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

2nd Sunday of Easter	Year A (Sunday Missal page 369)	12th April 2026
Psalm Response: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.		
3rd Sunday of Easter	Year A (Sunday Missal page 374)	19th April 2026
Psalm Response: O Lord, you will show the path of life.		

Divine Mercy Sunday

In order to sense how much God cares for us and for other sinners, let us reflect on the Resurrection of Christ in the light of events of Good Friday. The connection between these two days will help us to live the spirituality of Divine Mercy on a daily bases.

The Risen, it is the same Christ who was exposed on the Cross, who died in public view, in front of many overtaken by hatred. The depths of the heart of the Risen is seen in the light of His agony. That moment became "the source of life gushed forth for souls". The expired Jesus became "an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world."

At 3pm Christ's side was pierced with a lance, Blood and Water gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us. 3 o'clock became the hour of Divine Mercy. It became an amazingly fruitful hour also after the memorable Sunday when the tomb was found empty. Jesus said: "The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!"

It was after Easter Sunday when Peter, who in a very specific way took part in the Passion of the Lord, experienced for the very first time the depths of the unconditional Love of God. The meeting with the Risen helped Peter to realise that the Lord had penetrated his soul as the betrayer and loved him till the end. The stark truth of love amazed Peter and formed in him shepherd hood. The new way of thinking and being was born in that meeting. Peter understood what the Lord said to St Faustina: "There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted, it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it."

The Lord asks us to practice 3 o'clock prayer, asks for our deeds of mercy and gives us the chaplet of Divine Mercy. He says: "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."
Jesus I trust in you.



Fr Stan

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

Vacancy: Please visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists all the vacancies. For full details and how to apply, please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Diocesan Free Wills service: A reminder that the Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers, Octopus Legacy to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or

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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
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English Martyrs, Tilehurst Fr. Gaston Forbah
St. Joseph, Tilehurst Fr Henry Jan Nkoph
St. William of York Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Fr Joe McLoughlin

mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, you will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. You are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. Tel No: 0800 773 4014

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.

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

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