

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2013 to SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2014



At this time of year, when the Christmas trees shine in our homes and churches and our attention is drawn to the Christ child lying in the manger, we are likely to want to have thoughts of good will to one and all. In my experience such thoughts, even with the best of intentions, can too easily be cast aside by all kind of annoyances and irritations. It might be the company of a relative we don't actually like or the fact we didn't get the gift we had been so careful to say we wanted - or even sprouts being put on our plate! Whatever the annoyance might be, when it strikes remember to dig out and re-read these words:

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas biscuits, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime but do not show love, I'm just another cook. If I work at the local soup kitchen, sing carols in a nursing home and give all that I have to charity but have not love in my heart, it profits me nothing. If I trim the Christmas tree with shimmering angels, glittering balls and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child or adult. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the wife, husband, son, daughter, grandchild or distant relative come near. Love is kind, though often harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Computer games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love, given us in Jesus who is God-with-us this love will endure.

I first heard those words at a school Advent liturgy. Yes they are a parody of the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians; words heard often at a wedding. In my opinion the parody, which is anonymous, remains a rich pause for thought. I hope it helps you amid all that annoys and irritates, delights and thrills you at this time of year. May the enduring love made visible in Jesus the Word made flesh carry you, console you, inspire you and bless you.

Canon Dominic Golding



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
1800 Vigil Mass
2400 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
0800 Latin Mass
Extraordinary Form
0900 Dawn Mass
1030 Mass of the Day

St Stephen Altar Servers' Mass
(Boxing Day - 26 December)
1000 Mass

St John's Cathedral: Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, PO1 3HG – Tel. 02392 826170

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PARISHES: Corpus Christi & St Joseph • Our Lady of Lourdes with St Swithun • St Colman & St Paul • St John's Cathedral

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

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS

We are pleased to have you pray with us and we hope you enjoy your visit to our church. If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass to the priest and to other parishioners so we can get to know you.

CONFIRMATION

The deadline for registration for the confirmation programme 2014 was Friday 20 December. If you have missed the deadline but would still like to sign your child up for the programme, **it is essential that you have your forms in by Monday 6 January**. To register, you need to include the medical form, as well as a signed code of conduct form, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and the £30 payment.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Bookshop stocks a wide variety of Christmas cards, Advent books and Christmas gift ideas. Open weekdays Tues to Friday 0930-1530 and weekends 0930-1300. It is normally closed Mondays but will be open on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December from 0930-1300.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

For your security please do take any handbags or valuables with you when going up to Holy Communion. Please make sure all children are accompanied by an adult if, for, any reason they need to leave the Church during a service.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS

Wishing all the students and STAFF at the University a very happy and Spirit-filled Christmas and blessings for the new year. I look forward to seeing you in 2014 - if not before. Just to draw attention to PROGRESSIO, a Catholic organisation which really tries to put Catholic social teaching into practice. They are involved in organising placements of 10-12 weeks for young adults(18-25) in countries abroad. The scheme is called: "International Citizen Service". For further information please look on their website: www.progression.org.uk under the heading: 'how to get involved'.

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY: A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Following the success of Jeff Cavins' talk in the cathedral last month, we are pleased to announce that we will run his 8-part Bible Study at the cathedral in the new year. The programme will start on Monday 20 January at 1900 in the Discovery Centre, and will run for eight weeks with a break for half-term (17 February). If you would like to sign up for this programme, please contact Lily: info@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk. Please note there are only a limited number of places. This will be a fascinating series - why not invite a friend to join you?

YOUTH NEWS – Dom DeBoo writes

"I am now on holiday until Monday 6 January but if you need to contact me in the meantime, please email, call or text and I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible."

Dom's Christmas Message

Thank you everyone for making me feel very welcome and for all your support over this term. I've thoroughly enjoyed my start to life in Portsmouth and am enjoying meeting everyone and seeing what God's got for the city. We've had a good start here and there have been some wonderful moments, particularly National Youth Sunday and the development of the Frassati society for Young Adults aged 18 – 30. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very blessed start to 2014. I'd just really like to encourage you all to really be aware of others this Christmas and really think about how you can reach out to those around you. As much as we don't like to think about it, not everyone enjoys Christmas because it can really highlight their own loneliness or some pretty desperate situations. If you have space round your dinner table on Christmas day, consider inviting someone in. If you have just received a healthy Christmas bonus, consider supporting a struggling family. If you have spare food left over from a Christmas Party, consider how it can be used to feed someone else. As much as Christmas is a time for family, and rightly so, not everyone has that privilege and what's more we can and should all be family to each other. While the inns were full, God came to earth in a stable and so maybe, just maybe, if we want to find Christ and to be Christ this Christmas, we might need to look beyond our own front door. Have a wonderful Christmas, bless and be blessed and I'll look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Cathedral Notices

THANK YOU

To everyone who has contributed of their time and talent to preparing the Cathedral and helping us as a parish to worship God this Christmas. Thanks too for your many cards and gifts which we can assure you will be eaten / drunk / read / listened to / worn / used etc. On this our first Christmas with you we pray that Christ the Saviour whose coming we now celebrate will bless you and all your loved ones now and in the new year ahead.

Canon Dominic & Fr James

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

It is the custom in England and Wales for the collection taken at all Masses on Christmas Day to be given to the priests of the parish in appreciation of their parochial work. This forms a large part (60%) of their annual income so in advance of whatever you wish to give: thank you.

CRIB OFFERINGS

All donations to the Crib will be going at the Bishop's request to the support of the parishes and schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem which is in effect the Catholic diocese covering the Holy Land. All such donations will be channeled to them through the English branch of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. For more information about them and their work: www.khs.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS

Boxing Day is when the Church remembers St Stephen, the first martyr. He is the patron saint of altar servers and at the 1000 Mass in the Cathedral that day medals will be presented to those of our servers who have completed one year's service. In the new year there will be training for all existing servers and anyone wishing to start serving at the Cathedral (you have to be have made your First Communion).

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Throughout the Catholic Church we honour on the first day of January Mary the Mother of God. It's not a holy day of obligation here as it is in many countries but if you can do come that day to the Cathedral for Mass at 1000. What better way to start the new year than by asking God's blessing and the prayers of Our Blessed Lady on 2014 and all that has in store for us.

EARLY MORNING MASS

The 0730 Morning Mass will not be celebrated in St John's Chapel during the week after Christmas. It will resume on Wednesday 8 and Fri 10 January 2014.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

There will not be a meeting of the Bethany Group during January 2014. The next meeting and Coffee morning will be held on Thursday 6 Feb 2014 at 0945.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times 22 December 2013 – 5 January 2014

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER First Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish	
		St Colman	Nick Webb RIP (PW)	
		St Joseph	Canon John Doran P	
		St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ['O King of the nations'] <i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>Romans 1:1-7</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mrs Sheila Naylor RIP	
	0830	St Swithun	John Taylor RIP	
	0900	St Joseph	Daniel Cadogan F	
	0915	St Colman	Mike Webber RIP (HW)	
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Jim Casey RIP	
	1015	St Swithun	Deceased members of the Hawley Family (Doreen Smith)	
	1100	St Paul	Diane & Justin Quinn Intentions (PW)	
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish	
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Cregan Family INT	
	1400	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mass in Vietnamese	
	1600	Q A Hospital	Holy Souls (CC)	
	1800	St Swithun	Mass in Polish	
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Angela Meyer RIP	
	MONDAY 23 DECEMBER Liturgy of the Day 'O Emmanuel'	0700	St Colman	Michael Pragnell RIP (UCM)
		0930	St Swithun	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
1215		St John's Cathedral	Deceased Members of the Cronin Family RIP	
TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER Liturgy of the Day	1100	St Swithun	Roy(al) Hatcher RIP	
TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>solemnity with octave</i>	1700	St Paul	People of the Parish	
	1730	St Swithun	Intentions of Rita and Bella Lane (Sr Yvonne)	
	1800	St Joseph	Fr Francis Isherwood F	
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Abel McDuffas & Hoare Families INT	
	2100	Our Lady of Lourdes	Margaret Smith RIP P	
	2200	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish	
	2330	St Colman	Fr Joe McNerney (TP)	
	2400	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish	
WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY <i>[Holy Day of Obligation]</i>	0800	St John's Cathedral	Latin Mass in Extraordinary Form - Sister Sarah Jordan INT	
	0900	St Joseph	John & Elizabeth Carter P	
	0900	St John's Cathedral	Tina Sawney INT	
	0930	St Swithun	People of the Parish	
	0930	St Colman	Darren Cox (A&JC)	
	1030	St John's Cathedral	Sister Julie Chiara INT	
	1100	Corpus Christi	Terry Heffernan R.I.P.	
	1600	QA Hospital		
THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER ST STEPHEN, Protomartyr, feast	0930	St Swithun	Intentions of Stephen Stapleton	
	0930	St Colman	Altar Servers	
	1000	Corpus Christi	Terry Butler RIP	
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Mass for Altar Servers - Max and Stephen Bischof RIP	
FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER ST JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist, feast	0930	St Swithun	Deceased of Dempsey Family (Butler)	
	1030	St Joseph	Funeral Mass: Agnes Price R.I.P.	
	1215	St John's Cathedral	John Greenwood RIP F	
SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS Feast	1830	St Colman	Ana & Peter Pragnell (UCM)	
	1100	St Swithun	Joan Margaret Baxter RIP F	
SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER First Mass of St Thomas of Canterbury	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish	
		St Colman	John Joseph Cummings (CC)	
		St Joseph	Hannah O'Donnell P	
		St John's Cathedral	Timothy Short RIP	
SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, solemnity	0800	St John's Cathedral	Sarah Morgan RIP	
	0830	St Swithun	Winifred Alice Evans P	
	0900	St Joseph	Mona Rayner P	
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (BH)	
	1000	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish	
	1015	St Swithun	Sheila Howe RIP (Butler)	
	1100	St Paul	Fred Neilson RIP (MN)	
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish	
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Jonathan May RIP	
	1600	QA Hospital	Win & Tom Cummings RIP (CC)	
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Brenda and Arthur Butler RIP	
	MONDAY 30 DECEMBER Liturgy of the Day [Sixth Day within Octave of Christmas]	0700	St Colman	Frances O'Connell RIP (D O'C)
1215		St John's Cathedral	Anne Munt's Family INT F	
TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER Liturgy of the Day [Seventh Day within Octave of Christmas]	0830	St Colman	Thanksgiving (FD)	
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Alice Connolly RIP	

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WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2014 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, solemnity	0830	St Colman	Special Intentions (FD)
	1000	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Daniel Nolan RIP
	1100	St Swithun	James Joseph & Joan Irene Brennan RIP F
THURSDAY 2 JANUARY Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church, memorial	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Dec of Warwick Family F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Mrs Sheila Kelly RIP F
FRIDAY 3 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day [Friday of Christmastide before Epiphany] or The Holy Name of Jesus, <i>optional memorial</i>	0930	St Swithun	Canon Kuner RIP P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Joseph Salerno RIP
	1830	St Colman	Mary Ann White RIP (CC)
SATURDAY 4 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day [Saturday of Christmastide before Epiphany]	1100	St Swithun	Intentions of Anne Sullivan (Marie-Elise)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Bill Quigley RIP
SATURDAY 5 JANUARY Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord, solemnity	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		St Colman	Ron Horsey RIP (MH)
		St Joseph	
		St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6 JANUARY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mr Oliver Rosenorn-Lanng RIP
	0830	St Swithun	Marie de Glamorgan RIP P
	0900	St Joseph	
	0915	St Colman	Jerry Hennessy RIP (PH)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Jane and Malcolm Bosonnet INT
	1015	St Swithun	Hugh Darcy RIP (Butler)
	1100	St Paul	Private Intentions (Friends & Relatives, Alive & Deceased) CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	
	1200	St John's Cathedral	
	1600	Q A Hospital	Good Estate of Tony Whitlock (PM)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	William Joseph Walsh F
	MONDAY 6 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day Monday of Christmastide after Epiphany	0700	St Colman
1215		St John's Cathedral	
TUESDAY 7 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day Tuesday of Christmastide after Epiphany or St Raymond of Peñafort, Religious, <i>op mem</i>	0930	St Paul	Michael Doherty & Family (TG, SG & EG)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Luke MacIntyre RIP and Debbie and Don MacIntyre INT
WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day [Wednesday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	0730	St John's Cathedral	
	0830	St Colman	Chris Gunning (SG, TG & EG)
	0930	St Swithun	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	0930	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi School New Term
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Angie Borja INT
THURSDAY 9 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day Thursday of Christmastide after Epiphany	0930	St Joseph	
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Terry Butler RIP
FRIDAY 10 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day Friday of Christmastide after Epiphany	0930	St Swithun	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	0730	St John's Cathedral	Sister Stephen Sleep F
	1830	St Colman	Margaret & James McGovern (A McG)
	0930	Corpus Christi	Andrew Lee F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Elizabeth Convery Maghera RIP
SATURDAY 11 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day Saturday of Christmastide after Epiphany	0900	Corpus Christi	Payne Family P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Elson Carvalho RIP
SATURDAY 11 JANUARY First Mass of the Baptism of the Lord	1800	St John's Cathedral	Annie and Michael Crowe RIP F
		Our Lady of Lourdes	Patricia Bunting RIP F
		St Colman	Thanksgiving (FD)
		St Joseph	Albert Sutton P
SUNDAY 12 JANUARY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, Feast <i>Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7</i> <i>Acts 10:34-38</i> <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mr Oliver Rosenorn-Lanng RIP
	0830	St Swithun	
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (BH)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Joan Phelan RIP
	1015	St Swithun	Intentions of Anne Sullivan (Marie Elise)
	1100	St Paul	Priests, Nun's & Religious (Alive & Deceased) (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	Family and Friends in the Philippines
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Eunice Melin RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	Michael Pragnell RIP (P&AP)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Joan Phelan RIP

F: Foundation – P: Perpetual