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

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
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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | **Year A page: 808** | **15th November 2026**

Pslam Response:
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

In front of God's Majesty on the Judgement day.

Never forget about love. Never forget that there will be the Last Judgement. Death, followed by Judgement, can happen at any minute. Let us envisage this unique and concluding moment of our life, remembering that we are created to share in the love of Christ, in His Cross and Resurrection. Our nature is to have a "response" attitude to the Lord.

Ask yourself what you have been doing with your life. Do not use your self-serving criteria and currently popular "norms". None of these things will be valid at the Last Judgement.

In the Gospel about the Talents, we see a man who used his self-serving criteria to deal with the Talent entrusted to him by the King. The King himself gave him a lot, but sadly the gift was rejected. The man compared himself to others. He accused the King, portrayed him in a scandalous way, and finally rejected his gift.

Self-serving criteria does not take into account the greatness of God and our life in all its fullness. If one follows them, the choice often, is limited to the burial of Talents, which we observe in the Gospel. We need to use God's criteria, God's vision, God's teaching entrusted to the Church. Then, we challenge our "I want" attitude and measure ourselves by "what God wants from me" attitude.

Fr Stan

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Solemnity Sunday 22nd November is a major feast which ends the Liturgical Year (A). On this occasion, at the 11am Mass, we will renew our Baptismal promises and say a prayer to mark the occasion.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 15th 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**
Mon 16th Nov: **St Edmund of Abingdon** *Holy Mass (Novus Ordo) in Latin*	*17:00* *18:00* **18:30**	*Adoration* *Rosary (Latin)* **Thresyamma *Chakko RIP***
Tues 17th Nov: St Hilda	**08:00**	**Patrick Mooney RIP**
Wed 18th Nov: Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome	**08:00** *16:15*	**Luke Alexander thanksgiving** *Rosary*
Thurs 19th Nov: St Josaphat	**No Mass**	
Fri 20th Nov	*11:00- 18:00* *18:00* **18:30** *19:30*	*Adoration* *Rosary* **Holy souls of Fernandes family** *Holy Face of Jesus devotion*
Sat 21st Nov:	***No Mass***	
Sun 22nd November 2026 **Our Lord Jesus Christ,** **King of the Universe**	08:00 **08:30** 10:30 **11:00** **17:00**	*Rosary* **Blessing of Pozniak & Wojtowicz families** *Rosary* **Peter Mooney RIP** Baptism of Keon Alexander Racelis **For Parishioners**

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

15th November: Catherine Purcell (1975); Winifred Lees (1998);
17th November: Edward McIlvenna (1974); Alexander O'Boyle (1990); Mary Kelliner (2003); Rudolf Horvath (2018);
18th November: Kathleen Pearl (1987); Sheila Scott (2001);
19th November: Miles Webber (2012); Bernadette Beech (2023);
20th November: John Pringle (1998);
22nd November: Joan Andrijecko (1983); Norman Preston (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.

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.

Parish News

Sunday 15th November 2026 2nd Collection for Priests' Retirement Fund: This is an opportunity to support the priests who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their lives. After decades of ministry, our retired priests deserve the security of knowing that the care and support they may need in later life will always be available. Your donation will help ensure that they can live with dignity and peace of mind in retirement. Donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room..
If you would like to support the Fund on an ongoing basis, regular gifts by Direct Debit or standing order are especially valuable. portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/priests-retirement-fund-2/.

Friday 20th November at 19:30 after Holy Mass: HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION GROUP. Every third Friday of the month at 19.30. All are warmly welcome!

Sunday 22nd November at 11.00am - Baptism of Keon Alexander Racelis. Please keep Keon in your prayer. He is getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for theit families that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

Monday 23rd November at 18:30: The students of Reading CathSoc are organising a Requiem Mass in our church for the deceased of the university community. It will be a Sung Mass followed by the traditional Absolutions at the Catafalque.

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 £20,990.00 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.

Saturday 25th November at 17.00 in the Parish Hall. Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party: £5 each (£2.50 for children 10 years & younger). Please bring either starter or desert to share. Soft drinks & nibbles will be provided. Please see Zuzanna or Dawid after Mass for registration.

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.

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.

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.