

**Vacancy:** Please visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists all the vacancies. For full details and how to apply, please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

### Resources

**Day by Day: May 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.

### Offertory Collection 28th April 2024

Loose Cash	£ 578.61
Contactless payment	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£ 646.92

Thank you all for your kind donations

### Next Second Collections:

**World Communications Day 12th May 2024 (mandatory):** assists the Church to support this theme and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world. Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024 follows the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. He asks how we can remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good

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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

purpose? You can read the full message here (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>).

Donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

**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.

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

**6th Sunday of Easter**

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**5th May 2024**

### Psalm Response:

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

### 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
<b>Sun 5th May 2024</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am <b>8.30am</b> 10.30am <b>11.00 am</b> 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Blessings for Regina</b> <i>Rosary</i> <b>Jane Mooney RIP</b> <b>For Parishioners</b>
<b>Mon 6th May</b>	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Adoration &amp; Confession</i> <i>Rosary followed by Litany of Loreto</i> <b>Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak Intention</b>
<b>Tues 7th May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wed 8th May</b>	<b>No Mass</b> 4.15pm	<i>Rosary followed by Litany of Loreto</i>
<b>Thur 9th May: The Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>For Parishioners</b>
<b>Fri 10th May</b> <b>St John of Avila</b>	11.00am - 6.00pm <b>No Mass</b>	<i>Adoration</i>
<b>Sat 11th May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 12th May 2024</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am <b>8.30am</b> 10.30am <b>11.00 am</b> 2.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Deceased members of Thyveetil family RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i> <b>Michael Cafferty RIP Foundation Mass</b> <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i> <b>For Parishioners</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**

5th May: Gerald Frost (1992); Frank McConnell (2017)  
6th May: Herbert Pegg (2003); Maureen Reichelt (2013); 7th May: Danny Daniels (1981); Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998); Bernard Coffey (2012); David Prior (2017);  
8th May: Thomas Harbison (2006); 9th May: Louise Miles (1999); Mary Morris (2000);  
10th May; Michael Cafferty (2010); Charles Haggerty (2022); 11th May: Abdul Jazrawi (1980)  
12th May: Mary Vidgen (1980); Cyril Tilton (1981); Veronica Mulhern (2022); Xavier Forde (2023)

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 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. All the candidates will receive their confirmation certificate in our church on Pentecost Sunday 19th of May 2024.

**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.

**Fundraising Committee for Closer to Christ Campaign: 1st meeting on 8th May.** 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.

**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.

**Thursday 9th & 23rd 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.

**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.

**Sunday 2nd June: Feast of Corpus Christi:** after 11am Mass on this day, we will have a short procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Children especially our First Holy Communion Children and other willing girls & boys will participate in the procession. Please bring petals and bells for the procession.

**Sunday 2nd June at 8.30am & 11am Mass** We are very pleased that the Knights of St Columba will bring the relic of St. Edmund Campion to our church. For more details, please visit <http://www.province30.co.uk/>.

## **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 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 \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

**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.