

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

:- 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](#)

The Parish Caritas Representative is a new volunteer role to support the Church to reach out to those in need in the wider community. You will connect the parish/pastoral area with Caritas Portsmouth to enable the sharing information, campaigns, initiatives and support. You will also

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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

the point of contact within a parish that will enable to the Church to respond to urgent or newly emerging needs in these unpredictable times. No experience is needed for the role, just a passion to put faith into action and to make a difference.

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.



Pentecost Sunday

Year A (Sunday Missal page 419)

24th May 2026



Psalm Response:
Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.





"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life" (Niceno - constantiopolitan Creed)

The Church believes that what we need is holiness and because of that we are given a person, the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost), the Lord, the giver of life. We adore Him and glorify Him, equally with the Father and the Son. We know the name "Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost" from Christ (Mt 28:19). In Hebrew the term "Spirit" sounds Ruah, which, means breath, air, wind. Jesus calls Him, also the "Paraclete," translated as consoler, but also literally, "he who is called to one's side," ad-vocatus (Jn14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). Jesus also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth" (Jn16:13). St. Paul calls Him, the Spirit of the promise (Gal3:14; Eph1:13), the Spirit of adoption (Rom8:15; Gal4:6), the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9), the Spirit of the Lord (2 Cor 3:17), and the Spirit of God (Rom8:9, 14; 15:19; 1 Cor6:11; 7:40). St. Peter says about Him, the Spirit of glory (1 Pet4:14) and the hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus invokes the Holy Spirit as the "finger of the Father's right hand."

The work of the Holy Spirit is to SANCTIFY US and make us into Christ's likeness. "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3). "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Gal 4:6). This amazing wisdom, understanding and knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit who at the moment of the Annunciation filled the Heart of Our Lady. She as the bride of the Holy Spirit works with Him in undivided communion in our souls. She participates in the role of Holy Spirit as the finger of the Father's right hand and because of that she is the bridge between our fallen humanity and perfection, between reality and the ideal according to Christ.

The Holy Spirit comes to meet us and kindles faith in us. By our Baptism, the first sacrament of faith, the Holy Spirit in the Church communicates to us, intimately and personally, the inner life that exists in the Father and is offered to us in the Son. As a result of this,, the symbols of the Holy Spirit are: Water, Anointing, Fire, Cloud and light, The Seal, The Hand, The Finger, The Dove.

There are Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit according to Galatians 5:22 of St. Jerome translation of the Bible (Charity - Joy - Peace - Patience - Kindness - Goodness - Generosity - Gentleness - Faithfulness - Modesty - Self-control - Chastity). There are Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit based on Isaiah 11:1-2: Wisdom - Understanding - Counsel - Fortitude - Knowledge - Piety - Fear of the Lord.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 24th May 2026 Pentecost Sunday 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Confirmation Candidates Rosary Geoff Wilman RIP For Parishioners
Mon 25th May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	5.15pm 6.00pm * Mass in Extraordinary Form 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Fr Stan 30th anniversary of Holy Order
Tues 26th May: St Philip Neri	No Mass	
Wed 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury	No Mass 4.15pm	Rosary
Thurs 28th May: Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	No Mass	
Fri 29th May	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Father Seraphin RIP
Sat 30th May	11.00am	Thanksgiving Mass
Sun 31st May 2026 The Most Holy Trinity 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Fr Stan 30th anniversary of Holy Order Rosary Fr Stan 30th anniversary of Holy Order For Parishioners

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

24th May: Chris Waters (2005); Michael John Caruna (2019)
 26th May: Margaret Browne (2021)
 27th May: Margaret Walton (2002); Margaret Isherwood (2003);
 28th May: Margaret Sugrue (2016)
 30th May: Rita Oliver (1996); Patrick Marron (1974); John Cunningham (2009); Geoffrey Wilman (2011);
 Ruzica Marija Doggett (2020)
 31st May: John Reichelt (1992); Lucia Riccio (2008); and Timothy Culhane (2014).

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.**

Happy 30th Anniversary of your priestly ordination Fr Stan! Thank you for your loving service to the church. We pray that Jesus the High Priest will continue to renew, increase, and strengthen in you the graces received at ordination as you carry out His sacred ministry in the Holy Church. Congratulations and God bless you!

Parish News

Weekday Mass: There will be no weekday Mass on Tuesday 26th May & Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Saturday 30th May at 11.00am: Father Stan is celebrating his Pearl Jubilee (30th anniversary) of priesthood this year. All parishioners 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 candidates, Anton Joseph, Ifeanyi John Onuama, Jan Piotr Gruba and Pola Gruba. They have their first rehearsal with their sponsors on 31st May at 14.00 and second rehearsal with their sponsors on 2nd June at 19.00. 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 several years of trying to organise a combined Eucharistic procession, by God's grace this year we will hold our procession together with FSSP Parish. The procession will begin at 2.00pm from St William of York and conclude at

Our Lady of Peace. Please see the poster in the Advent Room for further details. For those attending the 11.00am Mass who wish to join the procession, Fr Stan has suggested bringing a picnic lunch so that we may all proceed together afterwards to St William of York. Children, especially our First Holy Communion children, together with any willing girls and boys, are warmly invited to take part in the procession. Please bring flower petals and bells for the procession. We thank the Chaplaincy Students for their massive involvement.

Sunday 14th June - 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

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. Please note we are closing the trip for bookings on Friday 29 May 2026. See poster for more details.

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