

where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out, but the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today. [Sudan Crisis Appeal \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

Tuesday 30th April: Caritas Plymouth has invited people in our diocese who are interested in learning more about modern slavery, particularly in the care sector to an event that 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>

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.

Resources

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

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

Offertory Collection 14th April 2024

Loose Cash	£ 369.46
Contactless payment	£ 40.00
Standing Orders	£ 646.92

Special Collection on Sunday 21st April is for The Clergy Training Fund: £146.00
Thank you all for your kind donations

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

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.

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 –

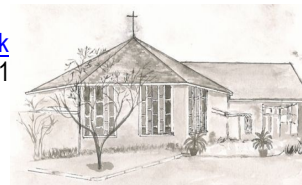
Please call your own priest first

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0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
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Parish office opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm

5th Sunday of Easter

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28th April 2024

Psalm Response:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Remaining in the Truth of Christ

We are Christians because we adhere to the Lord and we follow Him. We know that there is no life in us outside of Christ because He is the true vine and we are its branches. In order to bear fruit we, his branches, are nourished by Christ Words, Body and Blood, and are pruned in due time by the Lord.

We are proud to confess that our identity, our joy of life, our hope and strength comes from our belonging to Him and His teaching. We say: "Whoever keeps His commandments, lives in God and God lives in him." We do not hide the fact, as false humbleness and tolerance would demand, that while remaining in Christ we know the truth - the truth with the liberating and life bearing power. In humbleness and charity, we announce to the world that the Lord is the greatest gift to humanity. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We proclaim that everything has its origin in Christ and His teaching, everything is shaped by it and directed towards it.

In Christ, there is no division and conflict between law and freedom, truth and love. Obeying God's Commandments cannot paralyse souls, as some people intend to say nowadays, but they are in Christ the path to salvation, liberation and fulfillment of life. The Ten Commandments are engraved by God in the human heart. They are about the full meaning of life, and their morality is not only about avoiding sin, but also about living in accord with the teaching of Christ, who is Light and Life. In fact in Christ we see how much love "rejoices in the truth" and how much freedom is made of the law, out of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

"Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth." Proclaiming the Truth of God's Commandments is itself re-rooting us in the Source of life. As a consequence, it has nothing to do with any ideological separation of people from the healing closeness of the word and of the sacraments of Jesus. 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 28th April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Greg & Monika wedding anniversary
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Miamie & Alphonse Joe RIP <i>Baptism of Adanna Ajene</i>
	5.00pm	For Parishioners
Mon 29th April St Catherine of Siena	5.15pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Confession followed by Rosary at 6.00pm Eva Nora's intention
Tues 30th April St Pius V	8.00am	Dorota & Wieslaw marriage
Wed 1st May St Joseph the Worker	8.00am 4.15pm	Fr Stan's holiness in priesthood Rosary
Thur 2nd May St Athanasius	No Mass	
Fri 3rd May SS Philip & James	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration followed by Rosary at 6.00pm Jan & Jaguslawa Kowalewicz RIP
Sat 4th May The English Martyrs	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass Thanksgiving Mass: Dr Nicolas & Mercy Alexander
Sun 5th May 2024 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Blessings for Regina
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Jane Mooney RIP
	5.00pm	For Parishioners

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

28th Apr: Mary Orrom (1980);
30th Apr: Maria Jordan (2005);
1st May: Shirley Preston (2011);
3rd May: Margaret Horslett (1990); and Arthur Leonard (Len) Johncock (2012).
4th May: Marian Lewis (1985); Vi Greenway (2003);
5th May: Gerald Frost (1992); Frank McConnell (2017)

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

This Sunday 28 April the relics of Saint Charbel will be at the parish. Blessings with the relic and the Charbel oil will be given after the 8.30am and 11.00am Sunday Mass. Confession would be available as well. 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 relics. 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 Sluzew).

Sunday 28th April, 11.00am Mass - Baptism of Adanna Aneta Ajene. Please keep Adanna in your prayer. She is getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for the family that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

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, Chauvon Rozier and Sebastin Garcia. They will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm.

Weekday Mass: There will be no weekday Mass from Tuesday 7th Monday to Thursday 16th May. (Apart from 9th May - see note below). Adoration on Friday 10th May will continue as normal from 11.00am—6.00pm.

Thursday 9th May: The Ascension of the Lord. Solemnity. (Holy day of Obligation) 6.30 pm Holy Mass at our church. We welcome Fr David from Reading Ordinariate group, who will celebrate the Holy Mass.

Sunday Mass on 12th May: We welcome Fr Faustino from Portsmouth, who will celebrate all three Sunday Masses.

Sunday 12th May 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Parish Office: Please note that the Parish office will be closed from Monday 13 May to Tuesday 21st May. The Newsletter for Sunday 12th May will cover the two Sundays 12th May & 19th May.

Fundraising Committee for Closer to Christ Campaign: We are looking for volunteers to set up a fundraising committee. We are looking for a commitment of min 12 months to organise and run the fundraising. Please contact Kate Gorman on 07834734067. The plan is to meet once a month on Wednesday in DB room at 7.00pm. 1st meeting on 8th May.

Red Box 2023: In 2023 the Parish of Our Lady of Peace raised £4,534.95 through our Red Box and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you. The missionary community is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

Pastoral News

CAFOD Sudan Emergency Appeal: The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an emergency appeal for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas