

Sunday 14th December (Gaudete Sunday)
from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Carol singing in the local neighbourhood The plan is to meet in Bl. Dominic Barberi Room at 3:15pm for a short briefing and prayer before we set off promptly at 3:30pm. We will sing at several fixed locations along The Knapp, Aldbourne Avenue and Ramsbury Drive, and will start heading back to the church at 4:30pm so that we could finish at 4:45pm in time for the 5pm Mass. Singers and non-singers are all encouraged to join -- not just for the singing, but for knocking of doors and small-chats with the residents.

Sunday 14th December: No Divine Mercy holy hour is our church due to Carol singing in the neighbourhood.

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.

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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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

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalm Response: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him

Faith and humble heart

When St. Paul reached the end of his life, he asked his close disciples to "aim at faith" (2 Tim 2:22) with the same constancy as when they were children (cf. 2 Tim 3:15). It is a very interesting statement. Suddenly, in the teaching of St. Paul, we find that what really matters in our life is faith based on simple and attentive adherence to Christ. Everything else regarding Christian life follows that constancy. The most basic link of our soul with Jesus is the foundation on which we build the rest of our lives. Hence faith and gratitude, faith and prayer life, are expressions and nourishment of that innocent and delicate stream of living relationship with God.

Reflecting closely on the intensity of the simple act of faith, we see that there is no place for the impression that some of us are better than the others. The institution of a 'pecking order', however innocent, is the remaining rotten fruit of the sin from Paradise, where Adam and Eve were redirected from a relationship with God to a possessive attitude towards life, and when they believed they would be as high as God, the Almighty.

On that basis, we see that anybody who prides himself or herself on being virtuous and despises everyone else, is a victim of the temptation of the old serpent (Luke 18:9-14). For Satan it was enough to redirect the great act of zeal, prayer and gratitude to damage the soul of the dedicated Pharisee, who in the Temple did not meet the Lord and went home without God's blessing. The tragic life of the Pharisee continued as even then he felt more privileged and closer to God than others.

Strangely enough, sometimes our spiritual wounds or our damaged moral and spiritual status can lead us to the most basic stream of faith: "The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' " Of course, Satan will try to redirect our attention to another channel, a channel of despair or ignorance, so that it is not obvious the we should express our love to God in the act of contrition and that we really must come back to the simplicity of a relationship with Jesus Christ, in which humbleness and faith are close sisters, together with prayer and gratitude.

"O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, strengthen me with your Spirit.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, teach me your ways

Fr Stan.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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.
Mon 27th Oct	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Boguslaw Loj RIP
Tue 28th Oct: Ss Simon & Jude	8.00am	Thyveetil family thanksgiving
Wed 29th Oct	8.00am 4.15pm	For Peace Rosary
Thurs 30th Oct:	No Mass	
Fri 31st Oct:	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Jesus Carreon grace of conversion & pure heart
Sat 1st Nov: 1st Saturday Devotion to Our Lady	9.30am - 11.00am 11.00am 2.00pm	Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00pm Holy Souls Baptism of Noah Steventon
Sun 2nd Nov 2025 All Saints	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Jennings RIP Rosary Holy Souls in Purgatory Blessing of Graves at Mays Lane Cemetery For Parishioners

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

26th October: David Trinder (1995); Maurice Fahey (1975); Dolly Coffey (2015);
 27th October: Aloisy Karas (2002);
 28th October: Bernard McCloskey (1995); Lucienne Wakefield (1974);
 29th October: Enid Newman (2006)
 30th October: Patricia Hewitt (1981)
 31st October: Annie Wareham (1987)
 1st November: Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);
 2nd November: Alvina Bossey (1982); Joyce Darnell (2008);

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

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.

Christmas Cards: The Parish Christmas cards are on sale in the Advent Room. £3.00 for pack of five cards or £5.00 for pack of ten cards.

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.

Saturday 1st November at 2.00pm - Baptism of Noah Robert Steventon. Please keep Noah in your prayer. He is getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for the family that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

2nd Collection for Bamenda Sunday 2nd Nov 2025. We celebrate and give thanks for our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for peace in Bamenda and for their six priests serving us, here in the Portsmouth Diocese. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the projects that Bamenda Fund will be able support. More details on their website [Bamenda - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#) .

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.

Blessing of Graves:

Sunday 2nd November at Mays 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.

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

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. If you are interested, please email or write to Father Stan at the church office

Confirmation 2025-26. Next session on Sunday 2nd November after 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.

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 6th December: 1st Saturday devotion to Our Lady with Adoration, Rosary and Reconciliation from 9.30am -11.00am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.