

**The Liturgy Project** is a project of The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth which is available to all. It exists to help people to encounter Christ through the liturgy of the Holy Mass. We hope that it can serve you as a liturgical resource and respond to the needs of those serving in the local church and to empower them to fully participate in the liturgy where they are. [www.theliturgyproject.com](http://www.theliturgyproject.com). See poster for QR code for easy access to the website.

**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.

### Offertory Collection 14th July 2024

Loose Cash	£ 337.01
Contactless payment	£222 .00
Standing Orders	£ 623.05

Thank you all for your kind donations

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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

Second collection on Sunday 14th July was for Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) £111.32. Thank you.

**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.

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary time

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### Psalm Response:

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## Finding rest in God's compassion

Our Lord Jesus invites His disciples to take a break as He sees their weariness. At the same time, He is moved with compassion for the crowd, describing them as "sheep without a shepherd." Thus, we have two elements together: spiritual rest and God's compassionate action involving us in His affairs. This perspective offers us profound insights into our own lives.

Often, we run ourselves ragged with daily responsibilities, forgetting to take time to simply be with God. Jesus reminds us, "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while." As it is not easy to find rest even within ourselves, we must organise a sacred space, like a turtle withdrawing into its shell or a hedgehog curling up. This space is about a moment where we stop everything and just be in God's presence, allowing His peace to fill our hearts and renew our spirits.

Can you imagine the scene when you are in the process of finding rest and see that Jesus is moved with compassion because "they were like sheep without a shepherd"? They look and feel like "wobbly tired-out sheep," stumbling through their days, unsure of where they are headed. Their weariness draws Jesus to them and disrupts our right to rest in God's presence.

In this conflict of interest, we learn that our true rest is in Christ. Once we fix our eyes on Him, everything makes sense, and we become in tune with Him. We begin to see that we are often like those who disturb our time. While we strive to find rest in a sacred, interior space, sharing everything with Jesus, we also recognise that as Jesus looks at the crowd with compassion, He shows us that God's presence is our guide, even when we feel something has been taken from us unjustly.

Thus, in our spiritual journey with God, we need quiet, restful moments. At its core, this journey must be centred on God and the compassionate guidance of Jesus, who offers what is best.

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 21st July 2024</b> 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	For Parishioners
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Denis Buckley RIP Foundation Mass
	5.00pm	Louisa thanksgiving
<b>Mon 22nd July</b> St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confession
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Regina's intention
<b>Tues 23rd July</b> St Bridget of Sweden	8.00am	Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak intentions
<b>Wed 24th July</b> St Sharbel Makhluf	8.00am	Rosary
	4.15pm	
<b>Thur 25th July</b> St James	No Mass	
<b>Fri 26th July</b> Ss Joachim & Anne	11.00am - 6.00pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Maria Lazenby thanksgiving
<b>Sat 27th July</b>	No Mass	
<b>Sun 28th July 2024</b> 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Carmen Vizcaino RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	For Parishioners
	5.00pm	Baptism of Annamae Achale at 11.00am Mass Vlachouli family thanksgiving

**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 July Denis Buckley (2011); 22nd July: Norman Mace (1976);  
23rd July: Frances Scott (1995); Colin Hay (2000);  
24th July: Brian Curran (2008); 25th July: Bridget Tansey (2008);  
26th July: Filomena Colella (1988); Tony O'Neil (2019)  
28th July: Jan Lorenz (1996); Bill Taylor (2005); Ann Taylor (2006);

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

**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.**

**Saturday 3rd August: 1st Saturday of every month at 10am-**(Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

**Tuesday 6th August: Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord. Holy Mass at 6.30pm.**

**Sunday 11th August 2.30pm** - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**Thursday 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Holy day of Obligation.** Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

**Stephen Butler RIP.** The parish offers condolences to the family of Stephen who died on 9th July 2024, aged 77. Funeral service at St Thomas More church on 6th August at 11.00am. 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

## Pastoral News

**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/>

**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.

**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.

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