

Sunday 12th April – Divine Mercy Sunday

2.30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Weekday Mass: No weekday mass Monday
13th April - Friday 17th April.

Pastoral News

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. Any questions please email caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information. Thank you.

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 or call 01329 318 869

Resources

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.

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

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

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.

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.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A (Sunday Missal page 164)

8th March 2026

Psalm Response:

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

In the hottest time of the day

The Samaritan Woman went to the well at the hottest time of the day. It was unusual as other people would go in the morning. What made her go at the most inconvenient time of the day? It was because she used to live with the open wounds of her shameful moral situation. She tried to hide herself. Her guilt and lack of unity with God gave her much pain. She came thirsty and tired from her burden.

Jesus Christ went to the well at the hottest time of the day. It was unusual as other people would go in the morning. What made the Lord go at the most inconvenient time of the day? It was because He was searching for the Lost Sheep. He was searching for the marginalised daughter regardless of the weather conditions and social circumstances. Until weariness came upon Him, Christ was searching for her.

It happened at the well. The Samaritan Woman went back and met all her neighbours with open face. What had happened to make that tired, wounded and heavy soul change suddenly? It was because her soul was filled with everlasting Water. Everything was changed as if eternity had dwelt in her.

Christ says: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again" (John 4:13). "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst" (John 4:14).

How do we connect our daily life with Christ? How do we drink the Living Water? At this point I encourage you to reflect on the Passion of Christ and to come back to sacramental life with an open heart.

While reflecting on the Stations of the Cross, we can see more clearly that everlasting life is at hand. The Stations of the Cross shows us that life consists of tiny pieces, tiny moments and details which make the everlasting mosaic. Stations of the Cross is a tool which helps us to touch the truth that we are given grace to adhere to Christ in the depths of the mud and the misery of our lives. He, who is the sentenced Man on the Way of the Cross, is our Heaven. While reflecting on the Passion of Christ in 14 episodes, we know that this adherence consists of both God's and our embrace. Eternal life is then to some extent in our hands.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent 	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Isabelle 8th birthday
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	For Parishioners
	2.30pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
	5.00pm	Wilson family intention
Mon 9th March St Frances of Rome	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Holy souls in purgatory
Tue 10th March	8.00am	Marigold Norman RIP
Wed 11th March	6.30am	Wieslaw - freedom from alcoholism
	4.15pm	Rosary
Thurs 12th March	No Mass	
Fri 13th March	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Stations of the Cross Jozef healing
Sat 14th March	No Mass	
Sun 15th March 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent 	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Jez Hibbard RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	For Parishioners
	5.00pm	Baptism of Michelle Oma Afanwi Achale Eva Berja RIP

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.

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

9th March: Edwin Anderson (1994); Antonietta Cuzzocrea (2013);
10th March: George Scola (2006); 11th March: Irene Garton (1978);
12th March: Jacqueline Gallagher (1982); Margaret Molony (2003); 13th March: Chris Dickie (1996)
14th March: William Miller (1986); and Doreen Warrick (2000); 15th March: Bridie Cummins (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

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

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection on Sunday 1st March: £209.97. Thank you for your generous donation.

Next Second Collection on Sunday 15th March - CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND. This is a mandatory collection. The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Clergy Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals. Thank you for your support

Sunday 15th March 11.00am - Baptism of Michelle Oma Afanwi Achale . Please keep Michelle in your prayer. She is getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for the family that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

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

Parish office will be closed week beginning 23rd March due to Jury Duty.

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

Friday Adoration: Friday 20th March will be the last Adoration before the Holy Week. Adoration will resume on Friday 24th April 2026.

Parish Pilgrimage: Fr Stan would like to invite you all to our parish pilgrimage to the Tour of seven churches from Book of Revelation, Nicaea and Constantinople in Turkey from 22-28 September 2026, Price: £1,680pp (for a group of 30+). Please register your interest with Wafaa on 07729 370331.

Lent confessions in the Pastoral Area.

St John Bosco: TBC 7-8 pm
St Joseph's: Wednesday 25th March 7 pm
Christ the King: Thursday 26th March 7 pm
Our Lady of Peace: Saturday 28th March 9am-12.30pm
English Martyrs: Saturday 28th March 9.45 am
St James: Every Saturday 5-5.45 pm

Holy Week

Palm (Passion) Sunday 29th March (Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday 29th March), 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass. The 11am Mass will begin with a procession in the local neighbourhood (weather-permitting). The 8:30am and 5pm Masses will begin with the Solemn Entrance.

Monday 30th March: (No Mass at church)
Tuesday 31st March Chrim Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral (No Mass at church)
Wednesday 1st April (No Mass at church)

Maudy Thursday 2nd April:
10.00am: Office of Readings: Tenebraerum
6.30pm: Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday 3rd April:
(Day of fasting & abstinence)
10.00am: Office of Readings: Tenebraerum
11.00am: Children's Good Friday service
3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion (Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday)

Holy Saturday 4th April:
10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebraerum.
(After Tenebraerum, blessing of food)
8.30pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday 5th April :
Holy Mass at 9.00am, 11.00am Holy Mass. (No 5.00pm Mass)

Easter Monday 6th April: 10.00am Holy Mass
Weekday Mass: No weekday mass on Tuesday 7th April & Wednesday 8th April 2026

Easter Friday 10th April: 6.30pm Holy Mass