

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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25th Sunday of Ordinary time **Year B p 72** **23rd August 2018**

Imitating Christ in the love that unites

The Almighty and Infinite God, the Lord of Hosts, has become man, the least of men. As Blessed Charles de Foucauld says: "His whole life long he did nothing but go down. He went down in becoming flesh, he went down in becoming a baby, went down in obeying, went down in becoming poor, rejected, persecuted, crucified, in always taking the lowest place."

There is no lower place but the one where God dwells - the valley of humbleness. For that reason we are not alone in our rejected and most unloved place, or when under an almost irresistible, forceful pressure of temptations. Beneath all of us there is Christ with all his cohort of most powerful angels, where all the saints find their rest.

Jesus said: "Whatever you do to one of these little ones, you do it to me" and "This is my body... this is my blood..." and it is he who washed feet of his apostles. We are asked to seek our Lord and love him in the "little ones", in the most Blessed Sacrament, in serving others. Those among us who have recognised the divine

truth encourage us to always "seek the lowest place, to be as little as our master, to walk with him step by step as a faithful disciple."

Only then are we given grace to see Jesus in everyone, to treat others with great humility, respect and generosity: "the poorest, the most outcast, a newborn child, a decrepit old person, the least intelligent human being, the most abject, an idiot, a fool, a sometimes sinner, the greatest sinner, the most ignorant, the last of the last, the one most physically and morally repugnant." And is it not amazing "to live not through the word but through the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass. It is through prayer and penance and the practice of the Gospel virtues - love, fraternal and universal love, sharing even my last mouthful of bread with every poor person, with every visitor, every stranger, and welcoming each person as a beloved brother or sister. (Bl. Charles de Foucauld

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life

"On Fire" Prayer & Healing Service Saturday 6th October 5-7pm. A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome!

Saturday 13th October: Annual Day for Altar Servers at Christ the King Church 10am—5.00pm. Please see Notice board for more information.

Tuesday 16th October 7.30pm –10.00pm
"Left to their own devices." Event for parents to help them guide their children through the highs and lows of the digital world. at LifeSpring Church Reading RG1 7UY. booking on <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk>

Sunday 21 October at 7pm. Are you a single Catholic man? We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

Flame Catholic Youth Event: 2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 - 5.30pm. More information www.cymfed.org.uk/flame

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".

SCIENCE—OR—RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.
on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Offertory Collection 9th Sept 2018
 Envelopes £ 110.50
 Loose Cash £ 542.80
 Standing Orders £ 716.08
 Total £ 1,369.38
Special Collection 9th September
 Catholic Education Service £ 330.91
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 16th Sept 2018
 Envelopes £ 81.50
 Loose Cash £ 377.84
 Standing Orders £ 716.08
 Total £ 1,175.42
Special Collection 16th September
 Home Mission Sunday £ 260.05
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

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 23rd Sept 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Andrew RIP Parishioners Intention Imelda Ward RIP
Mon 24th Sept Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Intention available
Tues 25th Sept	9.00am 10.00am	Rosary followed by Adoration Barbara Broxup 2nd anniversary
Wed 26th Sept Ss Cosmas & Damian	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Intention available
Thurs 27th Sept St Vincent de Paul	No Mass	
Fri 28th Sept St Wenceslaus	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Rosary followed by Adoration Intension available Adoration till 7pm
Sat 29th Sept The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10.00am	Intention available
Sun 30th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Nina Akhtar RIP 6th anniversary John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Bruce Bentley RIP

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

Anniversaries Please keep in your prayers

24th Sept: Maria Agostino (2009); **25th Sept:** Bernadette Barnes (1985); John Thompson (1990); and Fr. Eamon Walsh (2013); **28th Sept:** Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998); John Lilley (2002); **29th Sept:** David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012); **30th Sept:** Ethel Wiggins (2005).

Newsletter: If you would like to receive the newsletter via email then please register in the Parish Database on our website. From October 2018, the newsletter will only be sent out to those who have registered their interest on the parish database online.

Parish News

Sunday 23rd September 11am Mass: All First Holy Communion candidates are invited to the 11am Mass. The candidates and parents will meet at the Carl Barton Room with Father Stan from 12.30-1pm. Parents only meeting on Monday 24th September at 7.30pm in Dominic Barberi Room

First Holy Communion

If you have just started School year 3, and will be at least 8 years old between 1st Sep 2018 and 31st August 2019, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation programme. Parents please email or write to Father Stan at the church office by Mon 24th Sep, with the child's name date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details.

Confirmation Sunday 30th September 11am

Mass All the Confirmation candidates are invited to come for the 11am Mass followed by meeting in the Carl Barton Room.

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 Stan Wilson .

Sunday 5.00 pm mass: A request for anyone with musical talent or singers for 5.00pm mass to contact office or Fr Stan

Annual Mass Count: Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 23rd Sept, 30th Sep, 7th Oct & 14th Oct.

Cake Sale A big "Thank You and Well Done" to all the bakers, makers and buyers of all the cakes and jams last Sunday. £200 was raised and goes towards an urgently needed new fire door. The raffle for the amazing Christmas Cake is still ongoing. Any money raised will go towards maintenance like the fire door. Many thanks again for all your generosity.

Beginning Mon. 1st Oct. 8pm at our church

'GOOD NEWS! a series of talks by team from the Neo-Catechumenal Way community beginning

with an introduction and the Word of the two blind men in the gospels. Starts Mon 1st October at 8.00pm in church. The talks will be ongoing for 6 weeks on Monday and Thursday evenings. All welcome.

Saturday 6th October 10am-4pm: A celebration of Family Life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae: "The Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution" in Reading in Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi Parish The day starts at 9 am and finishes with Holy Mass at 3.30pm. Amongst various speakers there is Caroline Farrow, a weekly columnist for the Catholic Universe newspaper in the UK and Ireland, a public speaker journalist and commentator

Sunday October 7th 2.30pm On The Feast of the Most Holy Rosary,

we would like to invite to you join us for Rosary. We will meet at our church car park at 2.30pm and then drive to Thames Valley Park and at 3pm, say the Sorrowful Mysteries in Penance & Reparation for the sins committed within the Church and the nation against faith, life and love. Please contact the Parish Office for more information,

Pastoral Events

New Parish established in the diocese.

Congratulations to Fr Matthew Goddard and the community which celebrates Mass in the Extraordinary Form (traditional Latin Mass) at St William of York church, on being established as a new personal parish, under the patronage of St John Fisher.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5th October

On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer . Many thanks for your generous support.