

Resources

Day by Day - Easter / April 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

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday Walk of Witness: This is organised by the local Churches and the idea is to visit the 4 churches (Olop, Earley St Peters, Anderson Baptist Church & Park URC) stop reflect, pray, sing and then move on carrying a large cross. 9:30am: We will begin our Walk of Witness at Our Lady of Peace and conclude at Wycliffe Baptist Church, followed by tea, coffee, and hot cross buns.

Here is the FULL order of proceedings:

9:30 – Our Lady of Peace (Start)

9:55 – Earley St Peter's

10:20 – Anderson Baptist Church

10:45 – Park URC (including children's activity)

11:15 – Wycliffe Baptist Church (including children's activity) 11:30 – Refreshments. If anyone is unable to walk the entire distance, they can go directly to Wycliffe Baptist Church at 10:45 AM and join the singing there. We would love for you to participate in this event, help spread the word, and pray for good weather.

PASSION PLAY in Reading on 3rd & 4th April 2026:

Rise Theatre CIC, a local professional Christian theatre company, are again performing their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens (RG1 3BB) at 2.00pm on Holy Saturday 4th April. It is a FREE event. Bring a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! The play includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay for more information Please support this local initiative during the Easter weekend and invite your friends too!

On **Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm (UK time)**, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. This is to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

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.



Thursday of the Lord's supper	Year A (Sunday Missal page 277)	2nd April 2026
<i>Psalm Response: The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.</i>		
Friday of the Passion of the Lord	Year A (Sunday Missal page 288)	3rd April 2026
<i>Psalm Response: Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.</i>		
Easter Vigil	Year A (Sunday Missal page 319)	4th April 2026
Easter Sunday	Year A (Sunday Missal page 364)	5th April 2026
<i>Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.</i>		

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Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

The Diocese website:

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

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
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The Lamb that was slain
overcomes the power of darkness.

May the light of His Rising
penetrate our hearts and lives,
to make us joyful messengers
of His Resurrection

Easter blessings
from Fr Stan

**May the light of the Resurrected Christ restore us with its resplendent joy.
Easter blessing from Fr Stan and Rachel from the Parish Office.**

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.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Thur 2nd April Maundy Thursday	10.00am 6.30pm	Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Morning prayers) Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration till midnight
Friday 3rd April Good Friday (Day of fasting & abstinence)	10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Morning prayers) Children's Good Friday service Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
Sat 4th April Holy Saturday	10.00am 8.30pm (Easter Vigil Mass)	Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Morning prayers) and later blessing of food. Parish family and friends
Sun 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	*please note change in time 9.00am 11.00 am No 5.00pm Mass	Parish family and friends Parish family and friends
Mon 6th April	10.00am	Emilian's 9th birthday <i>Baptism of Maya Kaddy Dampha Sonko</i>
Tues 7th April- Thur 9th April	No Mass	
Fri 10th April	6.30pm	Joaquim De Mello 22nd Birthday
Sat 11th April	No Mass	
Sun 12th April 2026 Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Olivia's 8th Birthday Rosary John Anthony Owens RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour 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

2nd April: Mabel Blake (1985);
3rd April: Edward Woyczys (1973); John Newton (2003); Angela Nightingale (2025)
4th April: Maria Colella (1989); Bridgeen Fox (2012); 5th April: Christopher McDonagh (2017)
9th April: June Harbison (2011); 11th April: Carlton Alves (2002);
12th April: Frederick Harvey (1996); Robert Bosanko (2014); Clare Poulton (2016);

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.**

Easter Triduum

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)
9.30am: Walk of Witness starts from our church.
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)

Good Friday Collection is for Holy places:

The Good Friday Collection is the main source of funds for the maintenance of Christian life around these Sacred Sites. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate via our contactless payment in the Advent room or loose change can be placed in the collection basket.

Holy Saturday 4th April:

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

RCIA candidates: 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 for Confirmation. Klaudia Kardoheliovna will receive her sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 26th April 2026.

Easter Sunday 5th April :

Holy Mass at 9.00am, 11.00am Holy Mass. (No 5.00pm Mass)

Easter offerings The collections at all the Easter Masses are for Fr Stan. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest's yearly income. Please either use our contactless payment or use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you.

Thank you: A huge thank you in advance to all at our church who have given their time and energy to help make our Holy Week, Easter Masses and Services so special.

Welcome to our Parish

A warm welcome to those visiting our Parish this Easter. We hope you enjoy your time with us. If you are interested in joining us then please introduce yourself to Father Stan and also register with us on our website www.olop.org.uk, click on Parish Database button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you

Parish News

Monday 6th April at 10.00am - Baptism of Maya Kaddy Dampha Sonko: Please keep Maya 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.

Sunday 12th April – Divine Mercy Sunday
2.30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

Friday Adoration: Friday Adoration will resume on Friday 24th April 2026.

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.

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.