

Pastoral News

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. 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. Tel: +44 7887 296 983.

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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

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.

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

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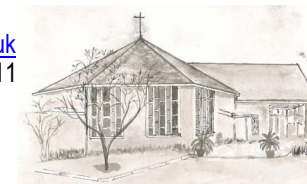
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Hall Bookings



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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28th September 2025

Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Reflection on awareness of hell in our time

Have you noticed that we hardly hear in our churches about the threat of hell? Maybe priests these days are afraid of discouraging their flock from coming to the church? Indeed, some of the faithful come to Masses to find rest, joy and company and they are not willing to listen to uncomfortable subjects. In the case of fear of preaching about hell, priests must be helped by all of us to be brave and never to give up. Their duty is to show us love for God and Heaven as our destiny and a place already prepared for us but at some point they are obliged to teach us wisely on the realm of eternal condemnation. The teaching must be well presented to show us a path to God and warn of the abysses in our way. We must hear about being watchful as "the enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1P5:8). If we lead bad immoral lives (against God's commandments) we will find ourselves outside of God, literally in reality called hell. In this way St Maria Goretti was educated by the Church. Knowing the danger of the abyss of hell, she shouted at her neighbour Alessandro when he wanted to have an impure act with her: "No, never, that is a sin! God does not want it and we would go to hell". As a consequence of her preaching at that dramatic moment, and her determination in protecting her chastity, in his eighth year in prison, Alessandro was able to produce an

act of contrition by acknowledging and rejecting his sins and all evil that he had perpetrated.. He started living life in the spirit of great penance. He was just about to enter hell when he was rescued and he knew about it till the last day of his life.

God does not occupy the centre of most people's lives and therefore, their thoughts and actions are based on other principles. Hence many say that there are no temporary or eternal consequences. However, Fathers of the Church are firm on the reality of an eternal hell. St Ignatius of Antioch says: "Corrupters of families will not inherit the kingdom of God. And if they who do these things according to the flesh suffer death, how much more if a man corrupt by evil teaching the faith of God for the sake of which Jesus Christ was crucified? A man become so foul will depart into unquenchable fire: and so will anyone who listens to him" (Letter to the Ephesians 16:1-2 [A.D. 110).

The issue that some will go to hell is already decided! We must be aware of it. Of course, there is an issue of who in particular will go to hell and that is not within the range of our decision.

Fr Stan.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 28th September 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Regina & Waclaw RIP <i>Rosary</i> John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Rosemary McQueen RIP rec. dec.
Mon 29th Sept: The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> Thanksgiving for the help & protection of Archangels St Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.
Tue 30th Sept: St Jerome	8.00am	Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 1st Oct St Teresa of the Child Jesus	8.00am 4.15pm	Necessary graces for Patricia <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels	No Mass	
Fri 3rd Oct	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Blessing & grace for Yakov & Karolina
Sat 4th Oct: St Francis of Assisi		<i>Day with Mary</i> 10.00am - 5.30pm
Sun 5th October 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Darek & Irene RIP <i>Rosary</i> Marcin Kubicka's intention 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

28th September: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998);
29th September: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012);
30th September: Ethel Wiggins (2005); Vincent Aspell (2021)
3rd October: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);
4th October: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);

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

Monday 29th September is the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. Solemn Mass at our church at 6.30pm.

October—Visitation of our Lady's statue to Parishioners- If you are interested in hosting the statue of our Lady from our parish, then please sign the sheet 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 the Advent room and give generously or you can donate online at 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."

Rosemary McQueen RIP: We pray for the soul of Rosemary who passed away last week. Requiem Mass at St Thomas More church, Twyford on Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 10.45am. Rosemary was our parishioner and served for few years as Parish Secretary. She received the diocesan medal for her work as secretary of MISSIO. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mathew and the family.

First Holy Communion 2025-2026. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 12th October 2025. Fr Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 19th October after the 11.00am Mass. 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.

Confirmation 2025-26. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 5th October 2025. Fr Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 12th October after the 11.00am Mass. Confirmation 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.

Saturday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 11.00am. Holy Day of Obligation. We will have our 1st Saturday devotion to our Lady with Adoration , Rosary and Reconciliation from 9.30am -11.00am.

Blessing of Graves: Sunday 2nd November at Mayes Lane Cemetery: Fr Stan will bless the graves at 3.00pm.

Monday 3rd Nov: "All Souls Day": Holy Mass at 6.30pm. The Solemn Mass is for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners. "A book of remembrance" will be in the church from 5th October- please write the names of those whom you wish to remember. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass.

Save a date : Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party: Saturday 29th November in the Parish Hall. More information to follow.

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.