

Diocesan Survey - A Thousand Voices: The views, hopes and fears of the lay faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. The analysis of the survey can be found at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/survey>.

Vacancy:

Portsmouth Diocese; Please check out the website link to find out about the roles in the dioceses: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies>

Right for life: are hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations. Please visit their link for more information. www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

Community Support

Readfood (Reading's Foodbank): are experiencing increased demand, and the arrival of greater numbers of refugees in Reading has emphasised the importance of our support. Your donations of dried and tinned food make a huge difference to the number of people Readfood can support. You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items can be found on <https://readfood.org.uk>.

CIRDIC: Items for packed lunches are needed 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. Please contact

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr. Pat Madden (07510182722) and the priests from the FSSP (07445106330). Fr. Pat covers every Monday from 12 Noon until Thursday 12 Noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 Noon until Monday 12 Noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & wish to receive Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

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. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Mabel at enquiries@circdic.org.uk or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

Consecration of the Church on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm. We are pleased to confirm that Bishop Philip will be able to undertake the Consecration of our church, this year. Please keep our church in your prayers.

Resources

Day by Day: September edition in Advent Room. £1.00/ book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021 The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter *Viva Voce* is in the Advent Room.

Offertory Collection 5th Sept 2021

Main Envelopes £ 10.00
 Loose Cash £ 280.31
 Standing Orders £ 695.46
 Thank you all for your kind donations

Second Collection: 12th September: Catholic Education Service Education Sunday falls on the 12th September and the focus this year is thanking all those who work in Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication during the pandemic. [Home \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](http://Home.catholiceducation.org.uk)

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Parish office opening hours :Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B 12th Sept 2021

Psalm Response:
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Stability in Christ Crucified

Fr Giovanni Garbolino gave a cross to Col. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin which he took to the moon. Fr Garbolino gave the same cross to Svetlana at the moment when her personal life was a wreck and in great instability. At that time, she would switch from religion to religion, would marry and divorce, would move often from town to town, disenchanted with almost everything including her homeland, Soviet Union for another homeland, America, and again America for Soviet Union, to the point of not finding any stability anywhere, yet being in a permanent state of regretfulness, anger and fear.

The cross was accepted by Svetlana and Christ Crucified gave her a new stability. With the guidance of Father Garbolino she made a pilgrimage to Fatima, read books by Catholic authors and on 13th December 1982, she converted to the Catholic faith.

Svetlana wrote about her conversion: "Only now I understand the wonderful grace that the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist produce, no matter what day of the year, and even on a daily basis. Before, I was unwilling to forgive and repent, and I was never able to love my enemies. But I feel very different from before, since I attend Mass every day." She added, "The Eucharist has given me life. The Sacrament of Penance with God whom ... we abandon and betray each day, the sense of guilt and sadness that invades us then, all this makes it necessary to receive it frequently.", "I was taken into the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ... Who else could be my advocate but the Mother of Jesus? She suddenly drew me close to her."

Svetlana was known as Lana Peters. She who was the only daughter of Joseph Stalin, died peacefully in a Wisconsin nursing home in 2011 where she had enjoyed sewing, reading and praying.

Fr Stan

* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid until the 1st week of Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 12th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Achilies Fernando RIP Mr & Mrs Joseph RIP Mr & Mrs Thomas RIP
Mon 13th September St John Chrysostom	7.00pm No Mass in church	Rosary Eileen Powell
Tues 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No Mass in church	Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	No Mass in church 4.00pm	C.E. Fernandes thanksgiving Rosary
Thur 16th September Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	No Mass in church	Julia & David Spink
Fri 17th September St Hidegard of Bingen	11.00am-7.00pm- 6.30pm No Mass in church	Adoration Rosary Bindu Cardoza thanksgiving
Sat 18th September	No Mass	
Sun 19th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Peter Fernando RIP Elsie Tomlinson RIP 1st anniversary Mr Joseph & Ms Bindu Pemala RIP

Sunday Masses can be booked via our website www.olop.org.uk (latest by 8.00pm Friday) or by calling the Parish Office on 0118 9663711. If you are booking via telephone, then please call by Friday 3.00pm at the latest, as messages will not be accessed after this time.

12th September 2021 Sunday Mass: We welcome back Fr Gerry Hastie from the Mill Hill Missionaries who will celebrate all three Masses.

Weekday Mass: There is no Weekday Mass in church until 17th September 2021.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

12th Sept: Anthony Davis (1997);
13th Sept: Doris Frost (1990); Marjorie Sheldon (1997);
14th Sept: Eric Karas (2001);
15th Sept: Mary Salmon (1975); Ethel Gibson (1988);
18th Sept: Richard O'Connell (2002); and Graham Smallbone (2003);
19th Sept: Sylvia Grealis (2018)

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound.

Parish News:

From next Sunday 19th September, Tea & Coffee is back after 8.30am & 11.00am Mass. Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and a chance to catch up in a safe environment after Mass.

Altar renovation: The project is going well and we are glad to confirm that the noisy bit of the work is now complete. A temporary Altar has been set up for us to continue celebrating Mass whilst the work is being carried out to make the base strong. We thank you for your patience whilst the work is being done.

Rosary: Our Parish is immersed in Mother Mary through The Rosary which is, now being said at 8.00am on Sunday, 7.00pm on Monday, 4.00pm on Wednesday & 6.30pm on Friday.

For the vulnerable & housebound Parishioners: Even though restrictions have been lifted, we are aware that not everybody is ready to attend church. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Communion at home. We are hoping to start making appointments for Fr Stan to make home visits from October.

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

First Holy Communion 2022.

We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive the First Holy Communion. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 19th September 2021. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child at 12.30 on Sunday 26th September.

Parents, If your child will be in School year 3 and will be at least 8 years old between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation program in September 2021. Please email or write to Father Stan at the church office, with child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details.

Confirmation 2022. We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive Confirmation. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 12th September 2021. Father Stan will

meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 19th September at 10.15am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Confirmation is offered to all young baptised Catholics who would be in school Year 8 or above in September 2021. If interested, then please email or write to Father Stan at the church office.

Helping those most vulnerable in our Parish.

If you know of anyone, or are yourself lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

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

SOCIAL CLUB now open, see the website olopsocialclub.co.uk or posters in the complex for details.

Pastoral News:

40 Days for life from 22nd September - 31st October 2021 - Vigil days and Hours: 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days including Sundays outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAUK). For more information, please contact Martin - 07436018688 or Christopher - 07964180843 / e mail: 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 1st October

By donating to CAFOD this family fast day, you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Advent room or online on their website CAFOD.org.uk/ climatecrisis.org.uk/

6th November 2021 - Save the date - Faith and Politics.

An online symposium with Bishop Philip Egan & speakers including the Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Dr. Ruth Kelly, the former Education Secretary, Lord David Alton, Rt. Hon. Mark Hoban, Dr. Elizabeth Slinn, Dr. Mary Sutton from the University of Winchester, George O'Neill CEO of the Cardinal Hume Centre, and Rev. Dr. David Goodill op, moral philosopher, from Blackfriars, Oxford. David Wells, the popular inspirational speaker, will be the presenter and guide through the day. More information to follow.