

**Today**

**Charity Car Wash:** during 1000 and 1200 Masses by the University Chaplaincy students and Youth J&P Group. Proceeds will go to the Lenten Alms Classroom Appeal.

**Youth Justice & Peace Meeting:** 1600-1800 Cathedral Centre. Open and welcome to all 13+

**Forthcoming Events**

**17/03 CWL Monthly Meeting:** 1315-1530 Cathedral Centre. Stations of the Cross at 1400. New members and visitors are welcome. Refreshments after the service.

**18/03 Mass of the Oils (Chrism Mass):** 1100 Cathedral. All are welcome.

**20/03 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 1930 Cathedral followed by **Watching at the Altar of Repose** until 1100 in the Cathedral Hall. Please come and spend an hour with the Lord for this special occasion.

**21/03 Good Friday:** 1000 Stations of the Cross with Bishop Crispian; 1200 Children's Station of the Cross; 1500 The Solemn Liturgy.

**22/03 Blessing of the Easter Food:** 1600 Cathedral.

**22/03 Holy Saturday:** 1930 Solemn Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.

**23/03 Easter Sunday Masses:** 1000, 1200 and 1800.

**28/03 Youth Justice & Peace Video Night:** 1900-2100 Jubilee Room.

**28/03 Confirmation Session:** 1900-2100 Cathedral Hall.

**29-30/03 Feast of Divine Mercy All Day and Vigil Celebration:** To be led by Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy, Crakov and Fr Martin Wysocki, Leigh Park Church.

**30/03 First Communion 12th Session:** During 1200 Mass.

**30/03 Healing Prayer Time:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel.

**01/04 Deanery Justice & Peace Group:** 1930 St John's Room. New members are always welcome.

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Thought of the Week

*Canon David Hopgood***Building with Hope**

During Lent this year we have been considering the different ways that we can build our blocks of faith and hope, so that our building is secure! We build our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and works of charity. Part of that work of charity for us this Lent has been building the blocks of a classroom in Africa for children who are in need. This week will be our last opportunity to give towards this classroom (final gifts will be given in the Offertory during the Mass of Maundy Thursday this week.

Today we celebrate the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. Take your palms home and make this week holy by participating in some of the liturgies that the Church offers for us:

**Mass of the Oils**

This takes place on Tuesday at 1100, when the Bishop and all the priests and deacons of the diocese will renew their dedication to serve in the church and administer the sacraments. At this Mass the Bishop blesses and consecrates the Oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick. These oils will be used in all the churches in the diocese during the coming year.

**Maundy Thursday**

We celebrate this Mass as the great gift of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. In the washing of the feet, we are reminded to simply follow Christ's command of love. After the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose (in the Cathedral Centre). We are invited, if we wish, to spend some time with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, until 2300.

**Good Friday**

In the morning there will be Stations of the Cross at 1000 led by the Bishop. There will be Children's Stations of the Cross at 1200 noon. At 1500, we will celebrate the Solemn Liturgy of the Reading of the Passion and the opportunity to venerate the wood of the cross (lasting about an hour).

**Holy Saturday**

The Vigil Mass at 1930 is the most important Mass in the church year. During this wonderful celebration, four adults will be baptised and seven received into full communion with the Catholic Church. It is a wonderful celebration, full of simple Easter joy.

So build foundations this week that are based in Christ.

**Poświęcenie pokarmów wielkanocnych**

Święcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę, 22 marca o godzinie 16 w Katedrze Św. Jana. Choć jest to polska tradycja, wszyscy są zaproszeni do wzięcia udziału w tej krótkiej ceremonii święcenia pokarmów z wielkanocnego stołu. Ojciec David

**Liturgical Calendar****& Mass Times****Sunday 16th March****Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

1000 People of the Parish

1200 Terry Duke RIP

1800 Mary Barclay-Taylor RIP

**Monday 17th March****Holy Week**

0730

1215

**Tuesday 18th March****Holy Week**

1100 Mass of Chrism

**Wednesday 19th March****Holy Week**

0730

1215 Giovanna &amp; Elia French RIP

**Thursday 20th March****Maundy Thursday**

1930 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fr Peter Sprague

**Friday 21st March****Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

1000 Stations of the Cross

1200 Children's Stations of the Cross

1500 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

**Saturday 22nd March****Holy Saturday**

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1930 **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

People of the Parish

**Sunday 23rd March****EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION, solemnity**

1000 Anna Thi Huu Ngo RIP

1200 Mary Flury RIP

1800

**Easter Sunday Collection**

This is your contribution towards the stipend of the parish clergy and is your personal gift that forms part of their annual salary.

Would those in the Gift Aid Scheme please use their appropriate numbered envelopes.

**Mass Intentions**

Please see the Verger or the priests if you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention.

**Reception and Baptism**

Please pray for our adult candidates who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil:

Rachel Lee Kim Laughton

Gemma McGrail

Victoria Gargaro

As well as those who are to be received and confirmed:

Peter Aldam Hayley Mills

Mandy Pereira Chloe Rance

Yelena Towill Martin Griffin

Matt Tinker

**Passion Play on BBC1**

Starting 16 March on Palm Sunday at 2000, and followed by three successive parts during Holy Week, is a new Passion production of the Life and Death of Jesus Christ. Its producer, Nigel Stafford-Clarke says, "with the world the way it is at the moment, anything that is about something that goes beyond your everyday existence is of value. People are looking for something beyond their new car. Telling a story like this quenches that thirst. It makes you feel there is something beyond your own limited existence".

**Archbishop Kevin McDonald**

Please pray for Archbishop Kevin McDonald, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, who has undergone a triple heart bypass operation recently.

**Hatha Yoga**

A new ten-week course of Yoga Classes will start on 8 April in the Cathedral Centre. Cost: £40.00. If you are interested, please sign-up in the sheet in the Cathedral Centre.

**Gift Aid**

Gift Aid envelopes will be given out on the weekend of 29/30 March in the Discovery Centre.

**Attention: All Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The new rotas will come into force on 5 April. Any points to be taken into account (non-availability, changes in circumstances, etc) should be notified by 23 March.

**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.

**Building Blocks...Building Better Lives: Finishing the Roof**

This incredible gift of a new classroom will provide a team of builders and all the materials to refurbish and fully equip a whole classroom that has been destroyed or damaged by natural disasters or conflicts. It includes everything from solid walls and a roof, to desks, 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, (we have raised £2800 so far) which will buy what is virtually a lifelong gift to many. Please see the display of the project in St Patrick's Chapel.

Purple buckets will be at the exits of the Cathedral for your donations to the 'Building Blocks' Appeal. For those in the Gift Aid scheme please use your white envelopes. The final collection will take place on Maundy Thursday during the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 1930. Thank you for your generosity.

**Blessing of Easter Food**

There will be a short service of Blessing of Easter food during Holy Saturday 22 March at 1600 in St John's Cathedral. Although this is a Polish custom all are invited to bring along the food that will be used for Easter.

**To All Volunteers Who Work with Children**

You are encouraged to attend Child Protection Awareness Training Courses. Details are posted in the Notice Board of the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Some 20-30 people are needed in order to organise a session. If you can attend one or more of the courses please inform Sue Smy on 9282 6170.

**APF Appeal Red Boxes**

These are now due to be emptied. Please hand them in to Nora North in the Discovery Centre. Donations are welcome.

**Please pray for those who are ill, especially:**

Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Jacques Olie, John Cotter Maria Makin, Michael Dyer, Pam Rundell, Yvonne Tomkins, Carole Winsler, Agatha de Mornay, Fr Peter Sprague, 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 notify the Office of any change)

**Please keep in your prayers those who have died:**

Douglas James Cooper RIP  
Michael Galbraith RIP  
(father of Neil Galbraith)

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

Rose Miller † Ellen O'Hara † Nicola Gladhill † William Mason † Kathleen O'Brien † Megan Barrett † Ivor Mulholland † Robert Newsome † Arthur Thorne † Rose Cotton † Josephine Hammersley † John Yung Hok † Peter Kerton † Thi Huu Ngo † Brian Oram †

**May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**Confession this Week**

Wednesday 1700-1800

**Peter's Pence**

The collection on Good Friday is for the upkeep of the Holy Places of the Church. Please give generously.

**We acknowledge with thanks:** Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £1,942.45 of which £988.00 (51%) was gift-aided.