

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.

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

Monday 27th October: National Day of Prayer & Fasting "For Life". "There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Monday 27th October, please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day

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.

Resources

Day by Day - November edition is in the Advent Room £1.20 / book: Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

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.

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.



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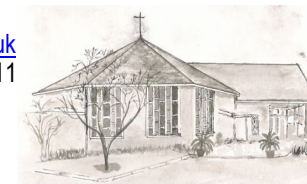
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Parish office opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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19th October 2025

Psalm Response:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Perseverance or Laziness? This is a question

Perseverance is the act of will enlightened by the hope of seeing things through until the end. Despite obstacles, persecution, discouragement and fear, one acts with great conviction as the certainty of finding an answer is granted.

How should we respond to this lack of stability? First of all, we should accept that we live in a privileged time of purification and then we need to search for ways of co-operating with God who purifies everyone and everything. We need to deepen our stability in Christ in His Teaching entrusted to the Church. We must never separate love of God from love of the Deposit of the Faith entrusted to the Church as in the doctrine we learn of Him whom we love. The deposit is the Revelation. His words are Truth. It is the Deposit of the faith that Christ is the Divine Person and in this light, we know whom we love. Enlightened by the Doctrine we know that He is fully present in the Blessed Sacrament in His body, soul and divinity and we know where to put our hearts and all our love.

"Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows 'what is in man'. He alone knows it." (St John Paul 2)

Having been deeply rooted in Christ we will be able to "keep our heads in all situations" (2 Tm 4:5). Hence "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed." (1 P 4:12 - 13)

Fr Stan.

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 20th Oct	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Brigid Turner's intention
Tue 21st Oct:	8.00am	C.E. Fernandes thanksgiving
Wed 22nd Oct St Jon Paul II	8.00am 4.15pm	Irene Valentine intention Rosary
Thurs 23rd Oct: Diocesan day of Prayer & Reparation for Life	No Mass	
Fri 24th Oct: St Anthony Claret	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Joaquim De Mella
Sat 25th Oct:	No Mass	
Sun 26th October 2025 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Regina Josephine D'Souza RIP rec. dec. Rosary Mahmoud Elagib RIP 13th anniversary Colin Gilbert RIP rec. dec.

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

19th October: Catherine Heil (2009); Agnes Horvath (2016);
20th October: Carl Barton (1977);
21st October: Dudley Soza (1998); Michael Aolio Anali (2004); Liz Gudmundson (2020)
22nd October: Maureen Karas (1980); John Dwyer (1988); Christina Belcher (1999);
Betty Ledger (2012); Elizabeth Frances McAuley (2017); James Shannon (2024)
24th October: Gwenyth Cull (1996);
26th October: David Trinder (1995); Maurice Fahey (1975); Dolly Coffey (2015);

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

2nd Collection on Sunday 19th October is for World Mission Sunday, Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission's. It's a chance to pray and give support to our sisters and brothers in Christ who live in areas of poverty, conflict and oppression. Every penny, pound and prayer given to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. (World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio). 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/>

First Holy Communion 2025-2026. 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. 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.

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.

Sunday 26th October 2025, New university students of Reading are invited to join fellow students for Mass at 5.00pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. This is the perfect opportunity to praise God alongside other students, as well as connecting with them before or after Mass in the Blessed Dominic Room.

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.

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.

Sunday 9th November: No Divine Mercy holy hour is our church due to blessing of graves at Henley Road Cemetery.

Blessing of Graves:

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

Sunday 9th November, Blessing of the graves at Henley Road Cemetery at 2.00pm.

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.