

Adoremus event 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.

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

17th August: Alan Pollard (2013); 18th August: Bruce Bentley (2018)
19th August: Joan Kennedy (1992); Alan Williams (2011);
20th August: Caroline Wheeler (1985); Pauline Pringle (1999);
21st August: Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000). 24th August: Antonio Napolitano (2019);
25th August: Marlene Quinlivan (2014);
26th August: Thomas Callaghan (1976); Timothy Sugme (1979); Paul Nunn (2001);
27th August: Mafalda Mastaglio (1985); George Tinson (1988); and Mary Kelly (1989).
30th August: Albert Bone (1978);

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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<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
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

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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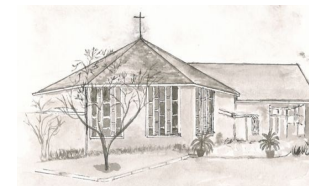
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Hall Bookings

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary page: 1166 **16th August 2026**
Psalm Response: On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A page: 764 **23rd August 2026**
Psalm Response:
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

God, the King of the universe, has granted you favours that surpass nature. As he kept you a virgin in childbirth, thus He has kept your body incorrupt in the tomb and has glorified it by His divine act of transferring it from the tomb." Menaei Totius Anni, after Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus.

At the very beginning of the history of our salvation, God himself put enmities between the Evil one and Mary, the Mother of God, between Satan and her Son Jesus, who is the Lord. She crushed the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15) and death was swallowed up in victory (1 Cor 15:54).

Then, Our Lady's victory over sin and death was gained through her intimate association with "the new Adam" – Jesus Christ. It is Christ who overcame sin and death by his own death. When we had our instructions to the faith, we were taught that through our Baptism we are born again in a supernatural way having conquered sin and death through the same Christ. Yet, God does not grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come. So the bodies of even the just are corrupted after death, and only on the last day will they be joined, each to its own glorious soul. However, it is not the case with Our Lady, as God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempt from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body. The Virgin Mother of God was from the very beginning free from the taint of original sin and was bodily Assumed into heaven.

As St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church says: "Jesus did not wish to have the body of Mary corrupted after death, since it would have redounded to his own dishonor to have her virginal flesh, from which He, Himself had assumed flesh, reduced to dust." St Bonaventure adds: "The soul is not a person, but the soul, joined to the body, is a person. It is manifest that she is there in soul and in body. Otherwise she would not possess her complete beatitude."

"Let death pass you by, O Mother of God, because you have brought life to men. Let the tomb pass you by, because you have been made the foundation stone of inexplicable sublimity. Let dust pass you by; for you are a new kind of formation, so that you may be mistress over those who have been corrupted in the very stuff of their potter's clay" (St. Germain I of Constantinople, a. 733 A.D.)

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16th August 2026 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solemnity (transferred)	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners <i>Rosary</i> Jofi Alexander thanksgiving Maria Ndubuisi intention
Mon 17th Aug	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Alan Pollard RIP Foundation Mass
Tues 18th Aug	8.00am	Graces for Karoline
Wed 19th Aug: St John Eudes	8.00am 4.15pm	Maria Ndubuisi intention <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 20th Aug: St Bernard	No Mass	
Fri 21st Aug St Pius X	†11.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Alicia Electra Boland † <i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Marie & Ian Lazenby intention
Sat 22nd Aug: The Queenship of Mary	No Mass	
Sun 23rd August 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Roger Bell RIP <i>Rosary</i> Antonio Napolitano RIP For Parishioners
Mon 24th Aug St Bartholomew	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Kathleen Conlon RIP
Tues 25th Aug: St Louis IX	8.00am	Bridget Awah thanksgiving
Wed 26th Aug: Blessed Dominic Barberi	8.00am 4.15pm	Bridget Awah thanksgiving <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 27th Aug: St Monica	No Mass	
Fri 28th Aug At Augustine of Hippo	5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Thanksgiving Carreon & Loj family
Sat 29th Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Sun 30th August 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Bridget Awah thanksgiving <i>Rosary</i> Marie de Silva RIP For Parishioners

Parish News

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for Church windows: We are pleased to report that progress so far has been positive. We have received the green light from Wokingham Borough Council and are now in the process of seeking approval from the Arts, Architecture and Patrimony (AAP) Committee of the Diocese. In the meantime, we are obtaining quotations from different companies so that we can be ready to proceed once the necessary approval has been received. Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, we have raised £12,225 so far. With the amount raised to date, once approval is granted, we would be in a position to replace three of the six windows. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated and brings us one step closer to completing this work. We kindly ask for your continued support as we work towards completing this important project and preserving our church for future generations. **Donations can be made easily via Dona contactless payment or through our parish website, olop.org.uk.**

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

Saturday 22nd August from 12 noon. Parish BBQ. Adults £5, Children (12+) £3. See poster in Advent Room for more details. **Sunday 16th August is the last day to buy tickets.**

Wednesday 26th August: Feast of our Patron Blessed Dominic Barberi: Holy Mass at 8.00am

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 a change in our normal schedule due to March for Life. The Saturday devotion will start at 8.00am with Adoration and Holy Mass 9.00am. After Mass, for those who wish to go for March for Life, can join

the group from church. All are welcome to join the group.

Sunday 13th September 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

First Holy Communion 2026-2027. Children who will be in School Year 3 and turn 8 years old between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027 are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation programme, beginning in October 2026. Parents or guardians are kindly asked to email or write to Father Stan at the church office, providing the following details: their child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, parents' names and contact details. Further details about the programme will be shared in due course.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions to start soon. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass.

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

Parish Newsletter: During summer break, our parish newsletter will be published every 2 weeks. We will be back to weekly publication from Sunday 30th August 2026.

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.