

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Year A (Sunday Missal page 159)**

**1st March 2026**

**Psalm Response:**

**May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.**

## On the mountain of Transfiguration

On the mountain of Transfiguration, three of the chosen disciples saw the glory of God's Kingdom shining out of Jesus. The same Christ expressed, also, the very heart of God on the Mount of Calvary. The disciples saw only the Glory of God on one of the mountains. From the other one they escaped.

Although the apostles were exceptionally well prepared for everything that was coming (by the teaching and the sequence of events of which the Transfiguration was an exceptional testimony), on Calvary, they saw nothing but the scandal and trauma of a shameful death. They were not able to embrace or face up to Christ's Passion. It was beyond their grasp.

The Lord knew about it. He was building in their hearts a memory of His glory so that they would be able to link all of those events together later on. The Lord did not expect His chosen apostles to understand everything at once. He wanted them to see and remember. Everything else was about to come, as it is the Lord who is in control and in charge of everything, including present and forthcoming events.

At the appointed moment, in the future, they were to see in the light of the supernatural gift grafted by the Holy Spirit, that the events on the Mount of Transfiguration focused on the key point of the mission of Christ – the Mount of Calvary. That moment arrived and when they saw everything, they were amazed. The apostles saw that on the one mountain God's Holy cloud overshadowed the events. It was an experience of God's apparition in His Majesty. On the other mountain, God's Holy Body was exposed and everything was in front of the eyes of everyone.

The apostles saw that Jesus is the living Torah, the complete Word of God. It is the Lord who is the Feast of True Tabernacles and Holy of Holies. They saw that Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration came as the servants of the Lord, giving testimony that the whole Law and all prophets were focused on the One who was gathering everything together.

Most likely, we are to go through the same journey as the disciples did. It is the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. It will become obvious to us, too, that the Bible is Holy and the Teaching of the Church is the real Sacred treasure, that whole Scripture is focused on the moment of the history of mankind, where everything comes back to the Father, where the last enemy, death itself, was torn apart, where Resurrection shines forth.

Fr Stan

**Work Experience:** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old and priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on 6 April. For more information, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Parish Caritas Representative volunteer role (from Jenny Lelean):** Caritas Portsmouth is seeking to recruit a Parish Caritas Representative in each parish/pastoral area. They will form a key link between a parish and Caritas to enable effective sharing of news, updates, networking opportunities, ideas and support. Please share the role profile with anyone you think might be interested. It could be carried out by the person already responsible for outreach in your parish or someone passionate about helping those in need. Any questions or for people to apply, please [contactcaritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:contactcaritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Thank you.

### Resources

**Missio's Mission Today.** The Spring edition is available in the Advent room. Please take your copy. Thank you.

**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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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 Henry Jan Nkop
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Fr Joe McLoughlin

**Day by Day - Lent edition is in the Advent Room £1.20 / book:** The Lent edition of My Day by Day is from Wednesday 18th February to Tuesday 31st March. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

### Community News

**Woodley food bank** List of items needed are:- Pasta, rice, toilet paper./kitchen rolls, Cooking oil./Tinned meats, Tea bags./ Sugar, Coffee./ Puddings. (sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. 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 If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. You can also pay via the contactless machine in the Advent Room.

### 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
<b>Sun 1st March 2026</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Magdelania intention Rosary Anthony John Owens RIP Sebastian - grace of conversion.
<b>Mon 2nd March</b>	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Souls suffering in purgatory
<b>Tue 3rd March</b>	8.00am	Anna's conversion & pure heart
<b>Wed 4th March</b>	6.30am  4.15pm	Peter Mayne -release from Cannabis addiction  Rosary
<b>Thurs 5th March</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri 6th March</b>	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Stations of the Cross Ermivio intention
<b>Sat 7th March</b> <b>1st Saturday Devotion to Our Lady</b>	*8.00am *8.40am - 9.40am †11.30am <i>*Please note change of time due to Requiem Mass</i>	Eva Berja RIP followed by Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation Requiem Mass for Dr Nicolas Alexander†
<b>Sun 8th March 2026</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Isabelle 8th birthday Rosary For Parishioners Divine Mercy Holy Hour Wilson family intention

**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**

2nd March: Marie Fahey (1995); and Nan Laffey (1997).

3rd March: Kenneth Adkins (1992); Angela Nightingale (2025)

5th March: Marion Connell (1991); 6th March: Bertha Britton (1997);

7th March: Franco Ribezzo (1997);

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucy Jones who died recently. She was a Parishioner but moved a few years ago to a nursing home in Camberly. We keep her family in our prayers.

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**

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection on Sunday 1st March:** This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Please donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

**Wednesday during Lent - Holy Mass at 6.30am.** Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn every Wednesday during Lent at 6.30am .

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent at 6.00pm followed by Holy Mass. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

**Saturday 7th March:** 1st Saturday of every month (Dedication to Our Lady). Holy Mass at 8.00am followed Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation from 8.40am till 9.40am. *\*Please note change of time due to Requiem Mass at 11.30am.*

**Saturday 7th March 2026 11.30am: Requiem Mass for late Dr Nicolas Alexander.** We keep in our prayers the repose of the soul of Dr Nicolas Alexander, who died on Saturday 14th February, aged 88 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Mercy, and all his family at this sad time.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Please keep our four candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Sacraments in Easter. Peter Cousin for Baptism, Richard Godden for Reception into Church and Joseph Maimone & Klaudia Kardoheliova for Confirmation.

**Sunday 8th March - 2nd Sunday of the Month** – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

**Thursday 19th March: St Joseph solemnity.** Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

**Wednesday 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord solemnity.** Holy Mass at 6.30am.

**Lent reflection on Prelude of Eternal Life (Based on “The Three Ages of the Interior Life” by Fr. Réginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP).** If you are interested in spending some time during Lent for reflection then Fr Stan is starting a small group via Whatsapp for Lent. There will be reflection links everyday and maybe weekly meeting online to reflect together. If you are keen to join the group then please register your interest with Fr Stan or the Parish office and link to the group will be sent to you.

**Polite request regarding Car Park:** Please park your cars in the designated space. If the Car park is full, then please park in Aldbourne Avenue. **Please do not park in the middle of the car park.** This section should be clear at all times to allow access to emergency vehicles.

**Pastoral News**

**The Union of Catholic Mothers, Corpus Christi, Wokingham - Annual Lenten retreat on Saturday, 7th March at 10.00am.** See poster in Advent Room for more details.

**We need you.** Oxford Pro-Life Community are working to build a living and lively community of people in Oxford that has a real impact in promoting the respect for the inviolable right to life of all human beings. If that sounds exciting to you and you can spare an hour or so a week visit [oxfordprolife.org.uk/volunteer](http://oxfordprolife.org.uk/volunteer).

**Vocation:** Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869