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

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

"A Bed for the Night" are looking for volunteers to help with their Winter Night Shelter for the Homeless in Reading. Its running from 1st December 2026 to 21st March 2027. Volunteers shifts from 19:00-22:00, 21:45-7:00, 7:00-9:0. If interested then please e mail your details to admin@b4n.org.uk. Training will be provided. For more information, please visit the website www.fcg.org.uk.

Vacancy: Please visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists all the vacancies. For full details and how to apply, please email the diocese recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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

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 Nkop	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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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.

All Saints	**Year A page: 1180**	**1st November 2026**

Pslam Response:
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Sainthood? What does this mean?

Sainthood is the most beautiful thing, the greatest human fulfilment. It is a union with the life of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth, the life we find in the Catholic Church. How do we understand sainthood? In many hearts, there is a vision of sainthood as something rigid, artificial, unreal, strange, not good, not authentic and not true:

Someone said recently, "We could do with good, normal, real, authentic and true life, but not with saints". "We should be inclusive and promote diversity as an equal option for life. We have civil law which is good, but talking about sainthood is about exclusivity and it makes me think that the Church is behind society" – pointed out someone else. "Do not lie, do not hurt others, treasure your job and be aboveboard" – and it would be enough – added another person. "Sainthood is nothing but being good, normal, authentic and real' – said another. "We should not even think about dividing life for secular life and sainthood" – said a subsequent disputer – "all our sins are already judged on the Cross and if we honestly bring our corrupted thoughts, words, and deeds to Christ, we are saints in the midst or our life. That is God's Gift – just open your heart".

Let us find out what the Church says about sainthood. Let it be our task for the month of November, bearing in mind that none of the above answers is satisfactory. Let us also accept that we are created for heaven, to co-love not to co-hate, that our souls can have life to the full and enjoy life to the full only when we become saints.

This is written in our moral and spiritual DNA and fully expressed in God's Ten Commandments and the Revealed Life and Teaching of the Son of God. Let us acknowledge that God does not accept a "halfway" saint, if any of us at the deathbed is not a saint, his life is failed in many areas. Hence, purgatory as a great act of Mercy from God becomes a place for further purification, as nothing impure can enter heaven. Finally, Christ often says that we should be careful of not entering the path leading to hell.

Fr Stan

A Guide to Plenary Indulgences for the All Souls' "Octave", November 1-8 Visiting a Cemetery: An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8; on other days of the year it is a partial indulgence.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 1st November 2026 **All Saints**	*08:00* **08:30** *10:30* **11:00** *15:00* **17:00**	*Rosary* **Mary Jennings RIP** *Rosary* **Souls of Pozniak & Wojtowicz families** *Blessing of Graves at Mays Lane Cemetery* **For Parishioners**
Mon 2nd Nov: Commemoration of All Souls	*17:00* *18:00* **18:30**	*Adoration* *Rosary* **Holy Souls**
Tues 3rd Nov: St Martin de Porres	**08:00**	**Jane Mooney RIP**
Wed 4th Nov: **St Charles Borromeo**	**08:00** *16:15*	**Jim & Mary McDonnell RIP** *Rosary*
Thurs 5th Nov	**No Mass**	
Fri 6th Nov	*11:00- 18:00* *18:00* **18:30**	*Adoration* *Rosary* **Frances Kelly RIP rec. dec.**
Sat 7th Nov: **1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady**	*9:30-11:00* **11:00**	*Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am* **Paul Anthony RIP** *Baptism of Winn White, Eva Keen & Luca Keen*
Sun 8th November 2026 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	08:00 **08:30** 10:30 **11:00** *14:00* **17:00**	*Rosary* **Lina De Mello 21st birthday** *Rosary* **For Parishioners** *Blessing of Graves at Henley Rd Cemetery* **Souls of Mazurczyk family**

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

1st November: Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);
2nd November: Alvina Bossey (1982); Joyce Darnell (2008);
3rd November: William Smith (2025); 4th November: William Tully (1988);
5th November: Michael Pegg (1990); Ken Camichel (2023);
6th November: William Sawyer (2002); Doug Gudmundson (2015);
7th November: Sheila Louri (2004);
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.

Blessings of Grave

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

Parish News

2nd Collection for Bamenda on Sunday 1st Nov 2026. We celebrate and give thanks for our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. An important part of the link has been the support we have sent over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact on the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda, and it most sincerely appreciated by them. More details on their website Bamenda - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

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.

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for Church windows: We are really pleased to confirm that the AAP committee have approved our application for the replacement of our church windows. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated. Our target is £24,000.00 for all 6 windows. We have raised £20,316.00 so far. With the amount raised so far, we are in a position to change 5 of the 6 windows. 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.

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.

Saturday 7th November at 11.00am - Baptism of Winn White, Eva Christina Isabella Keen and Luca Christopher George Keen. Please keep Winn, Eva & Luca in your prayer. They are getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for theit families that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday: The 11.00am Mass will start with 2 min silence to remember all the people who have died in wars. Please come to church early so the 2 min silence can be observed without disruption

Sunday 8th November 2027: We won't have our 2nd Sunday Devotion of Divine Mercy at 14:00 due to blessings of graves at Henley Road Cemetery at 14:00.

✨ **NEW AT OLOP: HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION GROUP** ✨Join us from Friday 20th November at 7:30 pm, after Holy Mass, as we come together to adore the Holy Face of Jesus and offer reparation for blasphemy, the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days, and sins against God. Our sessions will also include consecration to the Confraternity of the Holy Face, spiritual retreats, and a pilgrimage to France. 🙏 Every third Friday of the month at 19.30. All are warmly welcome!

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES: We hope to launch children's catechism classes on Sundays, between the 8.30 am and 11.00 am Masses. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes.
To make this possible, we are looking for volunteers to help lead the sessions on a rota basis. If you would be willing to offer your time and support in this important work of passing on the faith to our children, please contact Fr. Stan or the parish office.
Thank you for your generosity and support.