

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 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 Oxford or from Rose Hill (no. 3) to town.

**Marriage support** - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk). Tel: +44 7887 296 983.

**Vacancy:** Please visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists all the vacancies. For full details and how to apply, please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### Resources

**Day by Day: September edition** in Advent Room. 1.20 / book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

**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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<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

### 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.



### Community News

**Woodley food bank Updated List:** Long life Milk, Cereals, Tinned meat, Tinned fish, tinned vegetables, Sugar, Rice pudding, Tea & Coffee, Sugar small bags, Long life juice, Squash, Tinned potatoes. Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned fruit, Custard, Biscuits, Cooking oil (small bottles). Items for food bank can be left in the Advent room.

## Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

338 Wokingham Road Earley Reading RG6 7DA Website [www.olo.org.uk](http://www.olo.org.uk)  
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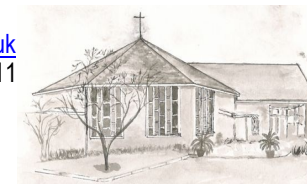
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Parish office opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**21st September 2025**

**Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

### Money as a tool, not a master.

The Gospel makes it clear: money and material goods are tools, never ends in themselves (Lk 16:1-13). They are not the goal of life, yet they are woven into our humanity. Likewise, the prophet Amos (Am 8:4-7) warns that wealth without justice crushes the poor and blinds the heart.

We do engage with material things, for money gives tangible shape to values: it fills the stomach, clothes the body, and sustains daily life. Fragile bodies need space to dwell, utilities to cover, and work to provide. We rest, feed and clothe our families, and educate children so they may find their place in the world. These real needs remind us that we are called to serve life rightly—using intellect and will not only for ourselves, but also to help others grow. Within the limits of what we have, and within the vast potential of our creativity and prudence, we are invited to act without naivety, yet also without fear.

Our Lord praises the steward's foresight, not his dishonesty. He shows that even "the children of this world" know how to act decisively when their future is at stake. How much more, then, should disciples act wisely for the sake of God's Kingdom. Jesus calls us to courage and creativity with what is given—even in matters of eternal life, in the shaping of values, and in cultivating a Christian culture that can stand firm amid the challenges of "woke" fluidity. With God's grace, we often discover that we hold more in our hands than we imagine. And when we dare to use it with love, it bears fruit. We are called to live boldly, to be resourceful in goodness, and to let even the smallest gift become light for someone else.

For this reason, spirituality and daily life can never be separated. Prayer itself must not become an escape from responsibility, nor can faith be twisted to exploit the faithful in God's name. Authentic prayer deepens love, strengthens responsibility, awakens courage, and teaches us to care for one another. It opens our eyes to injustice and gives us the strength to resist it.

Fr Stan.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
<b>Sun 21st September 2025</b> 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Michal RIP Rosary For Parishioners Stanley Catton RIP
<b>Mon 22nd Sept</b>	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Sebastian De Mello 16th birthday
<b>Tue 23rd Sept: St Pio of Pietrelcina</b>	8.00am	Chacko RIP
<b>Wed 24th Sept</b> Our Lady of Walsingham	8.00am 4.15pm	For Miracle of healing for Kacper Rosary
<b>Thurs 25th Sept</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri 26th Sept</b> Ss Cosmas & Damian	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Fr Matteo Balzano RIP
<b>Sat 27th Sept</b> St Vincent de Paul	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 28th September 2025</b> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Regina & Wacław RIP Rosary John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass For Parishioners

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

**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.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

22nd September: Michael Sorenson (1990); Surinder Dhir (2001); Theresa Semple (2006); John McCarron (1998);  
23rd September: Maria Elena Carvallo (2021); 24th September: Maria Agostino (2009);  
25th September: Bernadette Barnes (1985); John Thompson (1990); and Fr. Eamon Walsh (2013);  
28th September: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998);

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

##### Our Second Collection on Sunday 21st September is for Home Mission.

Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can utilise, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities. The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. Donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

##### CAFOD Family Fast day - Friday 3rd 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 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."

##### 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.

##### 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.

**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!

#### 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

##### Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Wednesday 8th October 2025.

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.