

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

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

2nd August: Annie Duffy (1999)
3rd August: John Nottingham (1978); Ronald Miles (1992); Gus Watters (1994); Laurie Mayes (2013)
4th August: Elizabeth Budd (1990); Margaret Mary Smith (2018)
5th August: Happiness Saliru (2004);
6th August: Ruth Dady (1975); Kathleen Kulan (2001);
8th August: Gerry Stander Batt (1975); Edward Ralph (2010);
10th August: Mary Silvester (1993);
12th August: Sarah Doyle (1982);

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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The Diocese website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>
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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
St. John Bosco, Woodley
St. James
English Martyrs, Tilehurst
St. Joseph, Tilehurst
St. William of York
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

Fr. Daniel Agber
Fr. Leo Odomeja
Fr Chris Heaps
Fr. Gaston Forbah
Fr Henry Jan Nkop
Fr. Seth Phipps
Fr Joe McLoughlin

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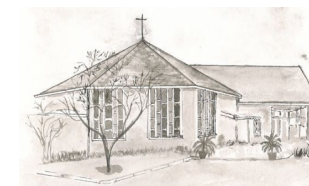
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Parish office opening hours : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A page: 754

2nd August 2026

Psalm Response: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A page: 757

9th August 2026

Psalm Response: Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

What are you are hungry for?

The world, with all its proposals is trying hard to satisfy us and make us happy. There are some problems with that. It is quite obvious that the task is beyond our capacity. It is also obvious that there are deadly rules in this world as it is mortal and limited. We are, also, very different and have different areas where we measure our deepest fulfilment.

Apart from that, once we have awakened strange goals or developed unhealthy habits, we place ourselves on the fence. Importantly, putting aside our choice, preferences and desires, and listening to what is written in our human nature, we will find the very principal likeness to God, that we cannot fully find in ourselves except through a sincere gift of ourselves.

Finally, when we ask the most basic question of why did God make us? We ought to acknowledge the liberating truth that he made us for himself so that we know him, love him and serve him in this world and to be happy with him for-ever in the next world. The true religion which we profess, shares great light upon our minds that this world is not our destiny and completion of our happiness.

However in this world our hearts are restless until we find our rest in God, until we live our calling which is participation in God's own life who reveals himself, and who even invites us to intimacy. In this light, the important question, apart from the one from the last week (Will you give everything in order to have the biblical pearl?) is: Where is your heart? Then you will see what are you are hungry for.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 2nd August 2026 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Peter Mooney RIP Rosary For Parishioners Terence Kelly RIP
Mon 3rd Aug	†11.30am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Daniel Adeoye Akintinde † Rosary Holy Souls
Tues 4th Aug: St John Vianney	8.00am	Thyveetil Intention
Wed 5th Aug: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome	8.00am †10.00am 4.15pm	Thyveetil intention Funeral service Philomena Evans † Rosary
Thurs 6th Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord	6.30pm	Father Philip Harris
Fri 7th Aug St Sixtus II & Companions	5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Hanna Loj - pure heart and good death
Sat 8th Aug: St Dominic	No Mass	
Sun 9th August 2026 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Agnes & Luke Ferns RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Paddy RIP
Mon 10th Aug St Laurence	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Holy Souls
Tues 11th Aug: St Clare	8.00am	Thyveetil Intention
Wed 12th Aug: St Jane Frances de Chantal	8.00am 4.15pm	Bridget Awah thanksgiving Rosary
Thurs 13th Aug	No Mass	
Fri 14th Aug St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Nicolas Alexander RIP 6 month anniversary
Sat 15th Aug	No Mass	
Sun 16th August 2026 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solemnity (transferred)	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Jofi Alexander thanksgiving Maria Ndubuisi intention

Parish News

Message from Fr Linus: Dear Friends, Thank you for the very warm welcome you extended to me while I was supplying for Fr Stan. Your kindness, generosity, and warm hospitality have been a great blessing, and they are among the many gifts that make the priesthood such a personal joy and privilege. May God bless each of you abundantly, and keep you always in His love and peace.

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 replacing 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 £6,400.00 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

Friday Adoration: Adoration will resume after summer break on Friday 4th September 2026.

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

Sunday 9th August 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Save a Date 🗓️ Saturday 22nd August 🗓️ Parish BBQ. Adults £5, Children (12+) £3. See poster in Advent Room for more details. 🍷

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.

Resources

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

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.

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. See poster in Advent Room for more details.

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