

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.

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 or call 0132 931 8869.

Offertory Collection 14th April 2024

Loose Cash	£ 389.28
Contactless payment	£ 32.00
Standing Orders	£ 646.92

Thank you all for your kind donations

Special Collection on Sunday 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

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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

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

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.

Closer to Christ Campaign. We have made a commitment as a parish for the Closer to Christ campaign to raise £60,300 by paying £12,060 each year to the diocese from the parish account. The contactless machine has the option for you to pay towards the fund under "Closer to Christ campaign". We will also organise fund raising activity through the year to raise the funds.

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.

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.

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

4th Sunday of Easter

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21st April 2024

Psalm Response:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Christ, the Good Shepherd

There are many religions but only one covenant God - Jesus Christ who entered into Heaven via the Cross, who Sacrificed Himself and for our sake is fully present in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. This is the New Covenant which we profess. He accepted rejection and death because He loved his people. He wishes to heal us and made us into his image. "It was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... This is the only one by which we can be saved". "Behold the great love that the father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God". Our Good Shepherd interests us by His words: "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." Our Good Shepherd, also reassures us: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

We, as His disciples are called to imitate Him in our love and care for one another. We will be able to fulfil our vocation when we continue to listen to Him, to follow Him, to receive Him in the Most Precious Body and Blood. In this way, our Lord, the Good Shepherd will lead us safely to Heaven. Because of that He teaches us: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me...they listen to my voice..."

The image of Christ, the Good Shepherd reminds us that we should pray for our priests, our shepherds. Finally, today the church provides us with another good opportunity to pray for the Holy Father. We really need to pray for Pope Francis, so that he is a faithful Vicar of Christ – the Good Shepherd.

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.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 21st April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Jim Barfield RIP Foundation Mass Rosary Caroline Hurst RIP rec. dec Dr Ben Chukwumah RIP
Mon 22nd April	5.15pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Confession followed by Rosary at 6.00pm Dorota & Wieslaw marriage
Tues 23rd April St George	8.00am	Dawid conversion and pure heart
Wed 24th April	8.00am 4.15pm	Daria conversion and pure heart Rosary
Thur 25th April St Mark	No Mass	
Fri 26th April	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration followed by Rosary at 6.00pm Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak intention
Sat 27th April	7.00pm	Creation & Evolution talk in church
Sun 28th April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Greg & Monika wedding anniversary Rosary Miami & Alphie Joe RIP For Parishioners

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

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

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

21st Apr: Jim Barfield (2014); 23rd Apr: Rita Ransley (2016);
26th Apr: Maria Mastrocola (2002); Stanley Smith (2017);
27th Apr: Quinta Gunasekera (2020); 28th Apr: Mary Orrom (1980);

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

Saturday 27th April 7.00pm Kolbe Center and Family Life international present a talk on "Creation and Evolution, Fact or Fiction": Location: Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi Church, Earley. Please join us for two captivating presentations. The first, led by Hugh Owen, delves into the timeless teachings of the Catholic Church regarding genesis as elucidated by the Councils, Fathers, and Doctors of the Church. The second talk led by Greg Clovis unveils the latest cutting edge scientific discoveries questioning the evolution Hypothesis. Suitable for all ages, regardless of prior knowledge on the subject, these talks promise to be profoundly enlightening. Tea and coffee will be served.

Sunday 28 April we are hosting the Relics (1st class) of Saint Charbel. St Charbel is known as the "Miracle Monk of Lebanon" because of the favours received through his intercession, especially after prayers are said at his tomb in the Monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, Lebanon, or at his relicts. The relic is brought by representatives of the "Fenicia Foundation" from Poland in our parish, along with a Dominican priest, Father Dariusz Kantypowicz OP (working at the Dominican Fathers' Parish in Warsaw Służew). It will also be possible to receive individual blessings with the "Oil of St. Charbel." A special devotional service is possible depending on interest.

Thursday 2nd May 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.

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

Sunday 5th May Confirmation 2023-24. Please keep in your prayers our nine Confirmation

Candidates: Andrew Njenga, Albert Sermonia, Chimmaramma Onuama, Eva Mundakal, Gracie Osei, Jen Sermonia, Kayla Osei, Shauvon Rozier and Sebastin Garcia. They will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm.

Sunday 12th May 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Pastoral News

Good Counsel Network: On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Tuesday 30th April: Caritas Plymouth has invited people in our diocese interested in learning more about modern slavery, particularly in the care sector to an event they are holding in Poole on 30th April. There are some great speakers from the Medaille Trust and Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority. Event runs from 10:30-12:30 in the church hall of St Marys Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Road, Poole, BH15 2EG. Please register beforehand at <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH>

Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care: Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for Trustees to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk