

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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6th Sunday of Easter Year C 22nd May 2022

**Psalm Response:**  
**Let the people praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

## God opened the door of faith to the pagans ( Acts 14:27)

We are asked to allow Christ to be in the centre of the lives also of those who may not share our faith at the moment. That is the attitude God wants. What does this mean? - that the Church is Catholic. The Greek word catholicos(καθολικός) means "concerning the whole, universal, general". Originally this word designated a financial or civil office in the Roman Empire and was adopted by the Church to describe her nature. "Catholic" means to remain open and available. Openness is transparency, the loving care of others and always an inclusive attitude. Open means that there are no walls and borders. It describes a friendly attitude towards a stranger. Openness is a characteristic attitude of a host and a guest, a superior and an inferior.

One of the rotten fruits of the Reformation is prejudice and the lack of hospitality which had not been known before. Even now we suffer from that time. Openness means respect for others, respect to offer help and protection of uniqueness, individuality and decisions.

When it comes to the spiritual dimension of life, it means to make Christ available to everyone and proclaim Him as the Saviour and Redeemer. Everybody has a right to share the Good News and to be embraced by the Church. Openness, also means to give freedom for various philosophies and theologies, ways of being and doing, but yet remaining within the range of the voice of the Shepherd, His teaching and Truth, remaining within the range of the authority of the moral and doctrinal and liturgical and social teaching of the Church. That means openness has nothing to do with the relativism of moral life with its principle commandment *tolerance* and multicultural unification.

In fact, the Church is multi-ethnic and yet she is characterised by one culture set up by Christ's teaching. The mission of the Church is, then to share the doctrine of the faith openly with everyone without exclusion, until the point it is transmitted into every culture, so that the salvation in Christ the Lord and Ten Commandments. elevated to higher standard by Christ, is embraced and accepted by every nation, every human being, in every corner of the world.

**Visitors to the Parish are reminded that photography/video recording is not permitted at any time during mass services unless authorised by the Parish. Photography of children and young people is prohibited.**

explores the experience, value and challenges of autistic thinking in theology. All are welcome. Events are free to attend without booking. This event will be in-person and on-line. Zoom joining details: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99410788443>. Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443Passcode: 511541

**"On Fire" Prayer & Healing Service on Saturday, 28th May: 1 pm** at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. The next one will take place in several months time. All are welcome! Please park considerately.

**Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass:** Are you celebrating this year, 2022, a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years? If so, you are invited to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please send an email to [lizmurphyatanniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizmurphyatanniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). See poster in Advent Room for more detail.

**Volunteer role at Marriage Care.** It is a Catholic charity which supports marriage through relationship counselling and marriage preparation. We are, currently looking to recruit volunteers, couples or individuals, to facilitate our marriage preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic church. Full training and continuing support are provided. Our presenters usually present courses on a Saturday two or three times in a year. If you think you could help to support marriage in this way, please contact Sue Cooper at [sue.cooper@marriagecare.org](mailto:sue.cooper@marriagecare.org) or 07939495774. For further information about Marriage Care visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**Amazon Smile:** There are all sorts of ways in which you can support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese. The full name of the charity to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

### Offertory Collection 15th May 2022

Envelopes	£ 28.00
Loose Cash	£ 481.97
Contactless payment	£ 165.00
Standing Orders	£ 669.23

Thank you all for your kind donations.

### 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

### Emergency numbers for a Priest –

*Please call your own priest first*

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Monica & Greg blessing Rosary Joe Steventon thanksgiving For Lukasz for conversion & healing
Mon 23rd May	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin <i>Intention available</i>
Tues 24th May	8.00am	<i>Intention available</i>
Wed 25th May St Bede the Venerable	8.00am 4.00pm	<i>Intention available</i> Rosary
Thur 26th May The Ascension of the Lord	6.30pm	<i>Intention available</i>
Friday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary <i>Intention available</i> Overnight adoration till 6.00am Saturday
Sat 28th May	No Mass	Overnight adoration continues till 6.00am
Sun 29th May 2022 7th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary For Lukasz for conversion & healing Rosary Geoffrey Wilman RIP Rosary walk by the Thames Rachel Alexander thanksgiving

### Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

**Charles Haggerty RIP:** The parish offers condolences to family of Charles Haggerty who died on Tuesday 10th May. May his soul rest in peace. Requiem Mass at our church on Tuesday 7th June 1.00pm followed by burial at Mays Lane cemetery.

**David Holland RIP:** We pray for the soul of David Holland who died on Sunday 14th May. The parish offers condolences to Mary Holland & keep her in our prayers.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

22nd May: Elizabeth Parker (2003); 26th May: Margaret Browne (2021)  
27th May: Margaret Walton (2002); Margaret Isherwood (2003); 28th May: Margaret Sugrue (2016)

We continue to pray for David Roper, Theresa Pashley & Caroline Hurst. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

## Parish News

**Thursday 26th May: The Ascension of the Lord. Solemnity. (Holy day of Obligation)** Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

**Friday 27th May: The overnight Adoration on the last Friday of every month** will start after the Friday evening Mass till 6.00am, Saturday morning. You are welcome to come during this time and spend some quiet moment with the Lord.

**Sunday 29th May 2.30pm Rosary Walk:** - We are delighted to be able to begin Rosary Walks' again - please join us on May 29th at 2-30 pm, meeting at the car park at the Waterside centre to walk along the river bank to pray to Our Lady.

**Vacancy for Chair of Finance** – We are grateful to Isabelle Thorn for taking care of our finance for the last 4 years and thank her for her support to our Parish over the years. She is moving to Winchester and we are looking for a new Chair of Finance. Training and hand over will be provided. Please speak to Fr Stan if you are interested or know of someone who can help us.

**Start of Youth Group:** We are really pleased to announce a new initiative to start our Parish Youth Group. 1st Meeting will be on Sunday 12th June after the 11.00am Mass. Please contact the Parish office if your child (11+) will be interested in joining the group.

**Volunteers needed for Youth Group in our Parish:** Would you like to volunteer to help out in our Parish? Looking for volunteers to help out with young children aged 11+. Everyone must undergo a DBS check before starting. Please contact Safeguarding Officer at [safeguarding@olop.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@olop.org.uk)

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

#### Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 31st May - Feast of the Visitation of the BI Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at 6.30pm followed by procession.** A parish procession will be held after the 6.30pm Mass to mark the end of Mary's month of May. Please come along and join in.

**Sunday 5th June at 8.30am & 11am Mass** We are very pleased that the Knights of St Columba will bring the relic of St. Edmund Campion to our church. For more details, please visit <http://www.province30.co.uk/>.

**Change in date - Sunday 19th June - Parish get together "International meal"** - We are planning on having a Parish get together on Sunday 19th June after the 11.00am Mass. Please keep the date in your diary. The Plan is for everyone to bring food to share and we celebrate the diverse nature of our church community. If you are interested in helping, then please contact the Parish office.

#### Resources

**Day by Day (Easter edition - Good Friday 15th April - 31st May ) in the Advent Room £1.00/ book:** Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

**Viva Voce:** Easter edition from the diocese available in the Advent Room.

#### Community Support

**Supporting Ukraine:** For up to date information on how people can support the crisis in the Ukraine, visit the Caritas Website :[Caritas Portsmouth](http://CaritasPortsmouth)

**Woodley food bank** :List of items needed are:- Toilet paper, Kitchen rolls, Cooking oil, Tinned meats, Tea bags, Sugar, Coffee, Puddings. (sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. "NO PASTA/RICE"as they have enough. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

#### Pastoral News:

**Café Théologique: Autism and Theology: What can Autistic Thinking Offer to the Church? Monday 23rd May, 7.30-9pm, Zerodegrees Bar, Bridge Street.** Presentation by Stewart Rapley, autistic theologian and author of 'Autistic Thinking in the Life of the Church' (SCM, 2021). In this talk Stewart