

2026 Two Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip.

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026): The cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £949 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. Those aged 15-35 can volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, liturgies, companionship for our pilgrims and supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs, if required. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £895 (based on three sharing). If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

To Assisi & Turin (from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026): Flights out to Turin and return from Perugia are to and from Gatwick airport. Costs are £1,695 per pilgrim (again, based on two people sharing a room), with single rooms available at a supplementary cost. If you have any questions, please do get in touch by following the link [Portsouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journey](#)

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

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

Resources

Day by Day - April / May 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

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.

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 Easter

Year A (Sunday Missal page 379)

26th April 2026

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

"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph!"

As we prepare ourselves for our retreat with "Day with Mary", let us reflect on the mantle of protection offered by Our Lady of Peace.

We learn from Our Mother that there has to be a solid piety and bedrock to the Faith. She reminds us of the basic truth that apart from great promises from God we must remember about the danger.

Our Mother helps us to see that the head of Satan is crushed; Christ is Risen and the tomb is empty; we are taken out of all sorts of darkness, accusations, evil judgments, hearts of hatred and anger, lack of love and forgiveness. Our Mother reminds us of the meaning of the Passion of Christ, which permanently washes us in the Sacramental Confession. She helps us to admire Jesus Christ who comes in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity to us in the Most Holy Eucharist. His Precious Body is our nourishment for eternal life.

Apart from that the Mother of God helps us to see Guardian Angels; even every nation is given its own Angel. They are to protect families and to stop tendencies of building the multi-international Tower Of Babylon, from hatred and anger, from divorce and lack of faith, trust and love in mutual relationships amongst individuals, groups of people, nationalities and ethnic groups; from sacrifices to the Evil one. She reminds us of the basic truth that the last word in our life belongs to God and as it was promised in Genesis, Her immaculate Heart will conquer.

At the same time Our Mother helps us to see that the image of total devastation (fatal crucifixion) done towards the Church, all mankind including each one of us, is the real desire of the Evil One. The one who is conquered still is active and wants only damage to every kind of kindness and goodness, beauty and joy, generosity of forgiveness and friendship. Many people from all backgrounds (whether religious or not) are led astray and never come back to life! He starts from promoting a secular Kingdom and worldly version of faith as a mixture of everything that suits individuals.

We must never forget that Hell is real and the empty promises and shows of Satan are performed and become more aggressive. To all people who tend to believe that "Hell is so passé" (negative and out of date), Our Lady decided to show this terrible place of torment. The three young children of Fatima witnessed what many would say was an appalling idea.

Because of final spiritual battle, the Rosary, the consecration to Mary, intense prayer and daily basic sacrifices are very important to us in these times. We need them to be able to survive in Christ and to look at all events current and coming (!) through spiritual eyes as the sight is far from pleasant.

"Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy."

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 26th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Myles Jenning RIP Rosary Monick & Greg intention <i>Confirmation of RCIA candidates</i> For Parishioners
Mon 27th April	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Michael Dumphey RIP
Tues 28th April	8.00am	Deceased members of Thyveetil family
Wed 29th April St Catherine of Siena	8.00am 4.15pm*	Thyveetil family intention Rosary
Thurs 30th April	No Mass	
Fri 1st May St Joseph the Worker	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Elizabeth Baermann RIP
Sat 2nd May	10.00am - 5.00pm	A Day with Mary (Mass Int : Bruno & Luzia Reiling RIP)
Sun 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners <i>First Holy Communion</i> Rosary Regina RIP Josephine D'Souza RIP 1st anniversary

Saturday 2nd May from 10.00am to 5.30pm: "A Day with Mary". A whole day retreat at our church. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.

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

26th April: Maria Mastrocola (2002); Stanley Smith (2017);
27th April: Quinta Gunasekera (2020); Fr Vincent Convery (2025)
28th April: Mary Orrom (1980); 30th April: Maria Jordan (2005);
2nd May: Shirley Preston (2011);
3rd May: Margaret Horslett (1990); and Arthur Leonard (Len) Johncock (2012).

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 26th April during the 11.00am Mass. **RCIA candidates:** Please keep in your prayers our remaining RCIA candidates: Joseph Maimone and Klaudia Kardoheiova who will receive their sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday.

Second Collection (Mandatory) - Sunday 26th April 2026: Clergy Training Fund Each year we make an appeal to support the Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical. 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.

First Holy Communion 2025-2026. Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion Children Antonella, Issa, John, Joshua, Noah, Olivia, Rachel & Sara who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 3rd May at 8.30am Mass.

Sunday 10th May - 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

Thursday 14th May: The Ascension of the Lord. Solemnity. (Holy day of Obligation) 6.30 pm Holy Mass at our church.

Save a Day: Saturday 30th May at 11.00am: Father Stan is celebrating his Pearl Jubilee (30th anniversary) of priesthood this year. You are warmly invited for a Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 11:00am followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 31st May at 8.30am & 11am Mass We are very pleased that the Knights of St Columba will bring the relic of St. Edmund Campion to our church. For more details, please visit <http://www.province30.co.uk/>.

Saturday 6th June Confirmation 2025-26. Please keep in your prayers our confirmation children. They will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation at Christ the King Church on Saturday 6th June at 11.00am.

Saturday 6th June: 1st Saturday of every month (Dedication to Our Lady). **Please note change of time due to Confirmation Mass at 11.00am at Christ the King Church.* Holy Mass at 8.00am followed Adoration & Rosary from 8.40am till 9.40am

Parish Pilgrimage: Fr Stan would like to invite you all to our parish pilgrimage to Porto-Fatima-Lisbon, 22nd-29th September 2026. £900 bed & breakfast. (based on two people sharing a room), with single rooms available at a supplementary cost). Deposit of £250 payable now with balance due 26th June 2026. For booking and more information, please contact Wafaa on 07719 482059. See poster for more details.

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

9th May at 3pm in Chichester Cathedral, "Saying Goodbye Service" held by Saying Goodbye, (part of Mariposa International) for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children.