5th May at New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. Admission to the Theatre is free but entry is by ticket only, so do be sure to book yours now emailing congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Saturday 5th May MARCH for LIFE UK, London. Please see website marchforlife.co.uk for more information.

18-20 MAY 2018 Spiritual retreat by PULSE for the whole family at Ascot Priory. Teachings by Father Matt Blake, Carmelite, More information on the website. https://www.pulse-retreats.com/ adults. Interested families can register on https://www.pulse-retreats.com/events/thefoundations-and-practice-of-christian-prayer/ form

18th—19th May 2018 Sherry Weddell, author of Called and Gifted, and Forming Intentional Disciples, is coming to the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. For more details and to book free places, please email Clare atcsimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sat 26th May Reading Pilgrimage to Walsingham National Shrine of Our Lady: 6.45am-9.30pm. Coaches for 100 people led by

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".

Fr John, Cost £15.00, Info & forms via the parish office with payment. See the poster.

15th—17th June 2018 Married Couples' Retreat at Isle of Wight. Please see poster in Advent room for more details.

16-17th June 2018 "CELEBRATE" an EVENT for all, young and old "SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING" Isaiah 43:19[NIV]. 4 excellent talks for adults plus workshops and drama. Children have their own fun and faith building sessions.www.celebrateconference.org/ weekends/Twickenham, call Jack/Mel on 01189967208 or Mike on 07778 124270 email: twickenham@celebrateconference.org

Saturday 30th June 2018

Special Mass for Significant Wedding Anniversary by Bishop at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on .Please visit the Cathedral website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/ anniversaries/

Offertory Collection	15th April 2018	
Envelopes	£	131.25
Loose Cash	£	406.55
Standing Orders	£	755.77
Total	£	1,293.57

Last week special collection

White Flower appeal by SPUC raised £302.48

Thank you all for your kind donations.

This Sunday special collection is for **Clergy Training Fund**

Emergency numbers for a Priest -

Please call your own priest first

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am	Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am	Fr. Rafaelle Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale	
•	•		0118 969 3423
St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am	Cn. John O'Shea	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm;	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
	Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm	•	
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am	Fr. Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin)	Fr. Mathew Goddard / F	r. Patrick O'Donohue
	6.00pm (Students' Mass)		0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00ám, 6.30pm	Mgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

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Christ, the Good Shepherd.

There are many religions but only one covenant God - Jesus Christ who entered into Heaven via the Cross, who Sacrificed himself and for our sake is fully present in his Body and Blood. Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. This is the New Covenant which we profess. He accepted rejection and death because He loved his people. He wishes to heal us and made us into his image. "It was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... This is the only one by which we can be saved". "Behold the great love that the father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God". Our Good Shepherd interests for us: "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. I have made you known to them, and 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." Our Good Shepherd also reassures us: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget. I will not forget you!"

We as His disciples we are called to imitate him in our love and care of one another. We will be able to fulfil our vocation when we continue to listen to him, to follow him, to receive him in the Most Precious Body and Blood. In this way our Lord, the Good Shepherd will lead us safely to Heaven. Because of that he teaches us: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends . "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me...they listen to my voice..."

The image of Christ the Good Shepherd reminds us that we should pray for our priests, our shepherds. Finally, today the church provides us another good opportunity to pray for the Holy Father. We really need to pray for pope Francis so that he is faithful Vicar of Christ – the Good Shepherd.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 22nd Apr 4th Sunday of Easter	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 2.30pm 5.00pm	Baptism of Megan Jane Francis First Holy Communion session 6
Mon 23rd Apr St George	No Mass	
Tue 24th Apr	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Joseph Thomas RIP
Wed 25th Apr	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Nancy's intention
Thu 26th Apr	No Mass	
Fri 27th Apr	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Holy Souls Adoration till midnight
Sat 28th Apr	No Mass	
Sun 29th Apr 5th Sunday of Easter	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	1

Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 min before Sunday & Weekday Mass . On First Friday 6.00pm—7.15pm or by private appointment with Fr. Stan

Census 2018

Please go to the Parish website www.olop.org.uk, click on the **Parish Database** button & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential.

Anniversaries Please keep in your prayers

Mary Orrom (1980); Maria Mastrocola (2002); Rita Ransley (2016); Stanley Smith (2017);

Sunday 22nd April

2.30pm-First Holy Communion programme session 6.

Sunday 29th April 2018 after 11am Mass-Youth Group. Calling all youth of our Parish aged 14-17yrs to join the Youth group at the Carl Barton Room after 11am Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday 29th April 2018 at 2pm

Our Parish is doing our own Rosary on the Coast by planning a walk by the River Thames in Sonning. The event will begin with a short service at church at 2pm, after which we will conduct the Rosary Walk from Thames Valley Park to Sonning and back. Please contact Parish Office if you are interested in joining.

Dates for your Diary

13th -19th May Christian Aid week (house-to-house collection) Joan Dils will contact last year's collectors shortly. We need more collectors to replace those growing older or leaving the parish. If you can help, please contact JOAN DILS by phone 0118 926 4729 or email ioandils@waitrose.com

Saturday 2nd June & Sunday 3rd June

Day of formation for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, followed by Faculties being renewed on Sunday 3rd June Feast of Corpus Christi.

12 to 19 Sept Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje See posters for further details or call Nancy Challinor-Johnson on 07745 434888 or email nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com.

Property update

Advent room toilet is temporarily fixed. A drain company was bought in and camera survey found that a pipe has cracked and roots have

entered the drain and hence the blockage. As per diocesan guidelines, we need 3 quotes as the cost of repair of pipe & paving will be above £2000. We have received 2 quotes and waiting for the 3rd quote. We hope to have the toilet fixed properly by end of April. Please bear with us as we get this sorted. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Other News

Baptism Preparation Session: will be held on Tue. 1st May and Tue. 8th May at 8pm. If you wish to celebrate a baptism here for your child, please complete a baptism form (available on our website & in Advent Room) and return the completed form to the Parish Office.

Society for the protection of unborn children (SPUC). We are very keen to set up a group for SPUC. There will be a meeting at 8.00pm on Friday 11th May at St William of York .This meeting will be an excellent opportunity for people to understand pro-life and role we can play in supporting this cause. If interested then please contact the Parish office.

Resources

Easter edition of My day by day £1 per copy.

Shorter Morning Prayer £9 per copy.

Portsmouth People: Latest issue of the

diocesan magazine is now available; take a copy PASTORAL AREA

WALKING THE CAMINO from Reading, 19th – 26th Sept. Flight: Stanstead – Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 – 25km per day. 2 PLACES LEFT – book by Wed 25th April latest. Forms available from the parish office

Vacancy: There are few Job vacancies in our Pastoral Area. Please have a look in the noticeboard on the side entrance to our church.

Diocesan Eucharistic Conference on Saturday