

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

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 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow :

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC
LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
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

The Most Holy Trinity	Year A (Sunday Missal page 818)	31st May 2026
Psalm Response:		
To be praised and highly exalted for ever!		





The meaning of the word 'community' is found in The Most Holy Trinity

It happened that the Lord said His prayers to the Father in front of others. We find there a great passion of the Son for the Father. Christ says: "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" (Lk 23:46). In this way we are introduced to the mystery of God. From Jesus we learn that: "the Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son" (Jn 5:26). We learn not only that the Son lives for the Father, but also that the Father lives for the Son till the point that "whoever sees the Son, sees the Father" (Jn 14:19).

This 'totality' of belonging of the Son to the Father and the Father to the Son, this vibrancy, joy and love which is amongst both of them, brings unknown to us fullness of life and joy on an unspeakable level. The fruit of love between the Father and the Son is being poured out of them and it is manifested as the Spirit of God, till the point of the equality of three of Them: three equal Persons. The Holy Spirit is the 'endless self-giving love'. The Holy Spirit "searches (...) the deep things of God" (1Cor 2,10) and is 'an expert' of the Divine Unity till the point that the Trinity is the One God.
When we add that it is the same Holy Spirit who soars to the depths of our universe, in celestial wonders, and whose elusive sounds are mixed with howling planets, and who comes to meet a human person in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:11-13), we are left in awe and amazed that God wants to reveal Him to us.

From the prayers of Jesus to the Father we also learn that His desire is to take us where He is, as well as for the Most Holy Trinity to dwell in the hearts of each one of us. Jesus says: "Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am" (Jn 17:24). "I will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them" (Jn 17:26), and "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14:23). The intimate and deeply unspeakable dialog in the Most Holy Trinity happens then in us.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 31st May 2026 The Most Holy Trinit 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Fr Stan 30th anniversary of Holy Order <i>Rosary</i> Fr Stan 30th anniversary of Holy Order For Parishioners
Mon 1st June St Justin	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Mary Brown RIP
Tues 2nd June Ss Marcellinus & Peter	8.00am	Fr Stan - grace of Holy Priesthood
Wed 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions	8.00am 4.15pm	Holy Souls <i>Rosary</i>
Thurs 4th June	No Mass	
Fri 5th June St Boniface	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration <i>Rosary</i> Helga Pokorny RIP
Sat 6th June 1st Saturday Devotion to Our Lady	*8.00am *8.40am - 9.40am <i>*Please note change of time due to Confirmation Mass in CTK</i>	Lorena De Mello 75th birthday <i>Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation</i>
Sun 7th June 2026 Corpus Christi 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> For Parishioners <i>Rosary</i> Irena Birthday Alexander family thanksgiving

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

31st May: John Reichelt (1992); Lucia Riccio (2008); and Timothy Culhane (2014).
 1st June: Raymond Wakefield (1997)
 2nd June: Ruth Pegg (2011)
 4th June: Edwin Francis (1996); Joan Currie (1986); Anthony Rafter (2021)
 5th June: Gertrude Swaker (1981);
 6th June: Anthony Wing-King (2018);
 7th June: Marion Cracknell (1996).

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 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 (Devotion 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.

Polite reminder (health & safety) : Please do not park in the middle of the car park, the space needs to stay free in case of emergency. If there is no space in the car park, then please park on Aldbourne Avenue. Please be respectful of our neighbours and park considerately.

Parish Fundraising for Church windows: One of the recommendations arising from our recent quinquennial inspection is the restoration and modernisation of the church windows. Our church has six large windows, and the estimated cost of repairing each one is approximately £5,000. We hope to begin this important work soon. If you are interested, please take a moment to look at the current condition of the windows and the need for repair. We kindly ask for your support in helping us preserve and care for our church. Donations can be made easily via Dona contactless payment. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated.

Resources

Day by Day - June edition is in the Advent Room £1.20/book: Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

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.