

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.

Pastoral News

The '2025 Westminster Declaration' on Faith, Freedom and Public Life: We are invited to sign this petition to the Government, to leaders in public and academic life, and to our fellow citizens, to respect human dignity and freedom of conscience, to bring a moral compass to public life and institutions, and to plan for the nation's future. You can read more about this petition via their website: The '2025 Westminster Declaration' on Faith, Freedom and Public Life, and if you are willing, sign it.

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.

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.

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

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

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

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Hall Bookings



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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12th October 2025

Psalm Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

How great Thou art! - Thank You Jesus!

What happens when we attribute to ourselves what is God's gift?

Then, there is no gratitude and there is no worship of God. When there is no gratitude and worship of God we are at the beginning of further problems as we do not see how great Thou art. It is not only that gratitude belongs to good manners and etiquette but reaches the depths of our soul. It reaches the heart of our being: gratitude and worship make us grow in Our Father's Grace through Jesus Christ our Lord in the community of Holy Spirit. Our souls, truly breathe the fresh air of God's Presence.

Although, God has no need of our praise and our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to His greatness, if we are not grateful our path to holiness is very much affected. We change our focus to everything else and we are exposed to all sorts of paganism and self-indulgence. On that basis, our souls produce rotten fruits such as greed, jealousy, bitterness and even immoral acts.

There is a connection between gratitude and worship in a way that gratitude opens our hearts for generosity and draws in more God's Graces. Moreover, gratitude enables us to worship the True God. Praise and worship in its core opens us to take part in the Sacrifice of the Son to the Father to the point of Holy Communion. It is then, transforming the moment into a sacrificial gift. In that Liturgical dynamism, we learn that we cannot find ourselves unless we make out of ourselves a sacrificial gift – in full unity with Christ the Lord, through whom, in whom and with whom we have access to all heavenly graces.

God is generous! Under the Cross He also gave us His Mother so that She takes care of us, and She does, indeed!. How great Thou art!

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
Sun 12th October 2025 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Parishioners Rosary Fr Stan's birthday thanksgiving Divine Mercy Holy Hour Richard Galvin RIP rec. dec
Mon 13th Oct: St Edward the Confessor	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Lucia Reiling intention
Tue 14th Oct: St Callistus I	8.00am	Jane Staddon
Wed 15th Oct St Teresa of Avila	8.00am 4.15pm	Georgina & Harriet's intention Rosary
Thurs 16th Oct: St Hedwig	No Mass	
Fri 17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Zuzanna intention
Sat 18th Oct: St Luke	No Mass	
Sun 19th October 2025 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Regina RIP 1st anniversary Rosary For Parishioners Margaret Lilly Parry RIP

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

13th October: Maureen Miller (2012);
16th October: Doris Jamieson (2005); Tony Morgan (2016); Veronica Nelson (2016);
17th October: Marjorie Parmentier (1996); Kathleen Andrews (1993);
18th October: Thomas O'Farrell (1987); Ellen Bennett (2013);
19th October: Catherine Heil (2009); Agnes Horvath (2016);

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

Last Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be carried out for all Sunday Masses on 12th October.

Confirmation 2025-26. 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. Programme schedule is available in the Advent Room.

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.

2nd Collection on Sunday 19th October is for World Mission Sunday, invites us to unite in prayer and generosity with missionaries sharing Christ's love around the world. For more information and resources please visit: Missio - World Mission Sunday Website. Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room, contactless payment or online through Missio's website <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>

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.

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.: total raised £118 +99.70. Thank you for your donations.

Pew Refurbishment update: We are really pleased to confirm that this project is now complete. We are waiting for the final bill but the estimate was £2,495.40 and we managed to raise £2,454.71. Thank you to all who donated so generously.

Saturday 1st November: 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 November 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 November: "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" is in the church, please write the names of those whom you wish to remember. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass.

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.