

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.

Invocation at Adoremus, at St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham) Sunday 15th September 10am-5.30pm:

"Adoremus" is the National Eucharistic Congress which will be held on Saturday 14th Sept. However, on the Sunday 15th Sept. the Bishops Conference are hosting a national discernment event called 'Invocation at Adoremus'. This is a fantastic opportunity for any discerners to gather with the seminarians and meet others from right across the country. There will be workshops, keynote speakers, Adoration, opportunities to speak to people to discern their vocation. Please get in touch if you would like to be considered as a delegate to attend this free event vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

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.

Offertory Collection 21st July 2024

Loose Cash	£ 391.10
Contactless payment	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£ 623.05

Thank you all for your kind donations

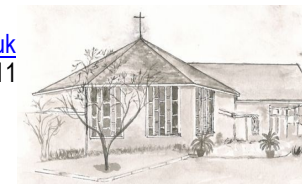
Closer to Christ Campaign. We have made a commitment as a parish for the Closer to Christ campaign to raise £60,300 by paying £12,060 each year to the diocese from the parish account. The contactless machine has the option for you to pay towards the fund under "Closer to Christ campaign". We will also 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.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

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**Psalm Response:
You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

Grace through involvement

There is a picture of Jesus feeding the five thousand with just five barley loaves and two fish. Our Lord could have told the people to take care of themselves. He did not do that. He also could have multiplied the bread and fish on His own, which would have been a quicker and more practical solution. He did not do that either. Neither of these responses aligns with the mind of Jesus. Instead, He engaged His disciples and the people who listened to Him attentively. This shows that other reasons matter; the key point is that what we hear should transform us into who we are meant to be.

To understand the heart of Jesus, we must know that He opted for human involvement and collaboration with grace. Mere distribution of goods and handouts is not the solution.

We can see Christ's way of thinking more closely through the lens of a Chinese proverb and the attitude of Mother Teresa of Calcutta towards it.

The Chinese proverb rightly states: "You give a poor man a fish and you feed him for a day. You teach him to fish and you give him an occupation that will feed him for a lifetime."

Paraphrasing Mother Teresa, she added something significant about the nature of the human condition marked by original sin and redemption, and marked by omission and negligence of love and examples: "The poor are so weak they cannot stand. Give them a fish to strengthen them. When they are strong, give them a rod and teach them to fish."

Christianity first guarantees the foundation. It is the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, which is the source of life and the fundamental base. Next, we are provided with an environment and lessons on how to live. Finally, we are called to live independently and responsibly within the framework of what is our life in Christ.

By involving His disciples in the miracle of feeding the five thousand, Jesus taught them the importance of active participation in His mission. He did not just perform the miracle; He does not want us merely waiting for miracles to happen. We are to strive to engage with grace, fostering growth in Christ through independent responsibility in ourselves and others. 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.

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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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Daniel Agber	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Leo Odomeja	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Fr. Gaston Forbah	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Jude Mbonu	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Fr Joe McLoughlin	0118 947 1787

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 28th July 2024 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Carmen Vizcaino RIP Rosary For Parishioners Baptism of Annamae Achale at 11.00am Mass Vlachouli family thanksgiving
Mon 29th July Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration & Confession Rosary Jesus Antonio conversion & pure heart
Tues 30th July St Peter Chrysologus	8.00am	Intention available
Wed 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	8.00am 4.15pm	Intention available Rosary
Thur 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori	No Mass	
Fri 2nd August	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Valentina Carreon conversion & pure heart
Sat 3rd August	10.00am - 1.00pm 12 noon	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass Souls in purgatory
Sun 4th August 2024 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Waclaw RIP Rosary Blessing for Kamil & family 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 July: Jan Lorenz (1996); Bill Taylor (2005); Ann Taylor (2006);
29th July: Frank Allen (1980); Veronica Mocanu (2022)
30th July: John Hodgson (2023); 31st July: Peter Manning (2015); 2nd August: Annie Duffy (1999)
3rd August: John Nottingham (1978); Ronald Miles (1992); Gus Watters (1994); Laurie Mayes (2013)
4th August: Elizabeth Budd (1990); Margaret Mary Smith (2018)

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

Sunday 28th July at 11.00am Mass - Baptism of Annamae Achale. Please keep Annamae 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.

The New Lectionary: Fr Stan would like to thank the parishioners for their donation. We have received £450 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.

Friday Adoration: Friday 2nd August will be the last Adoration for summer. Adoration will resume after summer break on Friday 6th September 2024.

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.

Saturday 7th September: There is no 1st Saturday devotion to Our Lady in our church in Sept due to March for Life. A delegate are going from our church. All welcome to join the group.

Chess Tournament Saturday 12th October 9.00am - 4.00pm. Fr Stan is organising a chess tournament in honour of Our Lady. This is also open to neighbouring parishes. If interested, please contact Dawid Slezak via e mail dawid21878@googlemail.com. Please include the following information: Name, Age, Experience & Parish. Closing date of registration is 30th

September. Registration, tea and coffee are free, snacks and cakes will be available to buy. Any help and donations towards prizes are welcome. See poster for more details.

Mass Intention: We have intentions available for weekday Mass. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. If you wish to offer mass for your loved ones then please contact parish office to book a Mass.

Pastoral News

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.

March for Life 7th September: The SPUC Reading Branch is hiring a coach to go to March for Life on the 7th September. No fixed cost but a suggested donation of £20 for those who can afford it. The coach will depart from St William of York Church with the ability to park in the car park. Please use the following form to sign up <https://forms.gle/TsnmVcKy5px1Apd6>. Any further queries email Christopher Cahill at spucreading@gmail.com

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