

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 him 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



Reading Catholic Churches Emergency Numbers for a Priest
Please call your own Priest first

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	0118942 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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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.



Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year A page: 794	18th October 2026
Psalm Response: Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.		

Caesar or Christ?

Which one of these two
is the gardener of our lives?
Which one brings joy, hope and prospect?
Which one restrains Hades?
Which one sustains everything?

Both of them?
One of them?
None of them?

Which one of these two
has the power to permeate our lives.
to enter into our privacy
and to modify our behaviour?

Why might they have such power?

Is it because of our lack of energy of the soul?
What if my soul is fine and my energy and stability are perfect?
Then what do they do ... Christ and Caesar?

Which one of these two
is harmless and easy for me to control?
Which one of these two controls what I do,
works on the reform of thoughts,
on softly coercive persuasion
and portrays an illusion of freedom?

Which one of these
is a parasite growing in my very own soul?
Caesar?
Christ?
Myself?

To what extent do our doubtful thoughts
become an integral part of our discernment?
To what extent do they create confusion?

It was the time when the wise Joseph was
troubled
as he looked upon Mary
and suspected her,
she who is the blameless one...
So confusion and doubt can lead nowhere.

To what extent and how often do we need to
discern between Caesar and Christ?
How much does our being depend on the toss
of a coin?
How much does it depend on the spirituality of
events and the grace of the Body of Christ ?

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 19th Oct: Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions <i>Holy Mass (Novus Ordo) in Latin</i>	17:00 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary (Latin)</i> Sr Bridget Olwell RIP
Tues 20th Oct	08:00	Jack Price RIP
Wed 21st Oct	08:00 16:15	Joshua Thyveetil healing <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 22nd Oct: St John Paul II	No Mass	
Fri 23rd Oct: Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life	11:00- 18:00 18:00 18:30	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Mahmoud Elagib RIP 14th anniversary
Sat 24th Oct	No Mass	
Sun 25th October 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 17:00	<i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners <i>Rosary</i> Andrej RIP Michal RIP

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 18th Oct: Thomas O’Farrell (1987); Ellen Bennett (2013); 19th Oct: Catherine Heil (2009); Agnes Horvath (2016); 20th Oct: Carl Barton (1977); 21st Oct: Dudley Soza (1998); Michael Aolio Anali (2004); Liz Gudmundson (2020); 22nd Oct: Maureen Karas (1980); John Dwyer (1988); Christina Belcher (1999); and Betty Ledger (2012); Elizabeth Frances McAuley (2017); James Shannon (2024); 24th Oct: Gwentyth Cull (1996); 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.
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Parish News

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.

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.

Weekday Mass and Adoration: There will be no weekday Mass or Adoration from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October. Church will remain open during Parish office hours.

Friday October 23rd is Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. We will have Adoration from 11:00 to 18:00. Rosary at 18:00 followed by Holy Mass at 18:30.

Sunday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints.

Blessings of grave at Mays Lane Cemetery on Sunday 1st November from 15:00.
Blessings of grave at Henley Road Cemetery. Sunday 8th November from 14:00.

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 Holy Mass on Monday 2nd November at 18:30.

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. We have started our programme and sessions are on Friday after 18:30 Mass for half hour. If you are still keen to join then please approach Fr Stan soon.

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.

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.

Pastoral News

Parish Administrator Vacancy at St James:
20hrs per week. Mon - Fri 09:30 – 13:30.
Applications close 27th October. Please send an up to date CV with a cover letter explaining your suitability for the role,
to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with 'Reading Administrator' in the title.