

Pastoral News

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

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution.

Website: retrouvaille.org.uk / +44 797 338 0443

Woodley food bank: List of items needed are: pasta, rice, toilet paper, kitchen rolls, cooking oil, tinned, meats, tea-bags, sugar, coffee, puddings, tinned stewing steak, tinned chicken in sauce, long life milk.

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.

Resources

Day by Day: September edition in Advent Room.

1.20 / book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

20th Sept: Bridget Malone (1990);
22nd Sept: Michael Sorenson (1990); Surinder Dhir (2001); Theresa Semple (2006); John McCarron (1998);
23rd Sept: Maria Elena Carvallo (2021); 24th Sept: Maria Agostino (2009);
25th Sept: Bernadette Barnes (1985); John Thompson (1990); and Fr. Eamon Walsh (2013);
28th Sept: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998);
29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012);
30th Sept: Ethel Wiggins (2005); Vincent Aspell (2021)
3rd Oct: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);
4th Oct: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);

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.

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.

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Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley
St. John Bosco, Woodley
St. James
English Martyrs, Tilehurst
St. Joesph, Tilehurst
St. William of York
Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham

Emergency Numbers for a Priest

Please call your own Priest first

Fr. Daniel Agber 0118 931 4469
Fr. Leo Odomeja 0118 969 3423
Fr. Chris Heaps 0118 957 4171
Fr. Gaston Forbah 0118 957 2149
Fr. Henry Jan Nkop 0118942 9632
Fr. Seth Phipps 0118 966 5284
Fr. Joe McLoughlin 0118 947 1787

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Parish office is closed from Tuesday 22nd September to Tuesday 29th September 2026.

Parish office opening hours from Wednesday 30th September : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00-14:00

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year A page: 778	20th September 2026
Psalm Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.		
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year A page: 782	27th September 2026
Psalm Response: Remember your compassion, O Lord.		

The necessity and sufficiency of grace for salvation

One of the truths that the liturgy eagerly emphasises is the necessity and sufficiency of grace for salvation. With the help of anticipatory grace, man is disposed for justification by sanctifying grace, so that from the very beginning man's salvation is the work of God. This teaching was developed by St. Paul, and later defended against the Pelagians by St. Augustine († 430). The Letter to the Galatians is a lecture on the superiority of grace over the law and its necessity: "If anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself". It goes without saying that man must show this life by spirit in deeds. The higher life of grace is that the man must bear fruit, and the inner nobility of his soul must manifest itself outwardly by appropriate conduct.

The source of grace for us is the Risen Christ, who gives life to the dead. Christ sets us free from death of sin and gives us work in His vineyard.

The Divine Saviour is moved by the cry of pain of the Mother of our Church, weeping for sinners, as He is moved by the sight of people without work standing idle.

His care, love and generosity, is understood when we develop devotion to His Heart.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 20th September 2026: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 17:00	<i>Rosary</i> Sebastian DeMello 17th birthday thanksgiving <i>Rosary</i> Thanksgiving for 50 years of opening of our Church Irene Valentine thanksgiving
Mon 21st Sept: St Matthew	17:15 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Holy Souls
Tues 22nd Sept - Thurs 24th Sept	No Mass	
Fri 25th Sept	11:00 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Kevin Chang Fong RIP
Sat 26th Sept:	No Mass	
Sun 27th September 2026: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 17:00	<i>Rosary</i> John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass <i>Rosary</i> Holy Souls For Parishioners
Mon 28th Sept	17:15 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak intention
Tues 29th Sept: The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	18:30	Thanksgiving for Pilgrimage
Wed 30th Sept: St Jerome	08:00 16:15	Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 1st Oct: St Teresa of the Child Jesus	No Mass	
Fri 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels	11:00 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration till 18.00</i> <i>Rosary</i> Richard Molyneux RIP
Sat 3rd Oct: 1st Saturday Devotion to Our Lady	9:30 - 11 11.00 12.30	<i>Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am</i> McAteer family intention <i>Baptism of Luca Oliver Napolitano</i>
Sun 4th October 2026 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 17:00	<i>Rosary</i> Thyveetil family thanksgiving <i>Rosary</i> Waclaw & Regina For Parishioners

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 20th & 27th Sept, 4th & 11th October.

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Our 2nd Collection on Sunday 20th September is for Home Mission. The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. Donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for Church windows: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated. we have raised £17,780.00 so far. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated and brings us one step closer to completing this work. Donations can be made easily via Dona contactless payment or through our parish website, olop.org.uk. We await for the approval from the AAP committee in the diocese, who will be meeting in October. With the amount raised to date, once approval is granted from the diocese, we would be in a position to replace four of the six windows.

Change in Weekly schedule due to Parish Pilgrimage: No weekday mass on Tuesday 22nd September to Thursday 24th September. We welcome Father Linus, who will celebrate Holy Mass on Friday 25th September 18:30, all three Masses on Sunday 27th September and Mass on Monday 28th September. The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday 22nd to Tuesday 29th September. Please keep our Parish Pilgrims in your prayers.

Tuesday 29th September is the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. Holy Mass at our church at 18:30.

Student Mass on Wednesday, 30 September at 17:00: We welcome our Students from Reading University for the new Academic Year. Mass at our Church followed by BBQ. Volunteers are needed from Parish to help with BBQ. Please contact Fr. Stan if you are able to help.

CAFOD Family Fast day - Friday 2nd October. CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and donate the money saved. Your support for our Harvest appeal will share hope with vulnerable families by providing them with the practical help they need. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church, and give generously or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday 2nd collection on Sunday 4th October 2026.

Saturday 3rd October: 1st Saturday of every month at 09:30: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Saturday 3rd October at 12.30 - Baptism of Luca Oliver Napolitano. Please keep Luca in your prayer. He is getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for the family that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

Catechesis on Sunday Oct 4 2026 at 08:30 and 11:00 Mass: The Topic "The Guardian Angel, our guide on the path of holiness". Fr Fidelis Stöckl ORC will preach at both our 8.30 am and 11.00 am Masses, speaking about the ministry of the Holy Angels. Between the two Masses, he will also give a special talk in the church entitled "The Guardian Angel – Our Guide on the Path of Holiness". After the 11.00 am Mass, there will also be an opportunity for those who are interested to meet him.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Thursday 8th October 2026. Interested individuals should inform Fr Stan directly.

Sunday 11th October 14:30 - 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mass days on Mondays, Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 17:30 - 18:30 or by private appointment with Fr. Stan.