 verses, and John the Baptist in 133 verses, the First Apostle, Simon Peter, is mentioned in 193 verses in the Gospels and 357 verses in the entire New Testament. Undoubtedly, Simon Peter of Bethsaida is a significant figure in the Church, despite being just a fisherman. Importantly, at their first meeting, it was Christ who gave him the name Peter, derived from the Latin 'Petrus,' meaning 'rock.' Peter was chosen by Jesus to hold the primacy in the Church.

Saint Paul was a zealous Pharisee from Tarsus, a disciple of one of the most eminent Jewish teachers, Gamaliel, and a Roman citizen. Initially, he was a fierce enemy of the Church. His conversion around 35 AD on the road to Damascus was dramatic, and his name was changed from Saul to Paul. He became a devoted disciple of risen and crucified Jesus, passionately preaching the Gospel and establishing churches in many places, earning him the title "Apostle to the Nations." His popularity lead to him becoming the reference point for vast majority of his spiritual children. Yet, in his Letter to the Galatians, Paul mentions his post-conversion visit to Jerusalem: "I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days" (Gal 1:18). This emphasises the special role of Apostle Peter in the early Church. Paul was particularly eager to assure his audience that his teachings were endorsed by Peter.

Peter and Paul certainly met twice, in Jerusalem and Antioch, and possibly in Rome. While it is unclear if they met in Rome, we do know they were martyred there under Emperor Nero. Their deaths did not occur on the same day, nor likely in the same year. They were united by Christ, and the Church honours their joint feast day.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 28th June 2026 Ss Peter & Paul	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners <i>Rosary</i> Noah Steventon 1st birthday thanksgiving Ann Flannery RIP
Mon 29th June	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Marcel Reiling RIP
Tues 30th June: First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	8.00am	Wieslaw - healing of body & soul
Wed 1st July St Oliver Plunkett	8.00am 4.15pm	Fr Stan - blessing for Priestly duties & Mary's protection <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 2nd July	No Mass	
Fri 3rd July St Thomas	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Jesus Carreon - conversion & pure heart
Sat 4th July 1st Saturday Devotion to Our Lady	9.30am - 11.00am 11.00am	<i>Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00pm</i> Matgorzata Mojrunicz intention
Sun 5th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Terence Gorman RIP <i>Rosary</i> Alicja Majcherczyk For Parishioners

Pope's July prayer intention: 'For formation in discernment'

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of July, and invites us to pray that we may know how to choose the right path for our life and reject anything that leads us away from Christ.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

28th June: Robert Walton (1989).
29th June: Dennis Sullivan (1982); 30th June: Richard Iwaniak (2014);
2nd July: Faith Crompton (2001); Josephine Crean (2009);
3rd July: Brigid Carey (1981); Teresa Little (2005);
4th July: Joseph Vablaš (1981); Luigi Fiorentini (1999);
5th July: Peggy Lorenz (1996); and Dr. Zdenek Latymer (2012).

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 or someone you know is sick and housebound and would like to mention them here, or if you have any queries, please contact Rachel at the Parish Office.**

Parish News

Parish Fundraising for Church windows: One of the recommendations arising from our recent quinquennial inspection is the restoration and modernisation of the church windows. Our church has six large windows, and the estimated cost of repairing each one is approximately £5,000. We hope to begin this important work soon. If you are interested, please take a moment to look at the current condition of the windows and the need for repair. We kindly ask for your support in helping us preserve and care for our church. Donations can be made easily via Dona contactless payment. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated.

Second Collection on Sunday 28th June is for: Peter's Pence. This Collection is offered by the Faithful across the world to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those in need. The Faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Please donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

Parish Newsletter: From next week, during July and August, our parish newsletter will be published every 2 weeks. We will be back to weekly publication from September.

Saturday 4th July: 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Sunday 12th July 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Friday Adoration: Friday 24th July will be the last Adoration for summer. Adoration will resume after summer break on Friday 4th September 2026.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mass days on Mondays, Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 5.30pm-6.30pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

Polite reminder (health & safety) : Please do not park in the middle of the car park, the space needs to stay free in case of emergency. If there is no space in the car park, then please park on Aldbourne Avenue. Please be respectful of our neighbours and park considerately.

Pastoral News

Saturday 4th July 2026 from 3.00pm - 5.00pm, Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore Oxford. This is a fundraiser to support the Sisters of The Work in their mission at Newman's College. Enjoy an afternoon in the beautiful garden with a cup of tea, homemade cakes, ice cream, various stalls, a quiz, and live music performed by string quartet. For those who haven't visited the college, guided tours will be available. For more information, please contact Sisters on 01865 779743 or littlemore@newman-friends.org.

Assisted suicide bill is back: MP launches bid to force through fatally flawed bill: On 14 June 2026, Lauren Edwards, the Labour MP for Rochester and Strood, announced that she would re-introduce the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which was first tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP in 2024. Pushing forward with an identical bill, without amendments, would make it possible to invoke the Parliament Acts, and pass it without the consent of the House of Lords. The second reading is expected to take place on 11 September 2026.

Two Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip. :-To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026): For more details, please e mail: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
:- To Assisi & Turin (from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026): For more details, please follow the link Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journey