

To Assisi & Turin (from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026): for more details, please follow the link Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journey

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

3rd May: Margaret Horslett (1990); and Arthur Leonard (Len) Johncock (2012).
 4th May: Marian Lewis (1985); Vi Greenway (2003); Beryl Cunningham (2025)
 5th May: Gerald Frost (1992); Frank McConnell (2017); 6th May: Herbert Pegg (2003); Maureen Reichelt (2013);
 7th May: Danny Daniels (1981); Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998); Bernard Coffey (2012); David Prior (2017);
 8th May: Thomas Harbison (2006); 9th May: Louise Miles (1999); Mary Morris (2000);
 10th May: Michael Cafferty (2010); Charles Haggerty (2022); 11th May: Abdul Jazrawi (1980)
 12th May: Mary Vidgen (1980); Cyril Tilton (1981); Veronica Mulhern (2022); Xavier Forde (2023)
 13th May: Eileen O'Brien-White (1980); Joan Judd (2012); Christina Field (2018); Pauline Buckley (2023);
 Michael Fougere (2024); 14th May: Ivy Florence Allen (1998); Katy Mills (2002); David Holland (2022)
 15th May: Nellie Sawyer (2000); Edward McAuliffe (1977); Vera Johnston (1995)

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.**

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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 Twitter: @PortsmouthRC The Diocese website: https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/

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
 0118 966 5284
 0118 947 1787

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Parish office is closed from Tuesday 5th May - Friday 8th May.

Parish office opening hours from Tuesday 12th May : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

5th Sunday of Easter	Year A (Sunday Missal page 383)	3rd May 2026
Psalm Response: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.		
6th Sunday of Easter	Year A (Sunday Missal page 387)	10th May 2026
Psalm Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth..		

'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food' (Acts 6:2)

The power of God's word must come first and must be visible. Why must preaching of the Gospel come first? Because they are Divine;

Because preaching the Gospel is preaching Christ (*Acts 19:13*);

Because God opens our minds and hearts and enlighten us when the Gospel is proclaimed;

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (Hbr 4:12);

Because God respects our freedom;

Because God's words bring light and life and contradict many other proposals available around us;

Because not all choices lead to life eternal, but only the right ones;

Because if the Church does not deliver a clear message of the Gospel, someone else will bring other promising messages, as there are many visions of life around us.

Interestingly, one of the table-servers, Stephen, transpired to be a gifted preacher. "All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel" (*Acts 6:15*). His great proclamation of the Gospel, teaching with explanation of the Gospel, and calling to conversion, we find in chapter 7 of the Acts of the Apostles. Despite his preaching gift, Stephen was given a different responsibility. The Apostles appointed him for the Faith in Action, namely to distribute food for the needy. It was his way to also proclaim the Good News of Christ. Stephen embraced God's calling expressed by the hierarchy. In this way, he, one of the seven deacons, followed Christ, and as the fruit of his obedience to Christ even his gift of preaching developed and became the sign of testimony and contradiction. This dedication, obedience and generally Stephen's loving and caring attitude echoed in conversions. The paradigm shift happened as Bishop Philip would stress, together with controversy, as in the nature of preaching by the authentic style of life supported by clear belonging to Christ and his Vision (read *Magisterium*) changes the image of the world. Salt and light is given to the earth.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	For Parishioners <i>First Holy Communion</i>
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Regina RIP
	5.00pm	Josephine D'Souza RIP 1st anniversary
Mon 4th May The English Martyrs	5.15pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Michaela Reiling & parents RIP
Tues 5th May	8.00am	Jane Mooney RIP
Wed 6th May	8.00am	Thyveetil family intention
	4.15pm*	Rosary
Thurs 7th May	No Mass	
Fri 8th May	11.00am - 6.00pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Janusz Majcherczyk RIP
Sat 9th May	No Mass	
Sun 10th May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Marcel Reiling RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Michael Cafferty RIP Foundation Mass
	2.30pm	<i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i>
5.00pm	For Parishioners	
Mon 11th May	5.15pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Tim Sharpe RIP
Tues 12th May	8.00am	Thyveetil family intention
Wed 13th May Our Lady of Fatima	8.00am	OLOP Parish children
	4.15pm*	Rosary
Thurs 14th May The Ascension of the Lord	6.30pm	Dr Nicolas Alexander RIP rec. dec.
Fri 15th May	11.00am - 6.00pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Edith Taylor RIP
Sat 16th May	No Mass	
Sun 17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Bruno & Luzia Reiling RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	11.00 am	Sebastian's confirmation 1st ann. thanksgiving
	5.00pm	For Parishioners

Parish News

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.

Parish office will be closed from Tuesday 5th May to Friday 8th May 2026.

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.

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

Sunday 7th June: Feast of Corpus Christi: after 11am Mass on this day, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Children especially our First Holy Communion Children and other willing girls & boys will participate in the procession. Please bring petals and bells for the procession.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mass days 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.

Pastoral News

23rd May to 7th June 2026; International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Saint Carlo Acutis and First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis at Corpus Christi. We warmly invite you to visit the exhibition. Bring your friends and neighbours. All are welcome. Free Entry. This exhibition was designed and created by St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006). The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026. A number of events are planned for these 2 days. More details can be found on their website: www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org

Saturday 20th June at 11am: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's church in Basingstoke followed by lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary for more information. Thank you.

Two Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip. To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026): For more details, please e mail: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk