

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

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

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.u 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

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.

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.

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.

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

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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



4th Sunday of Lent

Year A (Sunday Missal page 171)

15th March 2026

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Church - Our Mother.

Come together all you who love our Mother, the Church.
Come through Christ, with Christ and in Christ.

Our Mother, the Church, has been left behind with furrows of sins from her children.

Our Mother, the Church, is full of sorrow because of the lost shepherds.

Our Mother, the Church is being hurt and humiliated

as few seek the Lord;

as the Divine Teaching entrusted to Her is being changed into human doctrines;

as many try to separate Her from the Beloved.

Come together all you who worry about the Church. Stay with Her and call:
Magnificat! Let our Mother, the Church rejoice!

As the renewal is given in union with the rejected King of the Universe;

as the source of life is the exalted Body above the earth;

as the presence of the living God is guaranteed so long as the Holy Mass is celebrated validly;

so long as God Himself washes us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation;

Let us rejoice, we who are worried and sad,
overtaken by the burden of our lives,
crushed by sins and rejections!

We shall go into the house of the Lord.

where we find words of eternal life;

where the meaning of life is restored;

where there is the Host elevated – Christ Himself – the Lamb of God offered to the Father;

Gaudet Mater Ecclesia - Mother Church Rejoices

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 15th March 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent 	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Jez Hibbard RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Dr Nicolas Alexander RIP rec. dec. <i>Baptism of Michelle Oma Afanwi Achale</i>
	5.00pm	Eva Berja RIP
Mon 16th March	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Valentine & Gabriel Carreon - pure heart
Tue 17th March St Patrick	8.00am	Una Waters RIP
Wed 18th March	6.30am	Holy Souls
	4.15pm	Rosary
Thurs 19th March St Joseph	6.30pm	Jesus Antonio Carreon - grace of good death
Fri 20th March	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Thanksgiving Carreon Joj family
Sat 21st March	No Mass	
Sun 22nd March 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent 	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Fr Stanislaw Gibzinski intention
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Cyrus Lal RIP rec. dec.
	5.00pm	For Parishioners

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

15th March: Bridie Cummins (2015)
16th March: Sister Christine (1979); Derek Higgs (1992);
17th March: Percy Chamberlain (1976); Edward Brookes (1992); Eileen Cafferty (2012);
18th March: George (Jurko) Janusz (2012); 19th March: Owen Kilbane (1999);
20th March: Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011); Lucy Collaco (2020)
21st March: Kathleen (Kay) Krauze (2022); Caroline Hurst (2024)
22nd March: Mary Molony (1981); & Richard Martin (2003);

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

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent is mid-Lent Sunday or **Laetare Sunday**, As Pope Innocent III said: "Today is the middle of Lent, so some relaxation ought to be provided, lest the faithful break down under the severity of their Lenten fasts." 🌸🌸

It's also in our country **Mothering Sunday** and we wish all mothers a very happy day! In medieval England, today was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers and grandmothers too.

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 Update: Unfortunately, the proposed pilgrimage to Turkey has had to be cancelled due to current travel advice. We are looking at alternative destinations and will keep you updated. The pilgrimage will take place around the same dates, from 22–28 September 2026. Please register your interest with Wafaa on 07729 370331. It is easier to plan if we know how many people are interested.

Lent confessions in the Pastoral Area.

St John Bosco: Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th March 6.00-7.30pm

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)

Maundy Thursday 2nd April:

10.00am:Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Morning prayers)
6.30pm: Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday 3rd April:

(Day of fasting & abstinence)
10.00am:Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Morning prayers)
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 Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Morning prayers)
After Tenebrae, blessing of food.
8.30pm Easter Vigil.