

Pastoral News

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School Year 7 Admission September 2021 Please visit our Virtual Open Day on our school website: www.hughfaringdon.org. Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) with evidence of religion to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School. Please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via admissions@hughfaringdon.org

How to help others grow in faith.

Portsmouth diocese would like to offer the Ananias training to any parishioner who wants to grow closer to Jesus and share Him with others. The Ananias Training was developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute, complementing Called and Gifted, The training encourages parishioners to recognise and be able to talk about their own relationship with Jesus, and also how to walk alongside friends and families. We will offer three weekly sessions initially, in small groups, and parishioners can choose between Tuesday or Friday mornings or Tuesday or Thursday evenings, via Zoom, starting in late October. To find out more, please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday October 31st – the eve of All Saints there will be a national Rosary Relay Rally from 9am to 9pm in which each Diocese in the British Isles is invited to choose an hour when the Rosary is said in all the parishes and homes of the Diocese. In the Diocese of Portsmouth, our designated hour is from 12 noon until 1 pm.

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Catholics in RBH: Catholic patients at the RBH, relatives or friends should explain to staff that they request a visit from a Catholic priest in cases of serious illness. Due to recent changes, Priests can now more readily respond to requests to visit the sick in hospital. We have a team of Catholic priests in Reading who are available for this Ministry, so it is hoped that no Catholic patient at the RBH will die without the Last Rites.

Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Mmgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Bishop Philip will be saying the 1215 midday Mass in the Cathedral in Portsmouth and then after the Mass lead the Rosary for all our intentions.

Foundation Governor Vacancies. Practising, committed Catholics are invited to apply to become one of Bishop Philip's representatives on Governing Board of St Dominic Savio. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Clare Woodham for further information. cwoodham@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk

Offertory Collection 18th Oct 2020

Main Envelopes	£	90.00
Loose Cash	£	314.41
Online	£	70.00
Standing Orders	£	757.32

Thank you all for your kind donations

Last week, our parish raised £ 76.95 for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

1st November Second Collection for Bamenda.

This has been another very challenging year for the people of Bamenda and the Anglophone region in general, with no seeming end to the crisis in sight. You can donate in church or online via the website.

<http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>.

Please see attached newsletter for more information.

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

0118 931 4469
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Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Parish Team

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Hall Bookings

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The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-2.00pm



30th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Year A

25th Oct 2020

The Love of God

To love God means to accept His love. **God wants to be your only Lord, your only love** (cf. Ex 20:5; Deut 5:9). He calls us to conversion which always has two elements, turning "to" and turning "away from". We are to turn away from everything that pushes us away from the only Lord, whom we belong to. We are to turn away from our egoism which desires securities, and which is deeply set in our souls. If you had formed some system of security and God had then caused your "manna" to rot, then remember He did this out of love. **God strips you of that which is your enslavement and which leads to lack of faith in His love.** He is the only Lord, yours and your "manna's", that is to say, the Lord of your daily bread and your existence. Everything depends on Him. He, whether you acknowledge it or not, will remain the only Lord, but He is the Lord who loves you. He does not want you to get lost in a false kingdom of a false god, because that kingdom will destroy you.

The gospel says that you cannot serve two masters. The word *douleuein* [to serve] in Greek means the type of servitude a slave is engaged in for his master. A slave does not have time for himself, does not dictate what he will accept or not. A slave is not a cherry picker or disputes over the rules established by the master. The master controls the slave's time completely and always. **You need to give God everything;** you need to know how to give Him that which is His; that is the program of our conversion. **You must also accept His jealous love and accept Him as the only treasure, the only love.** You are His possession including everything you own: your body and soul, your work which is dependent on Him, your home which is His, your children who belong to Him, and your time which you often dole out to Him like a miser, despite the fact that all of your time also belongs to Him.

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Readings for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

2nd Reading Thessalonians 1:5-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of GOD; you are now waiting for his Son.

Gospel Matthew 22: 34-40 *You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 24th Oct St Anthony Claret	4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Edward Kerrican RIP rec.dec
Sun 25th Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)	Maurice Fahey RIP Rita Rose Ransley RIP Bridget O'Neil RIP rec. dec.
Mon 26th Oct Ss Chad & Cedd	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Jane Mooney RIP
Tues 27th Oct	Daily Mass without congregation	Eva Nora's intention
Wed 28th Oct Ss Simon & Jude	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Thurs 29th Oct	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Fri 30th Oct	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Peter Mooney RIP
Sat 31st Oct	12 noon-1.00pm 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Rosary (Portsmouth Diocese designated hour for national Rosary Relay Rally) Holy Souls
Sun 1st Nov All Saints	8.30am Ad Orientem 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm 5.00pm Ad Orientem (online streaming)	Mary Jennings George Johnson RIP Blessing of graves at Mays Lane cemetery Intention available

Masses can be booked via our website www.olop.org.uk or by calling 07444079157. (Please call by 8pm the previous day to book Mass).

OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via [facebook.com/olop.church](https://www.facebook.com/olop.church)

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid.

Indulged Acts for the Poor Souls A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery between November 1 and November 8. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.

Please keep in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially those in our "Book of Remembrance" for this week.

24th Oct: Gwenyth Cull (1996); **26th Oct:** David Trinder (1995); Maurice Fahey (1975); Dolly Coffey (2015); **27th Oct:** Aloisy Karas (2002); **28th Oct:** Bernard McCloskey (1995); Lucienne Wakefield (1974); **29th Oct:** Enid Newman; 30th Oct: Patricia Hewitt (1981); **31st Oct:** Annie Wareham (1987) **1st Nov:** Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);

Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Gudmundson. (Clare Roper's mum) who died peacefully in her sleep on 21st October aged 99, just missing her 100 birthday milestone (date of birth 25/11/1920). Our prayers are with Clare and her family during this difficult time.

This week

First Holy Communion: Please keep in your prayers Edzeaglen Nerida will be receiving her First Holy Communion this Sunday at 11.30am . May the blessing of the Lord be with her today and always. Amen.

Rosary in church Mon - Fri 4.00pm. We will finish our October month of Rosary on Saturday 31st October at 12 noon as its our Diocesan designated time for the national Rosary Realy Rally. You are welcome to come to church or say the Rosary from home at the designated hour.

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Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.00pm especially for the Vulnerable for 30 min (without a sermon).

Church opening times for private prayers:

Monday - Thursday 5.00pm-7.00pm,
Friday: 11.00am -7.00pm (Adoration)

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request. Please email Fr Stan via fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and also please maintain a safe distance

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Sunday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints

Monday 2nd November: All Souls. 7.30pm Mass will be offered for the souls of the deceased loved ones of parishioners.

"List of Remembrance" for All Souls day

Usually we would have placed our "List of Remembrance" for the names of loved ones at the back of the church. This year, due to COVID, we are unable to do that, Father Stan would still offer the names of our loved ones during the Mass on 2nd November. If you would like to add names to the list then please contact the Parish office via phone or e mail and leave the name of your loved ones and we will make sure that they are added to the book.

Blessing of Graves at Mays Lane on Sunday 1st November at 3.00pm, If you have loved ones graves at Mays Lane, then please stand by the grave and Fr Stan will come over and bless. If you would like to come to the cemetery to pray for the departed souls then please be at the cemetery for 3.00pm and join Father Stan for the prayers (maintaining social distance) and keeping to the "rule f 6".

First Holy Communion 2021 - Registration is now open for children (Years 3 or above) for the FHC Programme 20/21. Parents—please email or write to Father Stan via the church office. Please provide your email address and full name of child(ren) to the Parish Office. Due to the current COVID pandemic, we will be emailing the registration pack and will confirm details of the programme via email.

The Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office

"The Effects of Healing Prayer: A report. A book by Zygmunt Szczepanski on his testimony to God's love. "They testify to the powerful healing action of the Lord in our lives today" forward by Bishop Egan is for sale from the parish office for £6.00. Zygmunt Szczepanski has visited our Parish few times and offered his healing ministry.

Community Support

One Reading Community Hub:

www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank)

You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

CIRDIC: Items for packed lunches are needed by CIRDIC to feed the homeless. Please take them directly to CIRDIC (St Saviours Church Hall, 1, Berkeley Ave, Reading RG1 6JT) from 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.