

Pastoral News

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 email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
:- **To Assisi & Turin (from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026):** For more details, please follow 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

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.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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



Corpus Christi

Year A (Sunday Missal page 823)

7th June 2026

**Psalm Response:
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!**



"The Eucharist is the presence which invites us" – Bl. Paul VI , 13 June 1974
(Meditation on the Holy Eucharist)

The Holy Eucharist is the school of mature relationships as we learn to stay in the Most Holy Presence of God, we also learn to listen and allow God to act. It is a challenge as we desire to be creative and our culture promotes activism far more than appreciation of His presence. It is one of the reasons that Mass is the most difficult prayer.

Holy Mass invites us to have an authentic, interior experience of the reality of God, who is really and fully present in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Holy Mass invites us to be in the Presence of the Lord, to discover and rediscover His love revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ, who is mysteriously present in the Blessed Sacrament. What is more, we will not convert to God nor choose Him if we do not believe that God loves us exclusively and that He reveals this love to us every day from the Eucharistic altar.

The Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ invites us to friendship.


It is during Mass when we are immersed in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ;

it is during Mass when we are in the deepest union with Him;

it is during Mass when we allow ourselves to be united with Him in His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

It is during Mass when in a mysterious way, God moves us from our land to the Land of God; from our slaveries and attachments to freedom. His Presence transforms our way of thinking and being, till the point that our Eucharistic renewal becomes the source of sharing the freshness of the Gospel called New Evangelisation. The encounter with Eucharistic Jesus also creates community, our parish community.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 7th June 2026 Corpus Christi 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Irena Birthday Rosary Alexander family thanksgiving For Parishioners
Mon 8th June	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Marcel Reiling RIP
Tues 9th June St Ephrem	8.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 10th June	8.00am 4.15pm	June Harbison RIP Rosary
Thurs 11th June: St Barnabas	No Mass	
Fri 12th June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Bruno and Luzia Reiling RIP
Sat 13th June: St Anthony of Padua	No Mass	
Sun 14th June 2026 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Chander family Rosary Dr Nicolas Alexander RIP 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

7th June: Marion Cracknell (1996).
8th June: Roger Chandos Adam (2024)
10th June: Gladys Clarridge (1992);
11th June: Mary Patricia Porter (2009);
12th June: Gladys Judd (1978); Yvonne Gilling (2000);
13th June: Gibson David Goodchild (2004);
14th June: Kathleen McDermott (2000); and Eileen Doye (1991).

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

Thank you from Fr Stan: I am deeply humbled by all your good wishes and prayers on the occasion of my Pearl Anniversary of Priesthood. It has been a very special time of celebration, beginning with Mass with the students, followed by the celebration of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form by Fr Seth of the FSSP on 25 May, and culminating in the beautiful Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday, followed by a gathering. My heartfelt gratitude goes to each and every one of you for your prayers, kindness, and support. Thank you for celebrating this special milestone with me.

Saturday 6th June Confirmation 2025-26. Our congratulations to our Confirmation candidates, Anton Joseph, Ifeanyi John Onuama, Jan Piotr Gruba, and Pola Gruba. They received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Christ the King Church on Saturday, 6 June, at 11.00 am from Bishop Philip Egan. Our thanks go to their catechist, Alonso, as well as their sponsors and parents, for supporting and preparing them on their journey to receive this sacrament.

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.

Parish office will be closed from Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June 2026. The Newsletter for Sunday 14th June will cover the two Sundays 14th June & 21st June 2026.

Friday 12th June: Sacred Heart of Jesus. Solemnity. Holy Mass at our church at 6.30pm. Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm.

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.

Second collection on Sunday 21st June is for Day for Life: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on Sunday, 21 June. This year's theme is *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb*. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. Please donate via the collection basket on your way out or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

Saturday 4th July: 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Sunday 12th July 2.30pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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.