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The Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm

16th Sunday of Ordinary time	Year B p 52	22nd July 2018
17th Sunday of Ordinary time	Year B p 54	29th July 2018

Smoke and sheep

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want; I lack nothing”. We know this Psalm very well. Probably not so well that we can imagine the importance of a shepherd, because it does not seem to me that many of us have the direct experience of agriculture or breeding. But anyway, it is important to reflect on this picture of a shepherd. Close your eyes for a while and think what you can see when you have in your mind these words: “The Lord is my shepherd...” Don’t move on. Reflect for a moment.

To be sincere, these words provoke in me two reflections. The first one is linked with words: there is nothing I shall want, I lack nothing. Interesting, because generally in life we can feel that we want this or that, all the time we want, we desire, we look for something. Is it possible to feel that I lack nothing??? God’s word wants to say: there is nothing I shall want, if and only if the Lord is my shepherd. So if I lack something, He is not my shepherd? Indeed, maybe sometimes it happens that in a greedy manner we seek for so many things, because we have not found the powerful presence of God... But maybe also it means that if we look for many things, in reality we seek for Him. Because our hearts are restless until they find rest in true God.

The second reflection is linked with one of my memories. Once I walked through the Park della Caffarella in Rome, near to the area of Christian catacombs, the sun was setting, many sheep close to the restful waters in the park, fresh and green pastures because it was in May (they start to yellow in June), and I saw two shepherds. The first, young one, totally absorbed by his mobile, probably tweeting or rapidly looking at his facebook account. And the second shepherd, an old one, wearing used clothes, sitting in the shadow with a cigarette in his mouth. He was sitting, smoking and calmly looking at sheep. This reminiscence helps me to think, what does it mean that the Lord is my shepherd?

Fr Michael

22nd July—Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
29th July—Psalm Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Vacancy:

The SVP is seeking to recruit an 1833 Research and Project Development Officer to review, re-model, project, plan and potentially produce resources for our programme for 18-30 year olds in preparation for a service re-launch in Sept 2019. £27k pa pro rata; 3 days a week; one year contract. Home-based with national travel. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>.

New school year events

Sunday 2nd September : The Bishop’s visit to our Parish. He would like to meet the whole Parish so please keep the date free.

Catholic? Going to university this year?

Most universities and higher education institutions have a Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

Please see the Catholics at University web-site at: catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

Saturday 22nd September Children and parents pilgrimage to Littlemore (especially 1st Holy Communion and Altar Servers welcome). Please book your name. in the Parish office. It is great start to the new school year. Depending on the number, we will organise transport.

Flame Catholic Youth Event: 2nd March 2019

at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 - 5.30pm.
 For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+) Tickets £20 pp. Free coach from Reading. Parents meeting in Feb. Please let the Parish or the Youth team know if you are interested.. Closing date 30.09.18. More information www.cymfed.org.uk/flame

Saturday 6th October 10am-4pm: The Church’s Solution to the Sexual Revolution. A celebration of family life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. Please save the date.

Offertory Collection 15th July 2018

Envelopes	£ 95.00
Loose Cash	£ 384.13
Standing Orders	£ 716.08
Total	£ 1,195.21

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Sunday 5th August 2018 There will be an additional collection at all masses for Fr Michal’s studies.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplin: Fr JP Lyttle

Mobile: 07391 896559, RBH: 0118 3227105

Sunday Mass 4.00pm

Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are “Patient Led”.

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Christ the King, Whitley Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
 St. John Bosco, Woodley Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am

St. James Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
 English Martyrs, Tilehurst Sat 6.30pm;
 Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm

St. Joseph, Tilehurst Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
 St. William of York Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin)
 6.00pm (Students’ Mass)

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469
 Fr. Raffaele Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale
 0118 969 3423

Cn. John O’Shea 0118 957 4171
 Cn. Michael Dennehy 0118 957 2149

Fr. Peter Glas 0118 942 8632
 Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O’Donohue
 0118 966 5284

Mgr. Patrick Daly 0118 947 1787

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri 8pm in HALL

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 22nd July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Elizabeth Bailey RIP Peggy Griffin John McAndrew RIP 13th Anniversary
Mon 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden	10.00am	Intention available
Tues 24th July St Sharbel Makhluif	10.00am	Manuel Leon RIP
Wed 25th July St James	10.00am	Intention available
Thurs 26th July Ss. Joachim & Anne	No Mass	
Fri 27th July	7.30pm	Noreen & Harold Powell
Sat 28th July	No Mass	
Sun 29th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Intention available Denis Buckley RIP (Foundation Mass) Intention available
Mon 30th July St Peter Chrysologus	10.00am	Intention available
Tues 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	10.00am	Intention available
Wed 1st Aug St Alphonsus Liguori	10.00am	Intention available
Thurs 2nd Aug	No Mass	
Fri 3rd Aug	7.30pm	Intention available
Sat 4th Aug	No Mass	
Sun 5th Aug 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Intention available Anne Napolitano RIP Baptism 11am Mass Eseosa Ezinne Ozo-Eson Baptism Sophieanna-Rose O'Donnell Intention available

9am & 11am Mass **Children's liturgy**: Please register your child before Mass..

Sunday 22nd July will be the last session before the summer break, Children's liturgy will start again in September.. We thank all the leaders and assistants for their hard work & hope that you all have a lovely summer.

Parish News

Friday Mass / Adoration: In the month of July & August, each Friday, we will have regular Mass at 7.30pm. Please spread the word around. There will be no Friday Adoration from 6th July to 31st August. Normal Adoration will start from 7th September.

Altar servers Rota: New Rota is in the Advent room. Please pick your named envelope.

First Holy Communion Photos: Photos are ready to collect from the Dominic Barberi room.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan (or Father Michal during July). After meeting Fr Stan, please complete & return the baptism form to the church office. You will then be very welcome to join us here for the two preparation sessions. Our next session will be held on Tuesday 24th July, at 8pm in the Dominic Barberi Room.

Confirmation is offered for all young baptised Catholics who are in school Year 8 or above in September 2018. If interested, please drop the Confirmation Form, Consent Form (available in Advent room or the parish website) and a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Office. **Last date for registration is 15th August 2018.**

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Or simply want to find out more about the Catholic faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions start in

September. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass, or Parish office.

Privacy policy is available at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

Mass Intentions:

There are Mass intentions available over the coming weeks. Please book them for your deceased relatives and also for any intentions that you may have. Thank you.

Sunday 5th Aug

We welcome Fr Stan back and hope that he had a restful break. This will be Fr Michal's last Sunday with us and we would like to thank him for being with us and serving our community.

Sunday 12th Aug at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Every one welcome. Divine Mercy service will be held at our church every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Resources

August edition of My Day by Day £1 per copy.
Shorter Morning Prayer £9 per copy.

Please leave money in the box next to the books.
Radioimaculate—
24 hour on-line Catholic Radio Tune in using App or www.radioimaculata.org.

Pastoral Area

Bishop of the Forces: Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Paul Mason as eighth Bishop of the Forces, which has been sede vacante (awaiting the appointment of a bishop) for the past three years. Further information can be found on the Bishporic website: rcbishopricforces.org.uk

Anniversaries

Please keep in your prayers

Ruth Dady (1975); Norman Mace (1976); John Nottingham (1978); Frank Allen (1980); Filomena Colella (1988); Elizabeth Budd (1990); Ronald Miles (1992); Gus Watters (1994); Frances Scott (1995); Jan Lorenz (1996); Annie Duffy (1999); Colin Hay (2000); Kathleen Kulan (2001); Happiness Saliru (2004); Bill Taylor (2005); Ann Taylor (2006); Brian Curran (2008); Bridget Tansey (2008); Laurie Mayes (2013); Peter Manning (2015); 3