

Today

Baptism: 1430 Congratulations to those of our infants and young children who will be baptised. We warmly welcome their families and friends to the Cathedral. For dates and times of the next course, please contact the Parish Office.

Youth Justice & Peace Group Meeting: 1600-1800 Cathedral Centre. We invite our young parishioners (ages 13 and up) to join us. You will be most welcome!

Forthcoming Events

05/02 Hatha Yoga continues: 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A gentle way to fitness, health and sense of well-being.

05/02 Exploring God's Word: 1900 St John's Room. Group Study and discussion meeting on the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

06/02 and every Wednesday - St John's Parents' Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room. All parents, carers and their children are welcome to join this friendly and informal group.

07/02 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): 1930 St John's Chapel. An ongoing programme every Thursday.

08/02 Head Teachers' Conference 1230 Cathedral Discovery Centre

09/02 Rite of Election 1100 Cathedral. RCIA candidates from the deanery gather to celebrate with Bishop Crispian.

09/02 and every Saturday: Meditation Group 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet, reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

10/02 RCIA Presentation : during the 1000 Mass.

10/02 Renewal of Marriage Vows: during the 1200 Mass. There will be a celebration of marriage with the renewal of marriage vows as part of the National Marriage Week.

Cathedral Priests:

- Canon David Hopgood and Father Steven Restori
- Mrs Lily Peach, Parish Secretary: 023 9282 6170
- Sister Rita, FMDM, Pastoral Assistant: 023 9296 0376
- Mr Peter Newman, Director of Music: 07811205729
- Mr Oliver Bailey-Green, Cathedral Organist: 07849 872010
- Mr Dave Yates, Cathedral Verger: 023 9287 0348
- Hospital Chaplaincy: 023 9228 6000
- St John's Cathedral Primary School: 023 9282 1055
- St Edmund's Secondary School: 023 9282 3766
- Discovery Centre: 023 9287 0348



St John's



Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth

Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

The readings give a good description of the type of person God wants us to be! The prophet Zephaniah tells us of the characteristics of God's people. They are described as humble and lowly, they will do no wrong and will live in peace. The Gospel is the classic text of the Beatitudes in which it is once again the lowly and peaceful who, Jesus says, will be exulted. God favours those persecuted for truth and goodness, particularly those who suffer in God's name. This is surely a promise that resounds in the ears of many today who are suffering for truth. Both readings speak of a future time, a promise of a future happiness, not yet realised.

This week, we begin the Season of Lent. I urge you to try to come and receive the Ashes as a sign of solidarity and commitment to deepen one's love and service to God.

Beatitudes

Blessed are you when you smile at me

- For then I know I'm welcome.

Blessed are you when you look at me with love

- For then I know I am special.

Blessed are you when you wait for me

- For then I know I belong

Blessed are you when you walk with me in public places

- For then I know you are proud of me

Blessed are you when you ask me for help

- For then I know I matter

Blessed are you when you are gentle with me

- For then I am sure I am loved

Blessed are you when you believe in me

- For then I know that I am valued

Blessed are you when you hold my hand

- How else can I feel God's compassion?

Music	Mass Intentions
1800 725 704 670	If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, please see the Verger or the priests.
1000 827 694 (1, 3, 5, 7) 644	
1200 717 610 924 722	
1800 670 704 725	

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 3rd February Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1000 People of the Diocese
1200 Hanora & Lena Brennan RIP
1800 Mary Carey RIP

Monday 4th February Feria

0730 Bishop Derek Warlock RIP(F)
1215 Harry Rose RIP

Tuesday 5th February Memorial St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

very little is known about this Sicilian saint who has been honoured since the 6th C. She refused the advances of a rich suitor, Quintian, and dedicated her life to God. She was martyred by having her breasts cut off and rolled over hot coals. She is patron of bell ringers, bakers, breast cancer and natural disasters, among others.

0730 John Bolger Intention
1215 Requiem Mass for Geraldine Nora Duke, RIP

Beginning of the Season of Lent Wednesday 6th February Ash Wednesday, Day of Fasting and Abstinence

0730 Rose Farrugia RIP
1215 Bob & Sonia Warren RIP
1930

0730 Daniel Nolan RIP
1215 Kathleen Sharman RIP

Thursday 7th February After Ash Wednesday

0730 Christine & James' Intentions
1230* *altered time*

Friday 8th February After Ash Wednesday

0730 Milagros Alacapa RIP
1230* *altered time*
1830 Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th February After Ash Wednesday

(No 1215 Mass today)
1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
1800 Father Peter Sprague

Stations of the Cross

Join other parishioners each Friday evening at 1830 throughout the Lenten Season starting on 8 Feb

Special Collections 2008

The new list for Second Collections during this year is now available from the back of the Cathedral.

Chinese New Year Mass

The 1200 Mass today is also a celebration of Chinese New Year. We wish all our Chinese brothers and sisters "Kung Hei Fat Choi" (Congratulations and Be Prosperous!) in the Year of the Rat.

International Theme Sunday - China

For the month of February, we pray and think of the people of China. There will be a display about the country, its flag and saints near the statue of St Edmund.

Retiring Collection for the Catholic Children's Society

This will be taken after all Masses this weekend to provide care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. The Society relies on your generous support to continue its work in our diocese.

Lenten Alms - Building A Classroom

This Lent, the Justice & Peace Group is appealing for your help to fund the construction of a school classroom in a developing nation.

This incredible gift of a new classroom will provide for a team of builders, plus all the materials to refurbish and fully equip a whole classroom that has been destroyed or damaged by natural disaster or by conflict. It includes everything from solid walls and a roof, to desk, chairs and a blackboard, so that literally hundreds of children get the education they need for years to come.

The cost of this classroom is £3400, which will buy what is virtually a lifelong gift to many. Throughout Lent, there will be a display in the Cathedral of similar projects that have been carried out in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please view the display, and consider giving your Lenten alms to this appeal.

Lenten Day of Prayer

Bishop Crispian will lead this Day of Prayer on Sat 23 Feb at 1100 in the Centre.

Welcome

To all relatives, friends and visitors to the Cathedral and the city of Portsmouth.

Visitors: You are invited to register in the Visitor's Book at the west end of the Cathedral.

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourselves after Mass to the priest (and to other parishioners) so that he (and we) can get to know you.

Rite of Election, 9 Feb

All those being baptised and received into the Church throughout the diocese will be gathering in the Cathedral this coming Saturday 9 Feb to be presented to the Bishop in preparation for their reception at Easter.

After this Rite our catechumens and candidates will enter into a more intense preparation for the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. There will be no 1215 Mass on this day. From our own parish, remember especially:

- Rachael Lee Gemma McGrail
- Kim Laughton Mandy Pereira
- Victoria Gargaro Martin Griffin
- Yelena Towill Peter Aldam
- Chloe Rance Matt Tinker
- Hayley Mills

Please keep them in your prayers.

Bowling Evening

All 16-18 year olds are invited to this social evening on Tuesday 5 Feb at 1900 in Gunwharf Quays.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your peers. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, or would like to come, please contact Mary Ellen on email:maryellen.portsmouthdeanery@google.com

Hospital Chaplaincy

Fr Andrew, the Hospital Chaplain, is asking for volunteers to take Holy Communion to those who are ill in hospital on a Sunday morning.

If there is anyone interested and would like to know more, you can contact Fr Andrew on 9228 6408.

Head Teachers' Conference

The Heads and Deputy Heads of our Catholic Schools in the diocese are meeting for a two-day conference in Portsmouth, and will be gathering at the Cathedral Discovery Centre on 8 February.

Please note, the midday Mass on this day, Friday 8 February will be celebrated at 1230 and not 1215.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Carole Winsor, Agatha de Mornay, Fr Peter Sprague, Nora North, John and Kathleen Cotter, Mark Hamilton, Betty Knighton, Albert Hider, Dan & Elish Cregan, Laurie Payne, Brenda Hamilton, Adelaide de Battista, Caroline Moran, Maisie Hider, Jenny Edwards, Doreen Yates and Pat Wright.

Please keep in your prayers those who have died: Geraldine Nora Duke and William Hart RIP

As well as for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rose Higgins † John Sheerin † Crecenzo Giordano † Harry Rose † John Byrne † Kathleen Broomfield † Gerald Whitelock † John Wilkens † Joan Hatherley † Marguerite Smitheman † Sonia Warren † Reginald Morland † Harold Walker † Aileen Bennett † Ian Hanvey † Florence Bennworth † Samuel Grubb † Richard Hanby † Ellen Everett † James Lynch † **May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Confession

Saturday 1100 - 1200
1630 - 1730

Devotions

Midday Prayer

Monday - Saturday 1200
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 1100-1200
Rosary after 1215 Mass
Tuesday and Thursday

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £1,900.87 of which £1,041.65 (55%) was gift-aided.