

Today

Blessing of Engagement Rings during the 1000 Mass. We welcome the engaged couples of our parish and their families and friends to the Cathedral today.

Youth Justice & Peace Meeting 1700-1800 Cathedral Centre. All young people in Year 7 or above from the Pastoral Area and beyond are very welcome.

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

29/04 Hatha Yoga (week four): 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A ten-week course of meditation, relaxation, posture and breath work. Places are still available.

29/04 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

30/04 Editorial Meeting of 'Inside Out' (the quarterly magazine of the Friends of the Cathedral): 1800 St John's Room.

01/05 First Holy Communion Rehearsal: 1600 Cathedral.

02/05 St Edmund's Year 11 Leavers' Mass: 1400 Cathedral.

03/05 Church of England Pilgrimage/Visit to the Cathedral. Short Service at 1045 followed by coffee at 1115 in the Discovery Centre.

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

03/05 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

04/05 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!

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Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

Communications Sunday

In today's Gospel, Jesus communicates to his disciples about what is essential. Many things he said are naturally directed towards the future, how he wanted them to live when he was gone. One of the things Jesus said to them was, 'If you love me, keep my commandments'. He was not talking about keeping a specific set of commandments, but rather following his way of life.

What is involved here is Christian discipleship. We can't truly call ourselves disciples of Jesus if we don't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. So this new commandment of Jesus is that we should communicate to others by our way of life, by the Gospel we profess.

At the end of each Mass, we are told to "Go in peace". We are not told to hang around the church, but go into our homes and places of work, and live the sort of lives that attract others to the Gospel.

The way we communicate is by our way of life and our lifestyle, rather than what we say.

World Communions Sunday Prayer

Lord, whose word is truth, and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

Give us the strength to communicate your Word by our way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Music				Music at the 1000 Mass	
1800	326	303	794	Gloria	526
1000	644	694	801	Sanctus & Benedictus	574
1200	794	801	627 880	Acclamation	575
1800	794	801	880	Agnus Dei	590

Liturgical Calendar**& Mass Times****Sunday 27th April****Sixth Sunday of Easter**

1000 Mr & Mrs Ponnusamy RIP

1200 People of the Parish

1800 Catherine Sykes

Monday 28th April**6th Week of Easter**

0730 Averil Nazerath Intention

1215 Kieran Richard RIP

Tuesday 29th April *Feast***ST CATHERINE OF SIENA**,
Religious & Doctor of the Church,
Patron of Europe

0730 Frederick Goldsmith (F)

1215 Averil Nazerath Intention

Wednesday 30th April**6th Week of Easter**

0730 Alice & Thomas Hatley RIP (F)

1215 Averil Nazerath Intention

Thursday 1st May *Op Mem***St Joseph the Worker**0730 Deceased Members and
Children of Mary
Cathedral Sodality (F)

1215 Richard Cronin Snr RIP

Friday 2nd May *Memorial***St Athanasius**, Bishop, Doctor of the
Church

0730

1215 Bishop & Priests of the Diocese

Saturday 3rd May *Feast***Ss Philip & James**, Apostles

1215 Sheila Hughes RIP

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1800 Daisy Catherine Taylor RIP (F)

Sunday 4th May *Solemnity***THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

1000 Lucy & Pauline Intentions

1200 Peter Trimmer RIP

1800 People of the Parish

Baptisms

Congratulations to our young children who will be baptised at 1430 today. We warmly welcome their families and friends to the Cathedral. We ask your prayers for the children and their families.

Welcome

To our children approaching their First Holy Communion at their 13th session during the 1200 Mass today.

Retiring Collection for World Communications

This year's 42nd World Communications Day will be celebrated next Sunday 4 May - the Feast of the Ascension.

We look at the important role that the media plays in the lives of individuals and society at large. Please remember the work of communications professionals on World Communications Sunday. There will be a Second Collection after all Masses to support this work.

Anthony Minghella RIP

Canon David preaches at the Memorial Service for Anthony on Saturday 26 April in Newport, Isle of Wight. Bishop Crispian will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Anthony in the Cathedral on 21 June at 1200 noon. More details to follow.

Faith and Reason Discussion Group

"Faith and Reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth ... so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves." (Fides et Ratio, Encyclical Letter, Pope John Paul II 1998.

You are warmly invited to a discussion at Flat 68, Handsworth House, Quinton Close PO5 4NF at 1930 on Monday 12 May to gauge interest and hopefully establish a group in which topics related to Faith and Reason will be regularly presented and discussed. Any queries please ring the Parish Office on 9282 6170.

St John's Cathedral Summer Fete

Mark your calendar for Saturday 12 July from 1100-1630 in the Centre. All group leaders and parishioners who would like to help plan the summer fete are invited to the Youth J&P Meeting today, Sunday 27 April at 1700 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. We ask parishioners to begin donating quality items for prizes, tombala stalls, etc.

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.

The 125th Anniversary of the Diocese & Cathedral Supper

Parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate the event on Friday 16 May at 1930 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Enjoy a wonderful evening of good entertainment and a delicious sit-down dinner. Tickets cost £20 (also covers raffle), and will be available after all Sunday Masses and from the Parish Office on 9282 6170. A great time for everyone!

Book Launch

The publishers Darton, Longman & Todd warmly invite you to celebrate the Portsmouth launch of *Maid in God's Image - In Search of the Unruly Woman* by Verena Wright on Saturday 10 May from 1300-1430 in the Discovery Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Rosary Rally 2008

This will be held on Saturday 17 May in the Cathedral starting with Mass at 1215, Rosary Procession, Benediction and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular at 1500. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Flower Festival 17-18 May

All are invited to celebrate the Centenary Flower Festival at St Joseph's Copnor from 17-18 May. The festival opens on Saturday 17 May at 1130 with a blessing of individual displays and will then be open to the public from 1200 noon until 1730. On Sunday 18 May, day starts with Mass at 0900 followed by public viewing from 1000 until 1600, with final prayers led by Fr Simon Thomson.

Sponsorship for Headway Portsmouth & S/E Hampshire

Headway Portsmouth and South East Hampshire is a charity which supports adults who have acquired brain injury. They are looking for people to make a sponsored parachute jump and in return are willing to pay for it! Helen Goodwin will be available after all Masses this weekend to answer all your questions.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Elizabeth Small, 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 keep in your prayers those who have died: Stephen Wooley RIP (Requiem Mass on Thursday 1st May 1330 Cathedral)

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

Clarence Palmer † Jack
Mason † Dorothy Taylor †
Joseph Higgins † Johanna
Short † James Drummond †
Kenneth Fagan † Sister
Isabel † Noreen Carey †
Ronald Ball † Mary
Puttnam † Doris Greest †
Richard Bolger † Mary
Barratt † Douglas Pope †
**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**Middy 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 £1,617.38 of which £865.01 (53 %) was gift-aided.