

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Registered Charity No 1199568

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Parish office opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm

3rd Sunday of Easter

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14th April 2024

**Psalm Response:**  
**Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

## We are people of Easter

Christ is Risen. In Him, we find new ways of being and acting. Our hope is in the name of the Lord! We are the Easter people and we do not abandon ourselves, and others to despair. We do not give up believing in people's availability to live according to the Gospel as we see everybody in Christ, with Christ and through Christ. Everyone is called to sainthood so everyone is brought to the same Easter encouragement: "Let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory". These words of St Maximilian stress, "so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross."

Indeed, as people of Easter, we proclaim life from natural birth until natural death. We are against a culture of death, with abortion as the badge of humanism. The Risen Christ has entered the battle against minimalism of love. Minimalism does not exist in the Christian dictionary. We are fighters for the Kingdom of God, and against spiritual forces and sin, which cultivate the culture of death. We are called to hate sins and love God and our neighbor.

"Alleluia" and maximum love is our answer in Christ, to the world immersed in minimalism. As St John Paul II said, "It is up to you to put up a firm barrier against immorality, a barrier - I say - to those social vices which I will not here call by name but which you yourselves are perfectly aware of. You must demand this of yourselves, even if others do not demand it of you. Historical experiences tell us how much the immorality of certain periods cost the whole nation."

Fr Stan

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.

offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether your parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. Please call Octopus Legacy on 0800 773 4014 quoting CDPFREE.

**Vocation:** We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr John Cooke – [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

## Offertory Collection 7th April 2024

Loose Cash £ 287.31  
Contactless payment £ 182.00  
Standing Orders £ 646.92  
Good Friday collection for Holy Places: £ 312.28  
Thank you all for your kind donations

**Next Special Collection on 21st April is for The Clergy Training Fund.** Each year we make an appeal to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training

priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical.

## Resources

**Day by Day: Easter / April edition** in Advent Room. 1.00 / book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

**You will be my Witness:** Leaflets in Advent Room. Please take a copy.

## Community Support

**Woodley food bank** List of items needed are:- Pasta, rice, toilet paper./Kitchen rolls, Cooking oil./Tinned meats, Tea bags./ Sugar, Coffee./ Puddings. (sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. Items for food bank can be left in the Advent room.

## To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow :

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC  
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

The Diocese website:

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

## 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.

## Reading Catholic Churches

## Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

Christ the King, Whitley Fr. Daniel Agber  
St. John Bosco, Woodley Fr. Leo Odomeja  
St. James Fr. Chris Heaps  
English Martyrs, Tilehurst Fr. Gaston Forbah  
St. Joseph, Tilehurst Fr. Jude Mbonu  
St. William of York Fr. Seth Phipps  
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Fr. Joe McLoughlin

0118 931 4469  
0118 969 3423  
0118 957 4171  
0118 957 2149  
0118 942 8632  
0118 966 5284  
0118 947 1787

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
<b>Sun 14th April 2024</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am	Rosary
	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Myles Jenning RIP</b>
	10.30am	Rosary
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Anna &amp; Czeslaw Kajzer RIP</b> <i>First Holy Communion at 11.00am Mass</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>For Parishioners</b>
<b>Mon 15th April</b>	5.15pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Confession followed by Rosary at 6.00pm <b>Wieslaw Healing Body &amp; Soul</b>
<b>Tues 16th April</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Dawid conversion and pure heart</b>
<b>Wed 17th April</b>	<b>8.00am</b> 4.15pm	<b>Margaret Eddleston RIP</b> Rosary
<b>Thur 18th April</b> <b>St Stanislaus</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri 19th April</b>	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration followed by Rosary at 6.00pm <b>Daria conversion &amp; pure heart</b>
<b>Sat 20th April</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 21st April 2024</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am	Rosary
	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Jim Barfield RIP Foundation Mass</b>
	10.30am	Rosary
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>For Parishioners</b>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Dr Ben Chukwumah RIP</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** On Mondays, Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 5.30pm-6.30pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

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

**The Parish Bereavement Support Group** can be contacted via the Parish Office.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

14th Apr: Nan McDonagh (2017); 15th Apr: Theresa Doyle (2016); 16th Apr: Leonard Cracknell (1993); 17th Apr: Horace Tilley (1983); Margaret Eddleston (2004); 18th Apr: John McGlynn (1988); Una Quinn (2007); 19th Apr: Joshua Susel (2000); Michael O'Loughlin (2015) 20th Apr: Kevin Total (2005); 21st Apr: Jim Barfield (2014);

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

**First Holy Communion 2023-24.** Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion Children Annette Joseph, Chioma Onuama, Eloise Westran, Francesca Soname, James Maughan, Kathleen Maughan, Leana Maheswaran, Nicole Mundackal, Nifika Gayam and Tina Precious Lawrence, who will have their first Reconciliation on Saturday 13th April at 10.00am & receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th April at 11.00am.

**Confirmation 2023-24.** Sessions on Sunday , 14th & 28th April at 9.00am-11.00am in Carl Barton Room. Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm.

**Thursday 19:00 - 20:30 in DB Room: Men's Formation group**—We invite all men who have any questions about their faith or who are simply interested in developing their spiritual growth. Next meeting on Thursday 18th April & 2nd May.

**Tuesday 23rd April St George Patron Saint of England.** Solemnity. Holy Mass at 8.00am.

**Saturday 4th May: 1st Saturday of every month at 10am.** (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

**Thursday 9th May: The Ascension of the Lord.** Solemnity (Holy day of Obligation). Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

**Sunday 12th May 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

## Finance

**Closer to Christ Campaign.** The aim for the diocese is to raise £13.5 million to support our clergy from formation into retirement and support the parishes. The diocese would like parishioners to pledge a certain amount for 5 years. Our Parish's share is £90,000 for 5 years of which the diocesan share is £60,300. The remaining £29,7000 is for our own Parish projects. Fr Stan has decided not to go for this approach as he did not want to put pressure on individual

parishioners to make this commitment for 5 years towards the campaign.

Instead, we have made the commitment to raise the fund for £60,300 and pay £12,060 each year for 5 years towards the campaign fund from the parish account. The contactless machine has the option for you to pay towards the fund under "Closer to Christ campaign".

**Offertory Donations:** To make your regular offertory donation via standing order, please contact the parish office for details.

## Pastoral News

**Saturday 11th May 10.00am - 10.00pm Youth 2000 Retreat** Youth 2000 invite you to join them at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon on Saturday 11th May for an amazing one-day retreat... [London Retreat 2024 \(11-May-2024\) ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Worldpriest Global Rosary Relay: 7th June 2024:** The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on 7 June 2024, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is an experience not to be missed. So, regardless of age or local culture, Worldpriest asks you to unite with your community and country to pray the Rosary on 7 June 2024. Remember the greater the level of prayer the greater the blessings.

**Upcoming Safeguarding Training on 22nd June 2024 in Reading.** Great opportunity for anyone who wants to volunteer in our Parish, especially with Youth and vulnerable adults. Please see poster for more details. Please email [safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book your space.

**Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 from 22nd July for 4 nights.** £859 per person flying from Gatwick Airport to Toulouse Airport. Full board accommodation in the Hotel La Solitude. See poster for more details. Booking form can be collected from the Parish Office.

**FREE Will Scheme :** To mark national Free Wills Month, the Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to