

Forthcoming Events

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 and Vigil Celebration: To be led by Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy, Crakov and Fr Martin Wysocki, Leigh Park Church.

30/03 First Holy Communion Programme: during the 1200 Mass. Children preparing for First Communion will hold their 12th session.

30/03 Healing Prayer Time: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. An opportunity to receive individual prayer and anointing with Oil of Gladness. All are welcome.

01/04 Portsmouth Grammar School Concert: 1900 Cathedral. All welcome.

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

03/04 Liturgy Group Meeting: 1800 Bishop's House.

03/04 Deanery Schools 'Celebration Evening': 1900 Cathedral. All welcome.

04/04 St Edmund's School Easter Celebration: 1000 Cathedral. All welcome.

06/04 Youth Justice & Peace Group Meeting: 1600-1800 Cathedral Hall. Open and welcome to all young parishioners and beyond (aged 13+).

08/04 Hatha Yoga begins: 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. Places are still available. Classes will be suitable for beginners as well as those with experience.

13/04 Baptism Preparation: following 1000 Mass. Cathedral Centre.

15/04 Parish Justice & Peace Meeting: 1930 St John's Room. New members and visitors are always welcome.

19/04 Fidei Donum Mass: 1200 Cathedral. To celebrate 50 years of interchange in the Church's missionary endeavours. All welcome.

Cathedral Priests:

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St John's



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Thought of the Week

Father Steven Restori

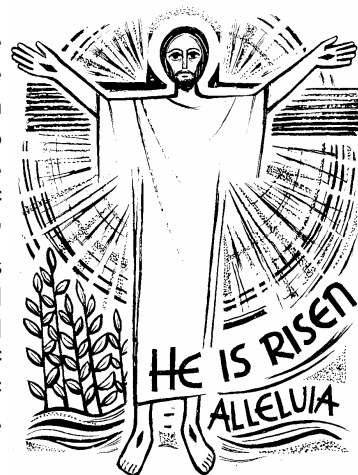
We are an Easter people, an alleluia people.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead demonstrates God's ultimate power over all other forces including death. By his resurrection, Jesus opens the door of eternity to all believers. The mystery of redemption, first mentioned at the birth of Christ, reaches its purpose in the resurrection. Our belief in the resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith.

For the six weeks of Lent we have not heard the alleluia and now, at Easter, we not only resume using the alleluia at the gospel acclamation but for these first eight days of Easter we also use a double alleluia at the end of Mass after the blessing. It is as though our joy is so complete that we want to sing alleluia at the beginning of Mass and also at the conclusion of Mass. We are sent forth with alleluia ringing in our ears to remind us that through our baptism, the promises we renew today, we already share in the new life of the resurrection. We are a resurrection people, an Easter people, an alleluia people.

The disciples came to believe by seeing the empty tomb. By seeing they remembered Jesus' promise that he would be raised up after three days. Thus they came to believe. We have no empty tomb to help us remember and come to believe, but we do have something much stronger – the preaching of witnesses. Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach, not just the good news of forgiveness and the coming of the kingdom but also by their witness to new life in Christ.

Easter Sunday, then, is more than a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is an invitation to each of us to preach the gospel and take our place in the long line of witnesses to Jesus' resurrected life. God entrusts us with Jesus' mission. God also calls us to see and believe, to be witnesses of God's mighty deed of resurrection. No wonder we continually sing out Alleluia!



Bishop Crispian, Canon David, Father Steven

and all the Cathedral Staff

wish you a Happy and Joyous Easter!

Alleluia!

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Easter Sunday 23rd March
Solemnity

1000 Anna Thi Huu Ngo RIP
1200 Mary Flury RIP
1800

Monday 24th March

Monday within Easter Octave

1000 Anthony Martin RIP

Tuesday 25th March

Tuesday within Easter Octave

1215 Roy Humphries RIP

Wednesday 26th March

Wednesday within Easter Octave

1215 Kathleen Cotter RIP

Thursday 27th March

Thursday within Easter Octave

1215 Mary Theresa & George Walsh RIP (F)

Friday 28th March

Friday within Easter Octave

1215 Mary Angela Martin RIP (F)

Saturday 29th March

Saturday within Easter Octave

1215 Terence Donoghue RIP
1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
1800 Ann Sampey RIP

Sunday 30th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of the Divine Mercy

1000 People of the Parish
1200 Bishop Kevin Dunn RIP
1800 Maeve Murray Intention

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.

Early Morning Mass

This resumes on Monday 31 March at 0730 in St John's Chapel.

Baptism Preparation

Parents of children who will be baptised on 27 April will meet with catechists following the 1000 Mass.

Congratulations

To those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil Mass:

Rachel Lee
Gemma McGrail
Victoria Gargaro

To those who were received into full communion:

Peter Aldam Hayley Mills
Mandy Pereira Chloe Rance
Yelena Towill Martin Griffin
Matt Tinker

To those children and young people celebrating baptism At the 1000 Mass:

Oluseyi Olusegun Petinrin

At the 1200 Mass:

Adam Cordoba
Alexander Cordoba
Nela Zinkin
Kiera Favell

Thank You

To our cleaners, musicians, flower arrangers, liturgists, altar servers and all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to beautify the Cathedral and make our Easter celebration a joyous and happy occasion.

Lenten Alms 2008

Many thanks for the generosity of everyone who has contributed towards the 'Building Blocks' for the classroom in Africa. With the Maundy Thursday collection still to come, we have reached the splendid total of £6,950. This represents TWO classrooms!

Charity Car Wash

This raised a total of £115.91 for the Lenten Alms Classroom Appeal. A big Thank You to the University Chaplaincy students and members of Youth Justice & Peace Group.

Hatha Yoga

A new ten-week course of Yoga Classes will start on 8 April in the Cathedral Centre. Cost: £40. If you are interested please sign-up on the sheet in the Centre.

Gift Aid

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

Eight-Day Retreats for as little as £25!

St Bueno's are offering two retreats a year for those who find their usual proposals too expensive. This applies, particularly for the young, between the ages of 18 and 30, who do not have sufficient money, but would benefit from an Ignatian retreat. For an eight-day retreat beginning 6 June and a six-day retreat from 26 June an individually guided retreat is being offered from just £25 deposit. These retreats are being guided so a number of retreatants are needed.

St Bueno's ask for a deposit of £25 in order that people feel committed; then if they can afford a little more it certainly won't be refused. This introductory scheme worked successfully last year.

Please contact Fr David Birchall SJ, Director, St Bueno's, St Asaph, LL17 0AS or 01745 583444 or director@buenos.com

Ex-Serviceman's Pilgrimage to Lourdes, May 2008-2009

Any Ex-Serviceman who are disabled and would like to go to Lourdes with the Hosanna House Group this year or next year please contact Mike O'Connor on 9281 1543 for further details.

The Group is also seeking help from serving or ex-serving able-bodied persons who would be prepared to go on the pilgrimage as helpers.

To All Volunteers Who Work with Children

You are encouraged to attend Child Protection Awareness Training Courses. Details are posted on 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. Following an incident in another church involving a child and candles please can you ensure the children are supervised at all times when in the Cathedral land Centre.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Louise Neagle, 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)

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

Niamh Fahey † George Hatton † Daniel Synnott † Charles Boyle † Winifred Hamilton † Noah Smith † Peggy Murray † Roy Humphries † Sister Anne Smith † Julia Molloy † William Bernard Keily † Violet Bullock † Leslie Haydon † Dorothy Thomas † Vera McGowan †

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

Confession this Week	
Saturday 1100-1200	1630-1730
Devotions	
MIDDAY PRAYER	
Monday-Saturday 1200	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday	1100 - 1200
Saturday	1100 - 1200
Rosary after 1215 Mass	
Tuesday and Thursday	

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £1,739.85 of which £904.10 (52%) was gift-aided.