

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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



**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 e mail [elena.ispas@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:elena.ispas@thamesvalley.police.uk).

## Offertory Collection 7th July 2024

Loose Cash £ 506.76  
Contactless payment £ 160.00  
Standing Orders £ 623.05

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  
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth  
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

15th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B (page 50) 14th July 2024  
**Psalm Response:**  
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

## Amos

Amos was a mere sheep herder and a sycamore fig farmer. He described himself, "I am not a prophet nor a son of a prophet". However, God changed his life totally. For instance, he is the first of the prophets to write down the messages that he received. He is admired for the purity of his language, his beauty of diction, and his poetic art. The name of Amos in Hebrew means "to carry; borne by God". Indeed, he was a pure vessel of God's words. He announced the fall of the reigning dynasty and of the northern kingdom, and was not afraid of being denounced by the head priest Amaziah to King Jeroboam II. Even when he was advised to leave the kingdom, Amos was focused on God's omnipotence.

From his story, we learn that God's word is given to change us, starting from giving us perspective of the Gospel, so that everything around would draw our attention to Him. God's word must penetrate us and bear fruit of conversion. When our faith is weak, however, we tend to fall into a trap thinking that God is not interested in what happens to us, and we live in a spirit of bitterness and accusation of God. We also live in a self- created image of God which imitates a background in our life, living as if God had not had any real power over us.

It needs to be changed. God is God. The Word of God contains the power of God's Will to change our daily life as it happened in the life of Amos.

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 14th July 2024</b> 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Waclaw RIP</b> Rosary <b>Stephen Butler RIP rec. dec</b> Divine Mercy Holy Hour <b>For Parishioners</b>
<b>Mon 15th July</b> St Swithun	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Confession Rosary <b>Regina for successful operation</b>
<b>Tues 16th July</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel	8.00am	<b>Wieslaw conversion &amp; pure heart</b>
<b>Wed 17th July</b> St Bonaventure	8.00am 4.15pm	<b>Luke Alexander intention</b> Rosary
<b>Thur 18th July</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri 19th July</b>	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary <b>Bridget Awah birthday thanksgiving</b>
<b>Sat 20th July</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 21st July 2024</b> 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary <b>For Parishioners</b> Rosary <b>Denis Buckley RIP Foundation Mass</b> <b>Louisa thanksgiving</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 July: Alexander Croft (1989); 15th July: Richard Wallace (1991); Martin Keeler (2004);  
16th July: Henry Thomas (1976); James Howard (1979);  
17th July: Emma & Catherine Novell (1979); and Jack Tierney (1982).  
18th July: Stanislaw Wisniewski (2012); 19th July: Eileen O'Riordan (2016);  
21st July Denis Buckley (2011);

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**

**Stephen Butler RIP.** The parish offers condolences to the family of Stephen who died on 9th July 2024, aged 77. Funeral details to be advised. Stephen was an ex-parishioner of our church. He was the choir master to the 11 am music group for number of years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. May his soul rest in peace. Amen

**Sunday 14th July 2.30pm** - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**Update on our Closer to Christ fundraiser and the Parish BBQ:** Thank you for coming to our first fundraiser "The Parish BBQ". With your generosity we made a great profit of £1,160.73. We thank the team that organised the fundraiser & the BBQ helpers. The food was delicious and everyone had a great time. It was so lovely to see all of you and it also gave us a chance to gather together and enjoy each others company. So far our grand total for Closer to Christ campaign is £2,323. A long way to go but a very healthy start.

**The New Lectionary:** Fr Stan would like to thank two parishioners for their donation. We have received £430 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**

**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](http://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/>

**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](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.