

September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

19th July: Eileen O'Riordan (2016); 21st July: Denis Buckley (2011); 22nd July: Norman Mace (1976); 23rd July: Frances Scott (1995); Colin Hay (2000); 24th July: Brian Curran (2008). 25th July: Bridget Tansey (2008); 26th July: Filomena Colella (1988); Tony O'Neil (2019) 28th July: Jan Lorenz (1996); Bill Taylor (2005); Ann Taylor (2006); 29th July: Frank Allen (1980); Veronica Mocanu (2022); 30th July: John Hodgson (2023); 31st July: Peter Manning (2015); 2nd August: Annie Duffy (1999)

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.

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

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

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A page: 746

19th July 2026

Psalm Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A page: 750

26th July 2026

Psalm Response: O Lord, how I love your law!

Faith or ... what?

What do we think on the Church embodied in our diocese, pastoral area, parish, groups and most organic communities such as families? While being aware of insufficiencies and wounds, many of us wonder what to do to fix the situation. The situation of the Church, in all mentioned areas, is unfortunate and painful. However it is painful only because the faith is in danger. This is our pearl. We need to stress that in life, faith is more important than material goods. The symbol of this faith and religion is the pearl (treasure), and the wealth that a man gets rid of is what bothers him.

It looks like we as People of God trust far too much in accountability, spreadsheets and diagnosis of today's condition. We are stubborn to acknowledge that we are in crisis of faith and are over focused on material matters thinking that we are improving systems and clarity and communication, etc. However Church cannot be compared to business like Waitrose or M&S, we cannot predict numbers because we cannot predict how many prodigal sons are on their journey home as according to evidence and convicted numbers - there is not much place for these things to happen. The dynamic of faith is being replaced by operations typical for companies. This is then nothing else but practical atheism. No wonder parishes are expected only to show their public benefits measured by its visibility and opinions and financial profitability's (what about unmeasurable growth of faith and its traces in confessions?) Deformation of faith among the Catholics is under influence of secularism. There is a run-up to change in the direction of the world, forgetting that faith is not a human product but a gift from above.

Interestingly enough repeated errors promulgated today are not coming out of the blue. They are not meteors which surprised us, but the product of ideas that come from further afield. If the root of the evil is not known, the disease cannot be cured. This can also help us to trust more in Christ's presence in the Church. We are not the saviours of His body. We are servants at best and our stability is rooted in the faith of the Church and God's Grace. We are to be vigilant, like sentinels who do not desert, but who await the morning with firm hope.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 19th July 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners <i>Rosary</i> Mr & Mrs Appleby RIP Jim Thomson RIP
Mon 20th July St Apollinaris	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Ann Duggan intention
Tues 21st July: St Laurence of Brindisi	8.00am	Denis Buckley RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	8.00am 4.15pm	Ray family intention <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 23rd July: St Briget of Sweden	No Mass	
Fri 24th July St Sharbel Makhluf	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak - grace of holy priesthood.
Sat 25th July: St James	No Mass	
Sun 26th July 2026 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Anna intention <i>Rosary</i> Anna Chander thanksgiving For Parishioners
Mon 27th July	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Margaret Browne
Tues 28th July	8.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 29th July St Matha, Mary & Lazarus	8.00am 4.15pm	Holy Souls <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus	No Mass	
Fri 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Souls
Sat 1st Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori 1st Saturday Devotion to Our Lady	9.30am - 11.00am 11.00am	<i>Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00pm</i> Maria Ndubuisi intention
Sun 2nd August 2026 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Souls <i>Rosary</i> Peter Mooney RIP For Parishioners

Parish News

UPDATE: 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. 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. So far we have raised £6,000.00 and we have few families who have pledged donations too. Thank you to all who have donated. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated

Summer Break Father Stan is on 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". On Sunday 26th July, we will have a special collection for Fr Linus Clover to express our thanks for his ministry to our Parish.

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

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

Thursday 6th August: Transfiguration of the Lord, feast. Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Mary Johnston RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Johnston. She was a parishioner of our church and our Parish Secretary for few years. Her Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, 6th August, at St. John Bosco Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Sunday 9th August 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Save a Date Saturday 22nd August. Parish BBQ. Details to follow.

Open Day: 29 August: Join us for a fun-filled Open Day for the new nursery starting in our complex on Saturday, 29 August, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come and meet a fascinating collection of live animals located behind the church on parish ground. All children and their parents are warmly welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday 5th September: There is no 1st Saturday devotion to Our Lady in our church in September due to the March for Life. A Group is going from our church. All are welcome to join the group.

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

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

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.

Pastoral News

Saturday 5th September: Annual March for Life: Morning event starts from 10.00am -1.00pm at the Emmanuel Centre Marsham St. SW1P 3DW. Holy Mass at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral. The March begins at 1.00am from the Emmanuel Centre and end at Parliament Square at 4.30pm. Marchforlife.co.uk.

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

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11