

can leave your car in the car park of Bl. Dominic Barberi Church and take a bus from Littlemore (no. 3A or 5A) or Rose Hill (no. 3) to town. After the walk, there are possibilities to take a bus (no. 3A or 5A) from Littlemore to Oxfordor from Rose Hill (no. 3) to town.

**Lives Worth Living, a campaign of SPUC Pro-Life on Tuesday 29th October 7.30pm-9.00pm: "Assisted suicide- Should the law be changed."** Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant working in a hospice, explains why changing the law will be harmful to patients, doctors and society. Venue: Novotel Reading Centre, 25B Friar Street, RG1 1DP. Please register on SPUC website. See poster for more details.

### Resources

**Day by Day: October edition** in Advent Room. 1.00 / book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

### 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

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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. Henry Nkop
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Fr Joe McLoughlin

bank can be left in the Advent room.

### Offertory Collection 15th September 2024

Loose Cash	£ 437.27
Contactless payment	£ 92.00
Standing Orders	£ 521.50

2nd collection on Sunday 15th September was for Home Mission .£96.12

Thank you all for your kind donations

### Offertory Collection 22nd September 2024

Loose Cash	£ 410.67
Contactless payment	£ 40.00
Standing Orders	£ 521.50

Thank you all for your kind donations

### Our Second Collection on Sunday 6th October is for CAFOD.

**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.

### 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

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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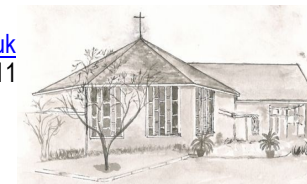
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Parish office opening hours : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm

**26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B (page 74) 29th September 2024**  
**Psalm Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

### The Heavenly Presence of the Archangels in the Holy Mass

Before the altar, we stand not just among people but in the company of angels and archangels, who tremble with reverence before God. This reminds us of the sacred space and presence that we are in. During the Holy Mass, there is a moment when the priest bows, deeply and humbly prays that the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ be carried by the hands of God's holy Angel to His altar on high. This highlights the profound unity between heaven and earth during the Mass, reminding us that in the liturgy, we join the angels and saints in worship. The prayer reflects the Church's understanding that the Eucharist transcends the physical, entering the eternal realm, where angels assist in bringing our prayers and sacrifices before God's throne.

While the Church does not officially specify the identity of the Angel in the Eucharistic Prayer, theologians and saints, such as Thomas Aquinas, Gregory the Great, and Pope Leo XIII, suggested that it may refer to Saint Michael the Archangel, leader of the heavenly hosts and protector of the Church. His main responsibilities are to combat Satan, escort the faithful to heaven, champion Christians and the Church, and call souls to their heavenly judgment.

At Mass, we also encounter Saints Gabriel and Raphael, meaning God's messenger and God's healer. Gabriel, whose name means "my power is God," reveals the reality of the Incarnation as the supreme sign of God's omnipotence. Saint Raphael, who stands before the throne of the Lord, brings restoration, as seen in the story of Tobit and at the pool of Bethesda, where he descended to heal the sick.

When we honour the Archangels created by God, we praise His perfection and power.

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 29th September 2024</b> <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Waclaw RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	For Parishioners
	5.00pm	McAteer family thanksgiving
<b>Mon 30th Sept</b> <b>St Jerome</b>	5.15pm	Adoration & Confession
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass
<b>Tues 1st Oct</b> <b>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</b>	8.00am	Wieslaw's conversion pure heart
<b>Wed 2nd Oct</b> <b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	8.00am	Georgina & Harriets intention
	4.15pm	Rosary
<b>Thur 3rd Oct</b>	No Mass	
<b>Fri 4th Oct</b> <b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	11.00am - 6.00pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Thanksgiving Fernandes family
<b>Sat 5th Oct</b> <b>St Faustina Kowalska</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass
	12 noon	Vincent John RIP rec. dec
<b>Sun 6th October 2024</b> <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	For our young people
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Gordon Lazenby RIP
	5.00pm	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.

**Annual Mass Count** for Pastoral Statistics will be carried out for all Sunday Masses on 29th Sept, 6th & 13th October.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012);  
 30th Sept: Ethel Wiggins (2005); Vincent Aspell (2021)  
 3rd Oct: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);  
 4th Oct: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);  
 6th Oct: Jeanette Barron (1983); Kamilia Corbari (2022); Leonardus Dekok (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

**Book Sale on 29th September** (Fundraiser for Closer to Christ Campaign). The book sale will be after all three Sunday Masses.

**Reading Pastoral Area (PA):** On Tuesday 24.09.2024 a "Reading Interim Pastoral Meeting" took place at St Joseph's Church in Tilehurst which was attended on behalf of our parish by Zuzanna Bochenek and Lucia Reiling. This group has been tasked with promoting the transition to a new Catholic Reading Parish which will incorporate all six existing parishes of St Joseph, English Martyrs, St James, St John Bosco, Christ the King and Our Lady of Peace. The plan is for this new parish to eventually become the administrative and financial centre for all six existing parishes as a "Community of Communities" (meaning we will no longer be autonomous but accountable to a council). If you wish to learn more about this big change in our local church community or have any questions or concerns, please approach Lucia or Zuzanna at Church or call the parish office, so that this can be voiced in the next Interim Pastoral Meeting which is scheduled for 22.10.2024.

**Wednesday 2nd October - Fundraising committee meeting: 1st Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Bl Dominic Barberi Room.** We need more volunteers, please come and support us with your ideas for fundraising.

**CAFOD Family Fast day - Friday 4th October.** CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and donate the money saved. Your support for our Harvest appeal will share hope with vulnerable families by providing them with the practical help they need. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church, and give generously or you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday).

**Saturday 5th October :** 1st Saturday of every month at 10am: (Dedication to our Lady) - -. (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass.

**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 email at [dawid21878@googlemail.com](mailto: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.

**First Holy Communion 2024-25.** Children in School year 3 and who will be at least 8 years old between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025 are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation program in October 2024. Parents and guardians should, please email or write to Father Stan at the church office, with their child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, parents' names and contact details. Meeting with Father Stan on Sunday 6th October after 11.00am Mass. Further details about the programme will be communicated to you.

**Save a date :** Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party: Saturday 30th November in the Parish Hall. More information to follow.

## Pastoral News

**Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Tuesday 8th October 2024.** Interested individuals should inform Fr Stan directly. **Program:** 7:15 pm Pilgrim Prayers at The Oratory, 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford and departure. Walk to Littlemore, stopping at places linked to Saint John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi and praying en route. (3 mi) 9:00 pm Candle Light Procession from Rose Hill to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church (0.7 mi) 9:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Bl. Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore 9:50 pm Benediction and Procession to The College Library and Chapel. You can join at any stage. Light refreshments will be provided after the prayers in Newman's chapel. Before the walk you