

second reading is expected to take place on 11 September 2026.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

5th July: Peggy Lorenz (1996); and Dr. Zdenek Latymer (2012);
6th July: Anna Gabrione (1989); John Bradbury (2015);
8th July: William Purcell (1988); 9th July: William Armstrong (1987); 10th July: Samuel Arthur Mayes (1998);
11th July: Dermot Durnin (1995); George Johnson (2010); 14th July: Alexander Croft (1989);
15th July: Richard Wallace (1991); Martin Keeler (2004);
16th July: Henry Thomas (1976); James Howard (1979);
17th July: Emma & Catherine Novell (1979); Jack Tierney (1982) Marie De Silva (2025);
18th July: Stanislaw Wisniewski (2012); Raymond Field (2024); 19th July: Eileen O'Riordan (2016);

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.**

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 LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC 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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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 Henry Jan Nkop	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Fr Joe McLoughlin	0118 947 1787

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A page: 738** **5th July 2026**
Psalm Response: I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A page: 741** **12th July 2026**
Psalm Response: Some seed fell into good soil, and yielded its fruit.

... and you will find rest for your souls (Mt 11:29)

Everything has been entrusted to the Son by the Father including those who are over challenged by complexity of matters. The Lord says to those who labour and are overburdened that he would stop their toil, trouble and drudge if they shoulder His, Christ's, yoke and learn from Him (cf. Mt 11:29). What is a yoke? It is a wooden sled put on the neck of a draft animal or a carrier. It is a bar for carrying heavy loads hanging at its ends ... What is a burden? It is a weight carried on the back or with both hands in front of you ... Our Lord promises those who have been already pushed too far in work and overtaken by problems will find rest for their souls on condition when they add on themselves another yoke and another burden.

Having followed by Christ's calling, which means putting trust in Him in practice, the followers of the Lord will experience sweetness of the Gospel. Interestingly enough, when Christ says about extra work, he is referring to picture known to his listeners. He is talking about two animals carrying one yoke and working together till the sunset. In our context sunset might mean our physical death. It means that Christ Himself and an overburdened person share the same cross and are united in same taste of the journey. At the same time he wants to teach us His way of dealing with things. He wants us to look at His way of acting, His attitude and actually His person. The humble place of the Lord being under the yoke and His example teach us what love is. Lord Jesus Christ shows us Love, that is Him. He also shows that love is a yoke, but a sweet yoke. True love means surrendering to the beloved, giving oneself to him, becoming fragile for him. Love is forgetting oneself and living for another.

As we find Christ under the yoke and under the burden and we are united with Him, everything is even lighter and more restful. It is Christ working in us in His grace. In fact, we cannot go without Him. We cannot live without Him. The fourth-century martyrs rightly stated: Sine dominico non possumus ("We cannot live without celebrating the Lord's Day"). They were so convinced about it till the point that when they had to reject Lord's Day or be martyred, they testified that truth by sharing their blood.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 5th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Terence Gorman RIP Rosary Alicja Majcherczyk For Parishioners
Mon 6th July St Maria Goretti	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Patrick & Jane Mooney RIP
Tues 7th July	8.00am	Thyveetil family intention
Wed 8th July	8.00am 4.15pm	Thyveetil family intention Rosary
Thurs 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	No Mass	
Fri 10th July	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Valentina Carreon - grace of pure heart
Sat 11th July: St Benedict	No Mass	
Sun 12th July 2026 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Thyveetil family intention Rosary Angela Nightingale RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour For Parishioners
Mon 13th July St Henry	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary James Charles Parry RIP
Tues 14th July St Camillus of Lellis	8.00am	Nicolas Alexander RIP
Wed 15th July St Swithun	8.00am 4.15pm	Peter Mooney RIP Rosary
Thurs 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel	No Mass	
Fri 17th July St Bonaventure	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Gabriel Carreon - grace of pure heart
Sat 18th July	No Mass	
Sun 19th July 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Mr & Mrs Appleby RIP Jim Thomson RIP

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 or via our parish website olop.org.uk. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated.

Sunday 12th July 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Second Collection on Sunday 12th July is for Stella Maris: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you. Please donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

Summer Break Father Stan will be taking his summer break from Tuesday 14th July to Saturday 1st August. We wish him a good break and a restful summer. We warmly welcome Fr Linus Clovis, whom many of us will know from his talks at "A Day with Mary".

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

Parish Newsletter: During July and August, our parish newsletter will be published every 2

weeks. We will be back to weekly publication from September.

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

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal : Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030.

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.

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