

**Today**

**Baptism Preparation:** after 1000 Mass in Jubilee Room. Informal meeting of catechists and parents of children who will be baptised on 27 April.

**Forthcoming Events**

**15/04 - and succeeding Tuesdays - Hatha Yoga:** 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. Places are still available. Classes are suitable for beginners as well as those with experience.

**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. Everyone is 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.

**27/04 Blessing of Engagement Rings:** 1000 Mass. Cathedral.

**27/04 First Communion 13th Session:** during 1200 Mass.

**27/04 Youth Justice & Peace Meeting:** 1600-1800 Cathedral Centre. Open and welcome to all 13+

**27/04 Healing and Prayer Time:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. All welcome.

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Thought of the Week

*Father Steven Restori*

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel for today is taken from the tenth chapter of John, in which Jesus speaks of himself as shepherd. This Sunday Jesus refers to himself not as the shepherd, but as the gate.

Traditionally, the sheepfold was an enclosed area with high walls that made it easier for the shepherd to protect the sheep at night from thieves and wild beasts. There was a single opening in the wall of the sheepfold between the grazing land and the enclosure. At night, the shepherd stood at the gate and inspected the sheep one by one as they entered. Those scratched or injured would be tended and their wounds anointed with oil. When all were accounted for and safely inside, the shepherd would sometimes lay down and sleep across the entrance. Thus the shepherd was also "the gate". To get to the pastures or to the protection and security of the shelter, there is only one way: through the gate. The message of the gospel is clear: we cannot enter the sheepfold unless we go through Christ.

For the first three Sundays of Easter we noted the disciples' movement from a human response to the events of the resurrection to a transformed response that allowed them to see and believe in the presence of the risen Lord. We ourselves are transformed only when we encounter Christ and recognise him in the here and now of our everyday lives. Today's gospel assures us that Christ is truly there for us, calls us by name, and leads us to abundant life.

**Vocations**

Today is the forty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Paul VI implemented this observance in 1963. Good Shepherd Sunday has been designated throughout the world as the day to pray that God will inspire various ministries and leaders for the Church.

This weekend, John Chandler, a young man from the Cathedral Parish who is testing his vocation as a seminarian at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will be speaking at all Masses about his life, journey and response to God's call. Please keep him, our other seminarians and all those considering a life of ministry as priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers, in your prayers.

Music			
1800	268	296	706
1000	744	804	322
1200	268	269	878
1800	268	296	804

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

**Liturgical Calendar**

**& Mass Times**

**Sunday 13th April**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

- 1000 Rose Farrugia RIP
- 1200 Ronald Leckie RIP
- 1800 People of the Parish

**Monday 14th April**

*Fourth Week of Easter*

- 0730 *For Vocations*
- 1215 *Tessie Canavan Intention*

**Tuesday 15th April**

*4th Week of Easter*

- 0730 *For Vocations*
- 1215 *Eileen Pentley Intention*

**Wednesday 16th April**

*4th Week of Easter*

- 0730 *For Vocations*
- 1215 *Alan Hartshorne RIP*

**Thursday 17th April**

*4th Week of Easter*

- 0730 *For Vocations*
- 1215 *Patrick McDermot Intention*

**Friday 18th April**

*4th Week of Easter*

- 0730 *Margaret Mealyer RIP (F)*
- 1215 *Stephen Woolley Intention*

**Saturday 19th April**

*4th Week of Easter*

- 1200 *Fidei Donum Mass*
- 1700 *Meditation in St John's Chapel*
- 1800 *Johanna Short RIP*

**Sunday 20th April**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 1000 People of the Parish
- 1200 P F Zachariah RIP
- 1800 Anne McGowan RIP

**Mass Intentions**

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

**Saturday 26 April**

Please note that there will be no 1215 Mass on this day.

**Singers and Cantor Needed**

The Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit more male and female singers aged 16 upwards. A cantor is required to lead music at the 1800 Mass each Sunday. If you would like more information please speak to any member of the music team or to Peter Newman, Director of Music, after Mass today.

**Priests' Training Fund**

This diocesan collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend to help train our future priests. Please use white Gift Aid envelopes.

**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 Chanry, 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 £20, which covers raffle, food and entertainment, and they will be on sale at all weekend Masses or from the Parish Office on 9282 6170. See poster in the notice-board for more information.

**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. For further details please contact Emma Devine on 9279 2880.

**First Holy Communion Programme**

Parents of children preparing to make their First Holy Communion are reminded to make every effort to attend the important meeting on Wednesday 23 April at 1900 in the Cathedral. Kindly inform the catechists if you are unable to come.

The children's 13th session will be held during the 1200 Mass on 27 April.

Please pray for the children and their parents.

**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.

**Portsmouth Climate Festival**

An exciting event will take place at the University of Portsmouth Student's Union on Saturday 19 April from 1100-1600. The purpose is to show people what is involved in climate change and how we can all work together to cut emissions. More details on the Justice & Peace notice board.

**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.

**Hatha Yoga**

A new course of ten consecutive classes started last Tuesday in the Cathedral Hall and places are still available. It is suitable for beginners as well as those with experience. If you are interested come every Tuesday from 1830-2200.

**Adviser for Marriage and Family Life**

This three-year post has been created to promote and support all aspects of Marriage and Family Life within the diocese. The Adviser will be offered the opportunity to study for an MA in Leadership for Family Ministry and Faith Formation. To discuss the post please contact Nicky Stevens 01329 835583.

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

- Stephen Woolley,
- 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:**

- Mary Owen † Muriel Reeves † Alice Creek † Jeanette Pearce † Deborah Hamilton † Barbara Smith † Peter Walker † James Duffy † Wenzel † Doris Harper †

**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

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**Rosary** after 1215 Mass

Tuesday and Thursday

**We acknowledge with thanks:**

Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £1,973.42 of which £1,285.80 (65 %) was gift-aided.