

Today

First Holy Communion Programme: during the 1200 Mass. Children preparing for First Communion will hold their twelfth session.

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

Forthcoming Events

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.

02/04 St John's School Year 6 Mass: 0930 St John's Chapel. Parents are 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 Mass 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 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuation on the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

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:

- 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



St John's



Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth

Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

Easter Joy

We hear in today's first reading of the Acts of the Apostles about the early community gathered, living and sharing in harmony. Some might say what a contradiction to today! I am not so sure having just experienced the privilege of celebrating Easter here at St John's! I do believe we share and support one another, perhaps not with food and money, but by faith and example.

I witnessed a tremendous amount of faith and support during the Triduum, leading up to Easter Day. From the liturgy preparation of the music and hymns, to the flowers and cleaning, and the care with which the Word of God was proclaimed during the liturgy with faith; yes, the Word of God is truly alive when proclaimed.

Seeing the RCIA candidates (those 10 who wished to become Catholics) having their feet washed on Maundy Thursday was a powerful reminder of how they had journeyed with our community since last summer. To see them baptised and received into our community of faith was not unlike the Lord showing us his hands and his side. For their faith gives witness to the resurrection and will I know greatly enhance our community. They have certainly strengthened my faith and for that I thank them. Each one of them has journeyed in a different way and they are faith-filled people.

So yes, like the picture given in the Acts of the Apostles, we are faithful to the breaking of bread and sharing of faith. And yes, the Lord is adding to our numbers each day, so we have much to thank God for - Alleluia!

I would also like to extend great gratitude to those who prepared our candidates for reception: Roisin Gwyer, David Kennedy, Gerry Johnson, Phil Gowers and Sister Rita.



Music				
1800	270	708	852	
1000	283	278	636	852
1200	465	278	284	270
1800	465	278	270	

Early Morning Mass
There is no 0730 Mass during this week. It will resume on Monday 7th April in St John's Chapel.

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 30th March *Second Sunday of Easter (Octave Day of Easter)*

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

Monday 31st March *Solemnity The Annunciation of the Lord*

- 1215 Maeve Murray Intention

Tuesday 1st April
of the 2nd Week of Easter

- 1215 David O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 2nd April
of the 2nd Week of Easter

- 1215 Ann Crowe

Thursday 3rd April
of the 2nd Week of Easter

- 1215 Salvador Martos

Friday 4th April
Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter

- 1215 Bishop & Priests of the Diocese

Saturday 5th April
of the 2nd Week of Easter

- 1215 Bishop Anthony Emery RIP (F)
- 1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
- 1800 Kathleen Sharman RIP

Sunday 6th April
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 1000 Private Intention
- 1200 People of the Parish
- 1800 Violeta Soria RIP

Mass Intentions

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

Gift Aid Envelopes

Please collect your new envelopes from the Discovery Centre Hall before or after any Mass this weekend 29/30 March. Thank you for all your generous contributions.

Baptism Preparation

This will be held following the 1000 Mass on 13 April in the Jubilee Room for parents who have a child to present for Baptism on 27 April and their catechists.

Parents looking to baptise their child are invited to contact the Parish Office.

THANK YOU

Canon David and Father Steven would like to thank everyone for their enormous generosity, gifts and cards this Easter.

A big thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Special thanks to our altar servers, cleaners, flower arrangers, choir, musicians, ushers, Lay ministers of Communion and liturgists who have enhanced our celebrations this year.

Thank you, too, for your very generous support to the Lenten Alms 'Building Blocks' Classroom Appeal for Africa. We have raised a splendid total of £8,880.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22-29 August 2008

Each year our diocese of Portsmouth under the leadership of the Bishop goes for a pilgrimage to Lourdes. A number of our parishioners have attended this over the last few years.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette Soubirous. There is also an opportunity for young people to work as handmaids and brancardiers. They selflessly give their time pushing wheelchairs or assist at the various ceremonies. They are always of great credit to the diocese. If there is anyone in the parish who would like to go as a young helper, then please speak to one of the priests. You have to be aged 17 years by August 2008.

This special pilgrimage is under the leadership of Bishop Declan Lang.

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 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.

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.

Fidei Donum Mass 19 April

An "intercultural" Mass at 1200 in the Cathedral to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the call to mission contained in the document *Fidei Donum*. All are welcome to attend particularly those involved in the work of the Church overseas. Fr Tony Chantry, Superior General of the Mill Hill Fathers is the preacher.

Celebrating Catholic Schools

On Thursday 3 April at 1900 our Catholic Schools in the city will gather in the Cathedral for an evening Liturgy of the Word and Song on the theme of Vocations entitled - "I am Called"

Hatha Yoga

A new course of Yoga Classes will commence on Tuesday 8 April in the Cathedral Centre. It will comprise ten consecutive Tuesdays at a cost of £40. Classes will be suitable for beginners as well as those with experience. If you are interested please sign-up on the sheet in the Centre.

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 and Centre.

Rotas for Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The forthcoming rotas have now been despatched by email. For those without email, an appropriate supply in hard copy has been placed in the upright dispenser at the entrance to the Cathedral from the Main Hall.

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:

Rose King † Katie Pinhorne † Margaret Cosgrave † Paul Baker † Hilda Channon † Charles Armstrong † Bertha (Beth) Branwood Graydon † George Criipps † Bishop Anthony Emery † Thomas Whitelaw † John Carter †

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:

Chrism Mass £597.79
Holy Places £416.20
Lenten Alms Total: £8,880