

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

18 JANUARY 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The readings today are like a treasure trove where much joy can be found if we reflect on them in silence. There is much about desire, yearning, mystery, and vocation. When God made us in his image and likeness he had the desire to share with us everything that he had made, - *God is pure joy and pure joy demands company!* What is evident is God's call.

In the story of the call of Samuel, we hear of a young lad who had yet to experience hearing God's 'voice'. Each time God called Samuel he went to old, blind Eli who, understandably, sent him back to bed. Eventually Eli recognised what was happening in Samuel's life and told him how to respond. Samuel needed someone to help him identify God's voice and that is true for each of us. It is not always easy to discern God's voice in our lives and yet that doesn't mean that he is not communicating with us. How touched have you been by the circumstances of your lives, by great beauty, a newborn child, survival from disaster? Perhaps that was when God was touching you? God is present in all our experiences.

Without doubt we need each other. In John's gospel we see this quite clearly when John the Baptist deliberately points Jesus out to his disciples so that they will go in the right direction, that is, following Jesus. One of the two disciples was Andrew whose role, it would seem, was to introduce people to Jesus. Think of his brother Peter or the little boy with five loaves and two fish.

Then Jesus asks them a question, "What do you want?" It is a question for all of us! It is an invitation and it certainly engaged them, for they spent the rest of that day finding out what Jesus was like - they experienced him! If you had a personal encounter with Jesus, how would you answer?

We are all called by God to be something. Only God has the power to transform us from *the inside out* through our desire for him, and through prayer. God calls us in our hearts and if we abandon ourselves into his hands he will shape us, sculpt us into beautiful, fully human, beings. We all have a vocation, the desire of the soul for God, so why not ask God for the grace to trust totally in his love?

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SCHOOLS: Primary: Corpus Christi • St John's Cathedral • St Paul's • St Swithun's • Secondary: St Edmund's

CONTACT YOUTH CLUB (11 – 16)

CONTACT Youth Club, our youth club for young people aged 11–16, runs from 1900-2100 at St Colman's Catholic Church. Next, on Wed 28 Jan, we will be having a tournament night featuring dodgeball and Mario Kart. £1 a week subs + tuck shop.

DISCOVERY

If you are aged 13–18 and want to go deeper with your faith then this is for you. Great input, desserts, discussion and prayer time. From 1900–2030 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre on Tuesday nights. Our first session, on Tuesday 27 January, looks at the theme 'Are you in tune with God's plan?'

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

If you are at all involved working with children, young people or vulnerable adults and have not done Safeguarding Training, we will be running a training session on Wednesday 4 February at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church from 1830–2130. To book, please contact soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

From Thursday 21 July – Tuesday 2 August 2016, we will be joining the Diocesan trip to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day 2016. If you will be aged 16 by Wednesday 20 July 2016 and would like to come with us to Poland an application form and further information can be found on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £995 but we will be fundraising to help us towards this target. For more info, contact Will Hince: 07780221686

ZONED IN (YEAR 6 YOUTH CLUB)

If you are in school year 6, then we run a youth club for you on Thursday nights from 1830–2000 at Corpus Christi Catholic School with lots of fun activities and equipment. £1 a week subs + tuck shop. Next Session: Thursday 22nd January

CONFIRMATION 2016

Bishop Philip has asked that each of the Pastoral Areas offers a confirmation programme on a two-year cycle, so there will be no confirmation programme this year. Registration for next year's programme will start from September and more information will go out during the summer term. Next year we will be confirming anyone in school years 8 and above.

FLAME 2: WEMBLEY ARENA

Following the huge success of Flame, a national event for Catholic young people, we now have Flame 2 on Saturday 7 March at Wembley Arena. The diocese has booked a coach and the cost of the trip is £45. Limited spaces available so to book contact Dom.

YOUNG ADULTS (18 – 30)

If you are aged 18–30, looking to meet other young Catholics and explore your faith deeper, we meet on Sunday evenings from 1900–2100 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre to eat, have some faith formation and pray together. £3 donation towards the cost of food. Next Session: Sunday 1 February – Theology of the Body

RECONCILIATION

St John's Cathedral	Saturday 1100-1145 1700 – 1745
St Swithun	Friday 1930 – 2000 Saturday 1030 – 1100
Our Lady of Lourdes	Saturday 1730 – 1755
Corpus Christi	Saturday 0930
St Joseph	Saturday (Before 1800 Mass)
St Colman	Saturday 1700 – 1730

Please pray for our sick and our housebound who are unable to share the liturgy with us, their families and those who care for them: Pamela Quick, John Daley, Hazel Farmer, Raymond Stanley, Laurie Jenkins, Eileen O'Brien, Edith Clouter, Anne Kirkbride, Maisie Hider, Betty Bellman, Henry Ellis, Jerry & Carole Winsler, Gordon Lyons, Steward Russell, Maria Enright, John Foster, Anne Harkin, Mark Hamilton, Kerry Kirby, Yvonne Tomkins, Dominic Fox, Nora & Fred Harkin, Mark Turnbull, Thomas O'Grady, Doreen Yates.

For those who have died: Peter Collins, Bernadette Flynn, Michelle Reynolds, Angela Marsh and Maria Makins RIP

Please remember all our faithful departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward Olive, Kenneth Harris, Molly Tremlett, Pamela Margaret Harper, Margaret Daley, Victor Robbins, Patrick Holihan, Joseph Psaila, Sheila Mary Doyle, Mary Turner, Jane Dixon, Reginald Platt, Eileen Beatrice West, Angela Elizabeth Boyle, Anne Mary Petty, Hubert de Mornay, Esther Myall

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

- Legion of Mary Meeting: after 1000 Mass, Jubilee Room
- Cake Sale and Tombola Fundraising for Peru: after 1000 and 1200 Masses in Cathedral Hall
- First Holy Communion Children's Session: 1300-1500

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

- Our Lady of Peace (Medjugorje) Prayer Group: 1100-1200 Jubilee Room
- Baptism Preparation Session: 1800 Jubilee Room
- Bible Timeline Study Course: 1930 Cathedral Centre

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

- Ecumenical Clergy Breakfast Meeting: 0830 Cathedral Centre

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

- The Search (RCIA –Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): 1930-20130 Discovery Centre

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 0800-1800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL COPY FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF THE PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER IS RECEIVED BY 1800 ON THE PRIOR WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU,

WE ACKNOWLEDGE LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS WITH THANKS:

Corpus Christi with St Joseph: £803.82 inc SO

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Swithun: £975.35 inc SO (62% GA)

St Colman with St Paul: £960.40 inc SO (69.1% GA)

St John's Cathedral: £2,143.52 inc SO (48% GA)

THE SEARCH – ENQUIRY SESSIONS

Do you ever ask yourself is there more to life than this? How can I know if God is real and loves me? For centuries people have turned to the Catholic Church to find answers to such questions. If you are not a Catholic and would like to find out more about what we believe, or are an adult baptised Catholic not yet confirmed, you are invited to 'The Search' – our weekly enquiry sessions which began on 15 and will run on every Thursday in the Cathedral Hall from 1930-2030 www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/rcia.

ECHOES:

PARISH-BASED CATECHIST FORMATION

A parish-based formation for catechists and those involved in handing on the Faith. It will be held at St Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford on 24 Jan 1000-1500. For further information contact Sr Veronica: 01590681874 or dominican.sisters@talk21.com www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/events

VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN

If you have never had training or the training was more than three years ago please do your best to attend this local training. If you intend going please contact Soraya on 02392816396 to book a place. Child Protection Training Wednesday 4 Feb 1830-2130. Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes, Bransbury Road, Portsmouth PO4 9JY

A TALK BY MEDJUGORJE PILGRIM GUIDE PHILIP RYAN

This will take place on Saturday 31 Jan from 1030-1500. Philip has lived and worked as a guide in Medjugorje for over 25 years and has an intimate understanding of the history and events of the apparitions of Our Lady there. Refreshments available from 1000. Bring a packed lunch.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE POLITICS SOCIETY

St John's College, Grove Road South, Southsea, PO5 3QW invites you to the following talks:

- Sir John Scarlett (former Director of MI6 and now Chairman of the Bletchley Park Trust) Thurs 5 Feb, 1930.

- Professor Anthony King (Essex University) on 'The Blunders of Our Governments' Thurs 5 March at 1830.

Further details contact: 02392815118 or ggoodlad@stjohnscollege.co.uk

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League takes place tomorrow, Monday 19 Jan at 1330. This will be a post-Christmas celebration – food provided - but please bring a small gift for the bran tub.

MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN EVENT

The annual Muslim-Christian evening at St Thomas's Anglican Cathedral will take place on Monday 19 January at 1900 following Choral Evensong at 1800. The evening includes a sharing of readings, prayers and poetry. All welcome.

EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS: A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip writes: "As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. In your Pastoral Area, there will soon be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative. The Strategy Team is a new body to replace the Pastoral Council. It should represent all ages and types. It's all about vision! Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area. Teams will meet once a term. To find out more, go to our diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/evangelisation-teams. There you will find a video with more info, and details of what the commitment would be for team members."

STUDY DAY THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL & THE 'MISSIONARY OPTION'

Bishop Philip Egan will give a talk on The Parish and the New Evangelisation: A close look at *Evangelii Gaudium*, para 27, on Sat 31 Jan 2015 at St Patrick's 21a Soho Square London W1D 4NR. See poster for further details.

Cathedral Parish News

WELCOME

To all visitors. If you are a new arrival to the parish please come and say hello to the Cathedral Clergy or register your details with us at the Parish Office.

A DAY WITH MARY

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Starts at 0854 and finishes at 1700. During the day there will be confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome. Information sheets at back of Cathedral.

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In the interests of economy, if you are able and willing to receive the newsletter electronically, please subscribe on the Cathedral website www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk Please note: The Cathedral undertakes to use the data collected solely and only for its own email outs (e.g. Newsletter). All information /data received will not be relayed to a third party.

FUNDRAISING CAKE SALE AND TOMBOLA

Rebecca Galbraith, student at Oaklands School, will have a cake sale and tombola after 1000 & 1200 Masses today Sunday 18 Jan. This is in support of her trip to Peru in 2016 with Outlook Expeditions to help poor rural communities build shelters and water fountains for the people there.

THIEVES OPERATING

When parking at the Cathedral do ensure you leave no valuables in your car. When at Mass keep your valuables with you at all times even when coming to Holy Communion. Thieves are operating both inside and outside the Cathedral. One parishioner recently had her mobile phone stolen from her coat which was left on a seat.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE (MEDJUGORJE) PRAYER GROUP

This group prays the Rosary for Priests and Vocations every Monday in the Jubilee Room of the Discovery Centre from 1100-1200. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are pleased to announce that Children's Liturgy of the Word will re-commence on the First Sunday of Lent - 22 February 2015 - during the 1200 Mass. For safeguarding purposes, we invite parents or guardians of school-aged children (from Reception to Year 3) to fill out a Registration Form and return it to the Parish Office by Sunday 15 February 2015. This celebration of the Word with children will take place at 1200 Mass every Sunday during term time. To ensure this runs smoothly, we need leaders and helpers. If you are interested and would like to help, please email sistermaura@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

THE CATHEDRAL BETHANY GROUP

Meets on Thursday 5 Feb at 0945 in St John's Room and afterwards at 1030 in the Coffee Shop. Thereafter on the first Thursday of each month. Its purpose is to offer practical help, support and friendship to those who suffer loss or bereavement of any kind.

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY VIGIL MASS OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	William Flynn RIP P
		St John's Cathedral	Elson Carvalho RIP
		St Joseph	Christine Joliffe & Family
		St Colman	Mary Ann White RIP (CC)
SUNDAY 18 JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>1 Samuel 3:3-10.19</i> <i>1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20</i> <i>John 1:35-42</i> <i>Parish Mass Book p 127</i>	0800	St John's Cathedral	Deceased Members of Quan Family RIP
	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	0900	St Joseph	People of the Parish
	0930	St Colman	Harry Brickwood RIP (UCM)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Eddie Walkley RIP
	1015	St Swithun	O'Connor Family RIP F
	1100	St Paul	Monica Halley RIP (J & MC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	John & Margaret Bagnall RIP F
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Ricardo and Anita Martin RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	John Joseph Cummings RIP (CC)
	1800	St Swithun	Mass in Polish
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Margaret and Jack Finch F
	MONDAY 19 JANUARY St Wulstan, Religious, Bishop, <i>op mem</i> or: Feria (2nd Week of Ordinary Time)	0915	St Colman
1000		St Swithun	Helen West RIP P
1215		St John's Cathedral	Funeral Mass for Angela Marsh RIP
TUESDAY 20 JANUARY St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, <i>op mem</i> or: St Sebastian, Martyr, <i>op mem</i> or: Feria [2nd Week of Ordinary Time]	0930	St Paul	Mr Tom Cooper RIP (FM)
	1000	St Swithun	Selina Fairhall RIP P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Funeral Mass for Peter Collins RIP
	1900	St Swithun	
WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY of the 2nd Week of Ordinary Time St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, <i>memorial</i>	0730	St John's Cathedral	Stella Rafferty RIP
	0930	Corpus Christi	Charlotte Allen P
	1000	St Swithun	
	1100	St Colman	Requiem Mass - Harry Brickwood RIP
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Eileen West RIP F
THURSDAY 22 JANUARY St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr, <i>op mem</i> or: Feria [2nd Week of Ordinary Time]	0915	St Colman	Private Ints (Friends, Relatives, Alive & Dec'd) (CC)
	0930	St Joseph	Violet Heaword F
	1000	St Swithun	
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Funeral Mass for Bernadette Flynn RIP
FRIDAY 23 JANUARY Feria [2nd Week of Ordinary Time]	0730	St John's Cathedral	
	0930	Corpus Christi	James Rutter P
	1000	St Swithun	Archibald Edgar and Elizabeth Burrige RIP P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Lawrence (Laurie) Payne RIP F
	1830	St Colman	Fr Roger Hendry RIP (FM)
SATURDAY 24 JANUARY of the 2nd Week of Ordinary Time St Francis de Sales, Bishop, <i>memorial</i>	0900	Corpus Christi	Patrick John William Louge P
	1000	St Swithun	
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Stella Rafferty RIP
SATURDAY 24 JANUARY Vigil Mass of 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	
		St Joseph	Cecil Foster
		St Colman	Molly Walsh RIP (KW)
		St John's Cathedral	Stella Rafferty RIP
SUNDAY 25 JANUARY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Jonah 3:1-5.10</i> <i>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</i> <i>Mark 1:14-20</i> <i>Parish Mass Book p 130</i>	0800	St John's Cathedral	Neva and George Smith RIP
	0830	St Swithun	
	0900	St Joseph	People of the Parish
	0930	St Colman	Peter Bravo RIP (LB)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Mary McKenna INT
	1015	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	
	1100	Corpus Christi	Brigid Ledwith RIP
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Johnny MacDonald RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	
	1800	St Swithun	Mass in Polish
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Patricia Spindle RIP

F: Foundation – P: Perpetual