"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.

Residential Marriage Course 8 – 10 January 2027: Do you want to understand the Church's teaching on Matrimony, and its vision for the Sacrament, more deeply? This weekend at Stonyhurst in the Ribble Valley will explore the theology of Marriage, based on Scripture and structured around the Rite itself. With time for personal reflection and exercises, sharing in couples and as a group, this weekend course can be a standalone or an accompaniment to other in-person or online courses. For details:
https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

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.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas: The catalogues are available in the Advent Room. Please take a copy.

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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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
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St. Joesph, Tilehurst	Fr. Henry Jan Nkop	0118942 9632
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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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A page: 804** **8th November 2026**

Pslam Response:
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

You know neither the day nor the hour (Mt 25:13)

We are created to love not to judge.
Judgement belongs to God.
Straight after our death, we will face individual particular judgement.
At that time, we will not be reunited with our bodies. We will see ourselves without any mysteries.
Everything will be obvious. God's Presence will allow us to participate in His way of seeing things.
We will not be asked about how creative we were or how much money we were able to save.
We will be asked how much we loved.
The measure of our particular judgement will be our love for God and our neighbour.

Have you come to co-love or co-hate?
to co-build or co-destroy?
to embrace the cross or the sword?
to help or to push your way?

Yes, I know what you say.

I know you swore not to spread bitterness; not to mix tears with the desire to dictate.
You swore not to mix goodness with the gutter of gossip; not to build a tower of anger in the church.
You swore not to re-open the wounds I regret making. I know, you did.

Do not keep your heart on hold.
Have a look.
There is someone hidden in the stone.
This stone has a face.
The face is searching for love.
Embrace the stone.
Before you have pushed the world down to the drain – wait!
The world is supposed to enjoy the banquet of the Lamb – do you remember?
You are supposed to be at the banquet – do you remember?
You are created to love - not to judge.
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Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 8th November 2026 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** *(Remembrance Sunday)* 	*08:00* **08:30** *10:30* **11:00** *14:00* **17:00**	*Rosary* **For Parishioners** *Rosary* **Lina De Mello 21st birthday** *Blessing of Graves at Henley Rd Cemetery* ***Souls of Mazurczyk family***
Mon 9th Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica *Holy Mass (Novus Ordo) in Latin*	*17:00* *18:00* **18:30**	*Adoration* *Rosary (Latin)* ***Chakko RIP***
Tues 10th Nov: St Leo the Great	**08:00**	**Eileen & Eric Watson RIP** Foundation Mass
Wed 11th Nov: **St Martin of Tours**	**08:00** *16:15*	**Joshua Thyveetil healing** *Rosary*
Thurs 12th Nov: St Josaphat	**No Mass**	
Fri 13th Nov	*11:00- 18:00* *18:00* **18:30**	*Adoration* *Rosary* **Wafaa birthday thanksgiving**
Sat 16th Nov:	***No Mass***	
Sun 17th November 2026 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	08:00 **08:30** 10:30 **11:00** **17:00**	*Rosary* **For Parishioners** *Rosary* **Dr Nicholas Alexander RIP** **Winifred & Arthur Lees RIP** *Foundation Mass*

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

9th November: Violet Knight (1981);
10th November: Theodora Ward (1987); (Jean) Mary Oakman (2005);
12th November: Catherine Ondore (2008);
14th November: Henry Wiggins (1980); Antonio Fiorentini (2014); Philip Doyle (2020);
Maria Magdalena Mijares (2021); 15th November: Catherine Purcell (1975); Winifred Lees (1998);

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.

Blinnia McAteer RIP: Blinnia was a cherished member of our Parish and served as a Sacristan till 2017 and has been housebound for some time. We pray for her soul and keep her family in our prayers. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 24th November at 11.00am at our church followed by burial at Wokingham Free Church Burial Ground at 12.45pm.

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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.

Sunday 8th November from 14:00: Blessings of Grave at Henley Road Cemetery.

First Holy Communion 2026-27. Session on Tuesday (Term Time) at 15.50 in Bl Dominic Barberi Room.

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for 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 £20,906.00 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.

✨ **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 Nativity service on Wednesday 24th December: Parents of children in primary school, please be in touch with Fr Stan for the planning of the children's nativity service on Christmas Eve.

Events in Advent

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses

We will again celebrate the Rorate Mass every **Wednesday morning in Advent from 2nd December at 6.30am.** Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark, so please bring lantern.

Saturday 5th December : 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Sunday 13th Dec: 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2.30pm.

Friday day Adoration. Friday 11th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2026, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 23rd January 2026.

Advent Retreat 17th-20th December: Welcoming Christ with Mary and the Angels: Join us for a special Advent Retreat lead by Fr Fiddlis as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ with Mary and the Angels.

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 every 2nd Sunday of the month after 11:00 mass where we will 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