

Vacancy: Please visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists vacancies including for Choral Director - closing date of 28 June 2023 and for Manager for Catholic Home Care, Southampton - closing date of 3rd July 2023. For full details and how to apply, please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Offertory Collection 30th June 2024

Loose Cash £ 284.22
 Contactless payment £ 65.00
 Standing Orders £ 656.73
 Second Collection on Sunday 30th June for: Peter's Pence £158.51
 Thank you all for your kind donations

Second collection on Sunday 14th July is for Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea). Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Donate via collection basket on

your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

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.

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

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.

Resources

Day by Day: July 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 LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
 Twitter: @PortsmouthRC The Diocese website: <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

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

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B (page 48) 7th July 2024

Psalm Response:

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

What are you hungry for?

The world, with all its proposals is trying hard to satisfy us and make us happy. There are some problems with that. It is quite obvious that the task is beyond our capacity. It is also obvious that there are deadly rules in this world as it is mortal and limited. We are, also, very different and have different areas where we measure our deepest fulfilment.

Apart from that, once we have awakened strange goals or developed unhealthy habits, we place ourselves on the fence. Importantly, putting aside our choice, preferences and desires, and listening to what is written in our human nature, we will find the very principal likeness to God, that we cannot fully find in ourselves except through a sincere gift of ourselves.

Finally, when we ask the most basic question of why did God make us? We ought to acknowledge the liberating truth that He made us for Himself so that we know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next world. The true religion which we profess, shares great light upon our minds that this world is not our destiny and completion of our happiness. However, in this world our hearts are restless until we find our rest in God, until we live our calling which is participation in God's own life who reveals Himself, and who even invites us to intimacy.

In this light, the important question is: Where is your heart? Then, you will see what are you are hungry for.

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 |
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| Sun 7th July 2024 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm | Rosary Terence Gorman RIP Rosary For Parishioners George Johnson RIP |
| Mon 8th July St Oliver Plunkett | 5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm | Adoration & Confession Rosary Dimitris Thanksgiving |
| Tues 9th July St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions | 8.00am †10.30am | Daria's conversion & pure heart Funeral service for late Roger Adams† |
| Wed 10th July | 8.00am 4.15pm | Dawid conversion & pure heart Rosary |
| Thur 11th July St Benedict | No Mass | |
| Fri 12th July | 11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm | Adoration Rosary Thanksgiving Lazenby family |
| Sat 13th July | No Mass | |
| Sun 14th July 2024 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm | Rosary Waclaw RIP Rosary Luke Alexander intention Divine Mercy Holy Hour 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

8th July: William Purcell (1988); 9th July: William Armstrong (1987);
10th July: Samuel Arthur Mayes (1998); 11th July: Dermot Durnin (1995); George Johnson (2010);
14th July: Alexander Croft (1989);

We keep in our prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound especially Stephen Butler who is under hospice care. . 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

Sunday 14th July 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

The New Lectionary: Fr Stan would like to thank a parishioner who has generously donated £300 towards the cost of buying the New Lectionary. If any family wish to contribute towards the cost of this purchase, then please approach Fr Stan.

The cost are as follows:

Lectionary (Ambo Edition): £590.75,
Lectionary (Chapel Edition): £335.75,
Book of Gospels: £233.75.

Sunday Missal for Parishioners is £16.96/missal.

Pastoral News

Saturday 7th September 2024: Significant Wedding Anniversary Bishop Philip would like to invite all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2:00pm. please email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

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.

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August: Fanning the Flame Summer Camp Bookings for the 2024 Fanning the Flame summer camp are now open. The theme this year is 'Transformed' and we will be spending the week delving into how we are transformed through our relationship with God, Creator and Redeemer. Book early to avoid disappointment!! For booking forms and more info visit the Fanning the Flame Summer Camp website. You can also find a poster in our noticeboard.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024 will take place from Friday 23rd August - Monday 26th August 2024 in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith. The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from- www.youth2000.org/events. See poster for more details.

Living Catholicism Today are hosting a summer course, 1st – 4th August. "How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality?" Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

Fraud Prevention Awareness on Tuesday 17th September 2024 13.30 - 15.30: We have been asked by Thames Valley Police to help promote this event to raise awareness, educate and inform you on the various types of fraud that are currently present. To confirm attendance, please contact Elena Ispas on 07800702329 or email elena.ispas@thamesvalley.police.uk.

FREE Will Scheme : The Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether 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.