

Today

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

Forthcoming Events

08/04 and succeeding Tuesdays - Hatha Yoga: 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. Parents will meet with the catechists.

15/04 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

15/04 Parish Justice & Peace Meeting: 1930 St John's Room. Members, especially new members, are always welcome.

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

21/04 CWL Monthly Meeting: 1315-1530 Cathedral Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome.

23/04 First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting: 1900 Cathedral. An important meeting for parents and catechists.

26/04 PGCE Graduation Ceremony: 1100 Cathedral. Followed by Reception in the Hall.

26/04 and every Saturday: Meditation Group 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet, reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

03/05 CWL 50th Anniversary Mass: 1215 Celebrated by Bishop Crispian.

11/05 First Holy Communion Mass: 1200 Cathedral.

11/05 Portsmouth Deanery Confirmation Mass: 1500

16/05 Parish Supper 125th Anniversary: 1930 Cathedral Centre. Come and celebrate our community!

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
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Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

They recognised Jesus in the breaking of bread - their eyes were opened! This is an account of how the early apostles recognised the presence of the Risen Lord. How important it is to recognise the presence of the Risen Lord, not only in the Eucharist, but in other areas of life. Sometimes our eyes need to be opened so that we might see more clearly. In the preparation of our children for their First Holy Communion, we can recognise faith growing in our young people - and often awakened and strengthened faith in their parents.

The function of the Parish Pastoral Council is to assist the priests in recognising the gifts and talents of the parish and enabling us to use them so that we might be a community that is witness to the resurrection. For our eyes are opened when we recognise our gifts and use them for the benefit of others. When was the last time you recognised another person's gifts and told them so?

St John's Cathedral Primary School

Two weeks ago, our parish school was given a couple of days' notice telling them that they were to have an OFSTED government inspection. I am delighted to inform you that the school was given the status 'Outstanding'. The report said "This is an outstanding school: pupils' achievements are outstanding. Those leaving at the end of Key Stage 2 have achieved standards above national averages. The curriculum and care, guidance and support provided for pupils are outstanding and contribute to an ethos of care for individuals and to an atmosphere in which learning is encouraged". The report rightly recognises the excellent staff and the good support of governors. It also says "The Head Teacher adopts an uncompromising focus on raising pupils achievements and their aspirations for their future lives. She is ably supported by the Deputy Head Teacher and the other managers".

On behalf of the parish, I would like to congratulate our Head and Staff. We should be proud of our Cathedral Primary School, which is a beacon that recognises the presence of Christ in all the pupils.

Music				
1800	750	924	969	
1000	273	423	875	
1200	293	924	746	970
1800	293	924	969	

Music at the 1000 Mass	
Gloria	526
Sanctus & Benedictus	574
Acclamation	575
Agnus Dei	590

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 6th April

Third Sunday of Easter

1000 *Private Intention*

1200 People of the Parish

1800 Violeta Soria RIP

Monday 7th April *Memorial*
St John Baptist de la Salle, Founder

Patron of teachers and youth. He gave up his wealth and nobility to dedicate his life to the education of the poor children. Known as the father of modern education.

0730 Liayn Thomas Njikam *Intention*

1215 Alec Lovelock RIP

Tuesday 8th April

of the 3rd Week of Easter

0730 Stephen Woolley *Intention*

1215 Stuart Smeeth *Intention*

Wednesday 9th April

of the 3rd Week of Easter

0730

1215 Arthur Marlow RIP

Thursday 10th April

of the 3rd Week of Easter

0730 *Private Intention*

1215 Joan Elsey O'Connell (F)

Friday 11th April *Memorial*

St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. *The first Polish saint to be recognised as a martyr. A brave priest and bishop who spoke out against immorality and injustice without fear of the consequence. He was murdered after celebrating Mass by King Boleslaus II in 1079.*

0730

1215 Beak McElwee *Intention*

Saturday 12th April

of the 3rd Week of Easter

1215 Souls in Purgatory

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1800 John & Margaret O'Shea RIP

Sunday 13th April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1000 Rose Farrugia

1200

1800 People of the Parish

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 Monday 7 April in St John's Chapel.

Clergy Training Fund

There will be a retiring collection to assist our retired priests after all Masses next weekend 13-14 April. Please use white Gift Aid envelopes.

Gift Aid Envelopes

If you have not done so please collect your envelopes from the Discovery Centre this weekend. Otherwise postage cost to the Cathedral is £1.20 per person. If you pay by standing order and have enough 'white' envelopes please phone the Cathedral office on 9282 6170 and leave your name.

Fidei Donum Mass 19

April An "intercultural" Mass will be held 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.

125th Anniversary of the Diocese & Cathedral

To celebrate the event there will be a Parish Supper on Friday 16 May at 1930 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Tickets cost £30 for food and entertainment and will be available after all Masses or from the Parish Office on 9282 6170.

St John's Cathedral Summer Fete 2008

We are already planning for the annual Summer Fete and are asking parishioners to begin donating quality items for prizes, tombola stalls, etc. Parishioners and friends are invited to come and support this special event on Saturday 12 July from 1100-1630 in the Cathedral Centre.

Understanding CAFOD

If you have wondered how CAFOD is funded, how it spends its funds or how it works overseas, come along to the talk on 'Understanding CAFOD' on Saturday 10 May at St Philip Howard Church Hall, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham. The day will run from 1030-1530 and lunch will be provided. For catering purposes please ring Laura at the CAFOD office on 01252 329385.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22-29 August 2008

Each year our diocese of Portsmouth goes for a pilgrimage to Lourdes. A number of our parishioners, led by the Bishop, 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 year's special pilgrimage is under the leadership of Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton.

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

Any ex-servicemen 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.

Prayer and Healing Day in St Edmund Church, Horndean

Fr Nicholas Broadbridge OSB from Douai Abbey will facilitate a day on Healing at St Edmund's Church, Horndean on Saturday 10 May from 1000-1700. Cost: £10.00 and bring a packed lunch. To reserve a place and for details call Sheila Morgan on 92 598 416.

Rotas for Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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:

Elizabeth Small, Louise Neagle, Archbishop Kevin McDonald, John Cotter Maria Makin, Michael Dyer, Pam Rundell, Yvonne Tomkins, Carole Winser, 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:

John Carter † Frederick Dunford † Emanuel Barbara † Patrick McGrath † Ethel Barrett † Joseph Reidy † Brenda Cosgrave † Josephine Trevor † Miklos Onucsan † Hugh Tierney † Teresa Gasser †

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 £ 3,122.34 of which £ 2,233.50 (72 %) was gift-aided.

Lenten Alms : £9,535.21