

Pastoral News

Diocesan Survey – asking your help.

Bishop Philip invites you to complete a short, anonymous questionnaire. By sharing your experience, you will contribute to the development of the Diocese and help me to discern how the Lord is at work.



It will only take a few minutes: you can access it by scanning the QR code above. Thank you in advance. We hope to repeat the survey in three years' time to view the journey made. To access the questionnaire, open your smartphone's camera app, point it steadily at the code until a popup link appears, and then tap that link to open the content. Or you can use [this link](#).

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 via email at vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella: On Wednesday 28th October English Martyrs Church is hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella.

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.

Scan the QR Code to check out our website



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This is part of a pilgrimage around the country to celebrate his 300th anniversary. The relics will be available for personal prayer from 18:00, and Mass at 19:00, followed by blessings with the relics. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. All welcome, and bring your intentions to this little saint. See poster in Advent Room for more detail.

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, 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.

Resources

Day by Day: October edition in Advent Room. £1.20 per book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

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. Joesph, Tilehurst	Fr. Henry Jan Nkorp	0118 942 9632
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham	Fr. Joe McLoughlin	0118 947 1787

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Parish office opening hours: 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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A page: 790

11th October 2026

Psalm Response:

In the Lord's house shall I dwell for length of days unending

To love the rosary is to love the Gospel (October – the month of Rosary)

We are invited by God Himself.

Here there is no time for entertainments. We are not the centre of attention. We are neither invited to feel satisfied, nor to take part in a social gathering at which folk dances take place. We are not asked to change the meaning of events.

It is not our wedding.

This is the Eucharistic Feast of Jesus. Holy Altars are set around the Earth ready for His Passion, out of love, and the sacrificial banquet of the Beloved.

The everlasting covenant takes place.

We are invited to the Wedding of the Lamb. Where His Holy Body is offered to the Father. Where He is exalted above the Earth. Where the unity of God and man is pronounced: Into Thy hands I commit my spirit.

This is the action of God.

We are invited to prepare our souls and bodies to approach the Saviour with dignity and awe. We are invited to witness and enjoy the beauty of life revealed in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

It is God's desire.

Let us open our hearts, confess and reject our sins. Let us clothe ourselves with the grace of God. And approach the Body of Christ who is in the hands of the Father;
This is the real feast of the Host.
Everything is prepared.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 11th October 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 14:30 17:00	Rosary Thyveetil family thanksgiving Rosary Waclaw & Regina Divine Mercy Holy Hour For Parishioners
Mon 12th Oct: St Wilfrid	17:15 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Lucas Intention
Tues 13th Oct: St Edward the Confessor	08:00	Thyveetil family intention
Wed 14th Oct: St Callistus I	08:00 16:15	Dr Nicholas Alexander RIP <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 15th Oct: St Teresa of Avila	No Mass	
Fri 16th Oct: St Hedwig	17:00 18:00 18:30	Adoration Rosary Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak- grace of holy priesthood
Sat 17th Oct	No Mass	
Sun 18th October 2026 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 17:00	<i>Rosary</i> Frederica Herry <i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners Blessings for Victoria

October: Month of Rosary: The month of October, each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers 11th Oct: Mary McGlynn (1998); Marie Maestranzi (2001); Sadie Luyten (2010); John Lynch (2010); 13th Oct: Maureen Miller (2012); 17th Oct: Marjorie Parmentier (1996); Kathleen Andrews (1993); 18th Oct: Thomas O'Farrell (1987); Ellen Bennett (2013); 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.

Parish News

Sunday 11th October 14:30 - Divine Mercy Holy Hour.

Last Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics in all Sunday Masses on 11th October.

Second Collection on Sunday 18th October 2026 for World Mission Sunday (Missio): Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room, contactless payment or online through Missio's website <https://missio.org.uk/donate/> . This is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere and by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

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.

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for Church windows: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated. We have raised £18,919.00 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.** 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 are in a position to nearly replace 5 of the 6 windows.

Parish office will be closed for two weeks from Monday 5th October due to Jury Duty. Emails will be checked regularly but there will be a delay in responding back. Thank you for your patience.

Friday October 23rd is Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. We will have Adoration from 11:00 to 18:00. Rosary 7th

Sunday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints. Blessings of grave at Mays Lane Cemetery at 15:00. Blessings of grave at Henley Road Cemetery. TBC.

Monday 2nd Nov: "All Souls Day": Holy Mass at 18:30 Mass. The 18:30 Holy Mass is for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners. Everyone will be invited to light candles before Mass. "A book of remembrance" is in the church - please write the names of those whom you wish to remember. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass".

Saturday 7th November 2026: 1st Saturday of every month at 09:30: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11:00.

First Holy Communion 2026-2027. Thank you to all the Parents who have spoken to Father Stan and expressed their desire to register their children for First Holy Communion. Please send your details to the Parish office via email at office@olop.org.uk . The last date to register is Sunday 18th October 2026 and the first session with parents and children will be on Sunday 25th October after 08:30 Mass.

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; Session will start on Friday 9th October 2026 after 18.30 Mass for half hour.

Young Adults of Peace (YAP): If you 21 or older and are interested in joining YAP please reach out to Fr Stan or meet us after 11:00 mass where we host teas and coffee in the Dominic Baberi room.