

## New school year events

**1st & 2nd September** : The Bishop's visit to our Parish. He would like to meet the whole Parish so please keep the dates free.

**22nd September** Children's and parents pilgrimage to Littlemore (especially 1st Holy Communion and Altar Servers welcome). Please book your name. It is great start of the new school year. Depending on the number we will organise transport. Adequate entry will be needed to cover the cost only.

**Saturday 6th October 10am-4pm:** Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution. A celebration of family life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. Please book your diary.

### Flame Catholic Youth Event.

2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 noon – 5.30pm. For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+) accompanied by parish youth leaders and priests. Tickets £20 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parishes). Parents meeting in Feb. Please let the Parish or the Youth team know if you are interested.. Closing date 30.09.18. Please see website [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame)

### Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: 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".

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  
Mgr. Patrick Daly 0118 947 1787

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

## Other News

**GDPR** The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on the 25th May 2018 and impacts every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency. The main policy, the privacy notice and retention policy can be found at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

## Resources

**July edition of My day by day** £1 per copy.  
**Shorter Morning Prayer** £9 per copy.

### Radioimaculate—

24 hour on-line Catholic Radio Tune in using App or [www.radioimaculata.org](http://www.radioimaculata.org).

### Offertory Collection 17th June 2018

Envelopes	£ 92.10
Loose Cash	£ 370.08
Standing Orders	£ 720.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,182.41</b>

### Special collection for Day for Life £238.61

Thank you all for your kind donations.

### Next Special Collection:

**1st July Peter's Pence**

**8th July Apostleship of the Sea.**

### Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

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

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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### Parish Secretary

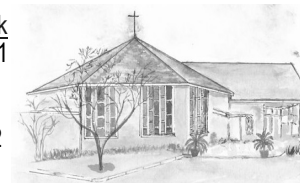
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### Safeguarding Officer

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### Hall Bookings

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This week church office is open on Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-5pm

**The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

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**24th June 2018**

## A voice crying in the desert

In the eyes of many, the Church is now bankrupt! It has become a desert... What can we say? Yes, there is a growing split between the Church and secular society, coming even to the point of divorce. Old pagan values are taking over, as though they were something new... A society based on economy, shallow "usefulness", worldly pleasure, and "insurance". Society wants the Church to confirm all this, to accompany and support this process of change. But as the Church doesn't join in, the world reminds her of her "bankruptcy".

We hear that the Ten Commandments and the true Gospel are not compatible with our times. We hear stories all around us which, we are told, prove that our will is "enslaved" in bondage (this is Luther's teaching). We are told that Catholicism was never able to truly permeate souls, that this was always an impossible task, and that now things have to change. But in reality we see a different problem. We see moral sickness and depravity inside the Church, and many who are intellectually frightened. So many members in the Church who are making it difficult for her to generate life. Many reject even the idea of a contrite heart, of God's calling us to penance, to restoration. Instead of good fruits, we see many rotten fruits, like the open rejection of the fundamentals of our faith and our morality.

We know, though, that ultimately God does not allow a false Gospel to be spread in His Name. He Himself will always intervene, and so we pray for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We need our Mother to save the situation as soon as possible, to set straight the paths, to level out all these problems, to bring penance and conversion like John the Baptist, but with all her motherly gentleness. In this desert, we have to prepare the way for Christ!

Fr Stan

**Psalm Response: I thank you for the wonder of my being.**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Kay family thanksgiving Carl Jones RIP 8th year anniversary Fiona Mongan
Mon 25th June	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Patsy Collinson 84th Birthday
Tues 26th June	9.00am 10.00am 11.30am	Rosary followed by Adoration Ian Harper's Intention Funeral service for Anthony King
Wed 27th June St Alban	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Intention available
Thurs 28th June St Irenaeus	No Mass	
Fri 29th June Ss Peter & Paul	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.30pm 9.00pm	Rosary followed by Adoration Intention available Adoration till 7.00pm Intention available Adoration till midnight
Sat 30th June	No Mass	
Sun 1st July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Terence Gorman RIP Intention available Kate Walsh RIP

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

**Anniversaries  
Please keep in your prayers**

Constance Mason (1995); Ivens Colaco (2001); Derek Forbes (1997); Charles Sealey (2006); Maria Shipway (2010); Robert Walton (1989). Dennis Sullivan (1982); Richard Iwaniak (2014);

Please keep Bob Doyle (Berni's dad) and the whole family in your prayers. He passed away on Sunday 17th June 2018. May his soul rest in peace. Amen. The Funeral will be at St Joseph's church in Bracknell on Monday 2nd July. At 12pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time.

**Parish News**

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Anna Foley & Tim Harrison for their wedding on Saturday 23rd June at our church. We wish them every blessing for the future.

**Plant Sale last week:** Thank you so much to Sheila, Heike and Jofi for their effort. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative, you raised £192.50. The money will go towards a new door for the presbytery as the old door is rotting away.

**This week**

**Volunteers month:** We are starting a campaign from today till 22nd July. In the Advent Room you will find list of different areas that you can help and support the Parish. Please have a look at the different areas and put your name down.

**Friday 29th June** is Holy day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 10am & 7.30pm. There will be adoration from 11—midnight.

**Next Week**

**Sunday 1st July Confirmation Meeting** for candidates and Parents after 11am Mass. 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.

**After 9am & 11am Mass**  
Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

**Parish Family Barbecue:** Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month so the Club will be serving teas and coffees, then you are invited to the Parish Family Barbecue from 1:00pm in Father's garden.

No need to bring anything, just turn up, relax and enjoy the company.

**Monday 2nd July 6.30pm:** meeting with volunteers preparing for Bishop's visit. Please come and support.

**Events during Holiday period in the parish and Pastoral Area**

**Friday Mass:** In the month of July & August, we will have regular Masses at 7.30pm each Friday. Please spread the word around.

**Friday Adoration** There will be no Adoration from 6th July to 31st August. Normal Adoration will start from 7th September.

**Friday 13th July at 7.30pm at English Martyrs: The First Holy Communion Catechists.** A Presentation by Sr. Hyacinthe of the new First Holy Communion Programme, is being held in the Parish Hall at English Martyrs. Please do come especially if you work (or would like to work) with 1st Holy Communion and Children's liturgy team. If you are keen to attend then please let Father Stan / Parish office know.

**Saturday 14th July - Soloist Luisa Donatella** will be performing a singing recital on Saturday 14th July at 7pm in Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi church. Funds raised will go towards the Church's Consecration fund. For ticket enquiries, please contact Luisa on luisakent@hotmail.co.uk. See posters for more details

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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