

Pastoral News

Stop assisted suicide - action needed!

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

Offertory Donations:

You can set up regular offertory donation by setting up monthly standing order. Our Bank details are as follows:
A/c name: CDP Reading Our Lady of Peace
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018
You can also pay via the contactless machine in the Advent Room.
If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.



Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

7th September: William Dailly (1992); Peter Dawson (2008);
9th September: Bill Hunt (1994); Regina Zaboklicka (2007); 10th September: Frederick Grigg (1993);
11th September: Janice Robins (1995); Bernard Coakeley (2004); Desolina Auch (2019)
12th September: Anthony Davis (1997);
13th September: Doris Frost (1990); Marjorie Sheldon (1997); 14th September: Eric Karas (2001);
15th September: Mary Salmon (1975); Ethel Gibson (1988);
18th September: Richard O'Connell (2002); and Graham Smallbone (2003);
19th September: Sylvia Grealis (2018); 20th September: Bridget Malone (1990);

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.**

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow :

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The Diocese website:

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
<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

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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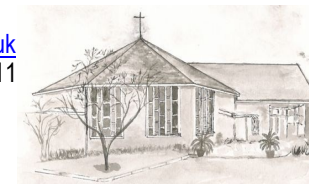
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Hall Bookings

Parish office is closed from Friday 5th September to Friday 12th September 2025
Parish office opening hours from week commencing 15th September 2025 :
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C page:1052 7th September 2025
Psalm Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Year C page: 1175 14th September 2025
Psalm Response: Never forget the deeds of the Lord



Canonisation of Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) and Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925)
on Sunday 7th September 2025

[Image: Chiesa di Milano]

We express our gratitude for the gift of new saints, a sign of God's grace at work within us and a source of encouragement to imitate Catholic virtues in our daily lives.

They were deeply rooted in the mystery of the Holy Mass, drawing strength from the Sacrifice of Christ and cultivating an interior life shaped by prayer and ascetic discipline. Pier Giorgio bore witness to Christ through his friendships and service among university companions, while Carlo used the means of modern technology to open hearts to the presence of God. Their joy and vitality sprang not from worldly pleasures but from a life of holiness, showing that true happiness flows from union with Christ.

May the prayers of Blessed Carlo and Blessed Pier Giorgio assist us all.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 7th September 2025 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Joan rec. dec & Roger Bell RIP <i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners Nicole Mundackal intention
Mon 8th Sept: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> James & Kathleen Buckley RIP Foundation Mass
Tue 9th Sept: St Peter Claver	8.00am	Wieslaw - Healing
Wed 10th Sept	8.00am 4.15pm	For souls in purgatory <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 11th Sept	No Mass	
Fri 12th Sept The Most Holy Name of Mary	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Bruno Reiling RIP
Sat 13th Sept: St John Chrysostom	No Mass	
Sun 14th September 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Gorman family thanksgiving <i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i> Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Sheila Freel RIP
Tue 16th Sept: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	8.00am	Paul Anthony RIP
Wed 17th Sept St Hildegard of Bingen	No Mass 4.15pm	<i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 18th Sept	No Mass	
Fri 19th Sept St Januarius	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> For Volunteers' in the Parish
Sat 20th Sept: St Andrew Kin Taegon	No Mass	
Sun 21st September 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Michal RIP <i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners Stanley Catton RIP

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.

Parish News

Parish office will be closed from Friday 5th September to Friday 12th September. The newsletter for Sunday 7th September will cover the two Sundays while the parish office is closed (7th September & 14th September) - so, please keep your copy!

Sunday 14th September 2025 at 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Special Collection on Sunday 14th September for Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service represents the Bishops' interests in shaping education policy across the 2,169 Catholic schools, colleges, academies, and universities overseen by the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Our Diocese's priorities is working with children and young adults. We serve by providing places of education, university chaplaincy, parish youth ministry and opportunities for social action. There are 69 Catholic Schools in our Diocese providing education and faith formation to 30,799 pupils. Please donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

Friday 19th September 6.30pm. A Holy Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for our volunteers. All our volunteers are warmly invited to attend. If you are interested in volunteering at the church but are unsure where you can help, this is the perfect opportunity to come along and have a chat after Mass. Our church runs entirely on volunteers, and we truly need and appreciate any help you can offer.

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be carried out for all Sunday Masses on 21st Sept, 28th Sept, 5th & 12th October.

Saturday 4th October 2025 from 10.00am to 5.30pm: "A Day with Mary". A whole day retreat at our church. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Sermon on our Lady by Fr Linus Clovis. See poster for more details."

Sale on Picture Frames: A generous donor has kindly gifted picture frames for our Parish Fundraising. So far, we have raised £686.00. We still have plenty of frames available, so please help spread the word!

Fire Warden Volunteers for Sunday Mass: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this important role. We now have Fire Wardens in place for the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses. We are still in need of volunteers for the 5:00pm Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Stan or contact the Parish Office.

Pew Refurbishment update: Thanks to your continued generosity, we have raised £1,306.39 so far. We are pleased to confirm that work on the pew refurbishment has now begun. The project will be completed in stages to avoid disruption to our Sunday Mass. Please continue to donate for this project. The current estimate is £2,500 to the total project.

First Holy Communion 2025-2026. Children who will be in School Year 3 and turn 8 years old between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation programme, beginning in October 2025. Parents or guardians are kindly asked to email or write to Father Stan at the church office, providing the following details: their child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, parents' names and contact details. Further details about the programme will be shared in due course.

Confirmation 2025-26 is open to all young baptised Catholics who will be in Year 8 or above as of September 2025. If you are interested, please email or write to Father Stan at the church office. Further details about the programme will be provided in due course.

Fundraising for Church: Patio cleaning - If you would like to have your Patio cleaned then please contact Dawid on 07809868203. Special discount for Parishioners and also 80% of the fees will be donated to the church.