

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.

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

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5th October 2025

Psalm Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."

October - Month of the Rosary.

The Church has been going through the moment of sorrow which affects many people in different ways. For our personal safety and for the goodness of the Church, we unite ourselves to the suffering of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We gain confidence that never was it known that any one who fled to Her protection, implored Her help, and sought Her intercession, was left unaided (St. Bernard 'The Memorare').

In the Heart of Mary, the Church is protected from corruption and false teachings as She, the Most Pure, helps us to identify their ugliness and crushes their father, the serpent, with a bare foot. The Mother of God is in the midst of the rancour of war as the Virgin of Victory, and She entrusted to us a special tool by which we take part in Her defeating spiritual forces so that they have no access to us and the Heart of the Church. This tool is the Rosary.

Our Lady gave it first to St. Dominic (1170-1221) in the conflicts with the Albigensians. In XVI century, when the whole Europe was in danger of being taken over by Islam, again the Rosary became a tool to protect our civilisation. It is from the battle of Lepanto when October became the month of Rosary.

As our Christian Faith and culture are in danger today, we need to find ourselves in the garden of Roses composed out of lots of "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and "Glory be". In this garden, we are given peace and stability which we pass on to others.

Let us embrace the Rosary, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin", this scriptural prayer, "a compendium of the entire Gospel", focusing on mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption in the Heart of the Immaculate Mother.

Fr Stan.

Thursday 9th October is Fr Stan's birthday. We wish Fr Stan a very happy birthday. May God continue to shine upon you and shower you with blessings on your special day, today and for evermore !!!!!

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 6th Oct: St Bruno	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Rosary</i> James Dennis Parry RIP
Tue 7th Oct: Our Lady of Rosary	8.00am †12.30pm	Fr Stan - grace of holiness Requiem Mass for late Peter Gunasekera †
Wed 8th Oct	8.00am 4.15pm	Rosemary McQueen RIP rec. dec <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 9th Oct: St John Henry Newman	No Mass	
Fri 10th Oct St Paulinus of York	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Con & Emily Harvey RIP Foundation Mass
Sat 11th Oct: St John XXIII, Pope	No Mass	
Sun 12th October 2025 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Parishioners <i>Rosary</i> Fr Stan's birthday thanksgiving <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i> Richard Galvin RIP rec. dec

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be carried out for all Sunday Masses on 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

6th October: Jeanette Barron (1983); Kamilia Corbari (2022); Leonardus Dekok (2023)
 8th October: Albert Twiney (2013);
 10th October: Philomena Butler (1988); Emily George (1996); Caroline Hobbs (2004);
 11th October: Mary McGlynn (1998); Marie Maestranzi (2001); Sadie Luyten (2010);
 John Lynch (2010);

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

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.

2nd collection on Sunday 5th October for CAFOD Family Fast day. 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 .

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, FREE COURSE.



World-renowned course presented online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on Wed 1st October 2025 at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org.

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions to start soon. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass.

Saturday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints has been transferred to Sunday 2nd November under the rules for Holy Days of Obligation in England and Wales. Saturday 1st Nov is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have our 1st Saturday devotion to our Lady with Adoration , Rosary and Reconciliation from 9.30am -11.00am followed by Holy Mass at 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.

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.