

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.

Forthcoming Events

06/05 Hatha Yoga (week five): 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A ten-week course of meditation, relaxation, posture and breath work. Places are still available.

06/05 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

10/05 Book Launch: 'Maid in God's Image-In Search of the Unruly Woman' by Verena Wright: 1300 Discovery Centre.

10/05 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

11/05 First Holy Communion Mass: 1200

11/05 Portsmouth Deanery Confirmation Mass: 1500

12/05 Inaugural Meeting of Faith and Reason Discussion Group: 1930 Flat 68, Handsworth House, Quinton Close PO5 4NF

16/05 Cathedral Chapter Mass: 1215 The Canons of the Cathedral gather for a meeting and celebration of Mass.

16/05 Parish Supper 125th Anniversary: 1900 Cathedral Centre. Come and celebrate our community!

17/05 Annual Rosary Rally: 1215-1500 Cathedral. Starts with Mass, Devotions and Refreshments. All welcome.

24/05 A Day on the Rosary: 1030-1500 Cathedral Discovery Centre. Led by Bishop Bernard Longley. Mass at 1215. Bring a packed lunch.

04/06 Good Shepherd Mass: 1100. To be celebrated by Bishop Crispian.

07/06 Day for New Catholics: 1030-1500 Cathedral

08/06 Mass of Anointing: 1200 For the sick and housebound of the parish followed by Lunch at the Centre.

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
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Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

The Ascension

The Gospel of St Matthew, which we will be listening to this year, begins with the promise of "God-with-us" (Emmanuel) and ends with Jesus' assurance, 'I am with you always, yes until the end of time'. The Ascension of Jesus is not about the absence of the Lord but rather the promise that God is with us, within us, and enabling us.

We are called to make disciples and draw others into the love of Christ. That is what our parish life is all about.

Young Helpers for Lourdes

Over a number of years, the number of young people going on this pilgrimage as helpers has grown significantly. It is a wonderful experience to come and work with the sick, push wheelchairs, and generally help those who would otherwise be unable to go to Lourdes.

The young people work hard but also play hard, and it is a wonderful experience as well as great fun. Since this is the 150th anniversary of the Apparition, I am hoping that we can send a number of young people to Lourdes. There are, of course, costs involved, but I am pleased to say that the Committee for our Parish Summer Fete this year have agreed that half of the proceeds should go towards sending young people to Lourdes. So, if you are interested and would like to know more about this work, then please speak to me or David Kennedy (who has worked as a helper in previous years). The dates of the pilgrimage are 22-29 August 2008. You will need to be 17 years of age by this date.

Parish Celebration Supper

The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a supper to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Cathedral. This will be held on Friday 16 May at 1900 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. I think this could be an important gathering of our parish and I do hope that you will make every effort to come and celebrate the evening and have the opportunity to meet other parishioners. The cost of a ticket, which includes food and wine, is £20 and these will be on sale after Mass over the next few weeks.

Music			
1800	289	290	292
1000	291	321	292
1200	765	971	772 923
1800	765	290	289

Music at the 1000 Mass	
Gloria	528
Sanctus & Benedictus	481
Acclamation	483
Amen	486
Agnus Dei	487

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 4th May Solemnity
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1000 Lucy & Pauline Intentions
1200 Peter Trimmer RIP
1800 People of the Parish

Monday 5th May

7th Week of Easter

1000 Private Intention

Tuesday 6th May

7th Week of Easter

0730
1215 Marjorie Chambers Intention

Wednesday 7th May

7th Week of Easter

0730
1215 Margaret Wood RIP

Thursday 8th May

7th Week of Easter

0730
1215 Irene Mayhew RIP

Friday 9th May

7th Week of Easter

0730
1215 Mr & Mrs Allen

Saturday 10th May

7th Week of Easter

1215 Souls in Purgatory
1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
1800 People of the Parish

Sunday 11th May Solemnity

PENTECOST SUNDAY

1000 Bernadette Flynn
1200 Angel Abellana RIP
1500 Deanery Confirmation Mass
1800 Mary Teresa

Gift Aid The remaining weekly envelopes have been posted. If you pay by Standing Order and require more white envelopes, or if you have not got your weekly envelopes, please ring the Parish Office on 023 9282 6170, leaving your name and address plus envelope number.

Baptism Congratulations to Gustave Daumas and baby Bamin who were baptised in the Cathedral this weekend.

Lenten Alms The J & P Group would like to thank the enormous generosity of the parish in responding to the recent Lenten Alms Appeal. £11,292 was raised.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time during the 1200 Mass today. We welcome their families and friends to the Cathedral.

Retiring Collection for World Communications

Today is World Communications Sunday. A collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend to support the work of the media and new technology in the formation of the next generation. For those in the gift aid scheme, please use your white envelopes.

Oil Stocks

The Cathedral is in need of two oil containers for the Oil of the Sick. These need to be made in silver and will cost around £550 each. If there is anyone interested in sponsoring one, possibly in memory of a loved one, then this could be arranged with an inscription. If you are interested, please speak to one of the priests.

Cathedral Summer Fete, Saturday 12th July

This year, funds raised will help to pay to send young parishioners as helpers to Lourdes and support the work of the Roberts Centre, Portsmouth. If you know of a company or individual who may be able to donate a substantial prize for the Grand Raffle, please contact Neil Galbraith on 9236 2971. The next planning session will be held during the Youth Justice & Peace Meeting on Sunday 25 May at 1700 in the Cathedral Centre.

Can You Offer Accommodation to a Catholic University Student? One male and one female, both first year undergraduates, seek accommodation from Sept 2008. If you can help, contact University Chaplain Jordan James 9284 3030.

Foundation Governors

Bishop Crispian is seeking to appoint Foundation Governors to St Edmund's Catholic Secondary School. Application packs are available from the School Office or Parish Priest.

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.

Book Launch 10 May 1300

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.

Faith and Reason Discussion Group 12 May 1930

"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.

Fr Shay Cullen comes to The Guildhall, Southampton 1930 Tuesday 20 May

Fr Shay Cullen, a Columban missionary priest, helps victims of abuse and torture from military oppression in the Philippines. His work for justice is renowned worldwide especially in relation to the protection of women and children from exploitation.

To show solidarity with the victims of exploitation, and to encourage and support Fr Shay in this wonderful work of God, Medaille Trust aims to gather 1,200 people in the Guildhall at the staging of an event with Fr Shay and the Youth Drama Group from the Philippines.

If you wish to go please put your name on the sheet in the Cathedral Hall and tickets will be issued to you (free-of-charge) by the Parish Office. Please be part of this event!

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Geoff & Roger Obermaier, Paula O'Byrne, Val Brennan, Elizabeth Small, John Cotter, Maria Makin, Carole Winsler, Fr Peter Sprague, 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:

Alwyn Hill † Ellen Hall † Ronald Barnett † Jim O'Neil † Jesse Pouralis † Roman Bakies † Margaret Wood † John Gunn † Joseph Doherty † Ellen Dimanco † Anna Hatton † Margaret Clark † Gladys Farrell † James Sawyer † Hilda Walker †

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 £1,851.11 of which £981.08 (53 %) was gift-aided.