

Today

First Holy Communion Mass: 1200

Portsmouth Deanery Confirmation Mass: 1500

Forthcoming Events

12/05 Inaugural Meeting of Faith and Reason Discussion

Group: 1930 Flat 68, Handsworth House, Quinton Close PO5 4NF.

13/05 Hatha Yoga (week six): 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A ten-week course of meditation, relaxation, posture and breath work.

13/05 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

15/05 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.

17/05 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

19/05 CWL Monthly Meeting: 1315-1530 Cathedral Centre. Members and visitors are always welcome.

24/05 A Day on the Rosary: 1030-1500 Cathedral Discovery Centre. Led by Bishop Bernard Longley.

25/05 Healing and Prayer Time: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. All are welcome.

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.

15/06 Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate: 1430

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

Father Steven Restori

The Holy Spirit is the source of life and mission

Pentecost celebrates the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the Church to act as teacher, counsellor, advocate and helper. The Spirit is the one who will show us how to speak. The popular image of the disciples locked together in the upper room is familiar to us. It is into that situation that the Holy Spirit comes and touches the disciples so profoundly that they go out from the locked room, into the world, to proclaim Jesus Christ with courage and strength.

The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish Festival of Weeks, the 50-day celebration following Passover. It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits were offered in praise and thanksgiving to God. St Luke records in the Acts of the Apostles that the Spirit came to the disciples when the festival was fulfilled. The early Christians saw in this an image of the Church itself as a first fruit of Jesus' Resurrection.

In John's gospel Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection. The Holy Spirit is the way Jesus shares with us even now his resurrection life. But if we share his life, then we also share his mission. The Holy Spirit, then, is the source of life and mission.

Twice in this gospel Jesus says, "Peace be with you." Peace is the fruit of the Spirit. It is the effect of our taking up the mission of Jesus. Peace is a way we witness to the presence of the Spirit and resurrection life within us and the community. That is why Jesus sent the Spirit: to empower us, through the common resurrection life we share, to forgive, to heal divisions in the community, to be peacemakers.

Fingering the Beads

A Day of Reflection on the Rosary will be led by Bishop Bernard Longley on Saturday 24 May 1030-1500 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Mass is at 1215. Please bring a packed lunch. If you wish to attend please put your name on the sheet in the Cathedral Hall.

Music	Emergency Appeal
1800 303 720 296	There will be a special collection after all Masses this weekend to support the victims of the cyclone disaster in Burma.
1000 296 307 303	
1200 765 971 772 923	
1800 303 720 296	

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

**Sunday 11th May Solemnity
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

Monday 12th May Feria

0730 Josh Howarth Intention
1215 Mary Theresa Vidgen RIP (F)

Tuesday 13th May Op Mem

Our Lady of Fatima
0730 Peter Lane RIP
1215 Shirley Ann Pinto RIP

Wednesday 14th May Feast

St Matthias, Apostle. St Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, after the Ascension of the Lord.
0730 Sister Mary McAulay RIP
1215 Alec Gordon Gaylard

Thursday 15th May Feria

0730
1215 Barbara Judge

Friday 16th May Feria

0730 Mgr John Conroy RIP (F)
1215 Joy O'Donau RIP

Saturday 17th May Feria

1215 Irene Mayhew RIP
1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
1800 Agnes Sarah Gaylard

Sunday 18th May Solemnity

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

1000 John Payne RIP (F)
1200 People of the Parish
1800 Magdalena Azorroga RIP

International Theme Sunday

During this month we pray for and think of the people of Italy.

Round the Lady Altar is a flagpole from which hangs the flag of the country of the month. There is also a display of the history of the country, its customs and religious feasts.

St John's Cathedral School

Congratulations to St John's Cathedral Primary School on appearing in 'The News' this week, describing them as an outstanding school following their recent OFSTED inspection. This is a good time to note that we are, indeed, fortunate in the provision of Catholic Schools in our city.

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.

Deanery Confirmation

Congratulations to the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 1500 today. Please keep them in your prayers

Faith and Reason Discussion Group Inaugural Meeting

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 to discuss Faith and Reason topics. Any queries please ring the Parish Office on 9282 6170.

Cathedral Chapter

The Canons of the Cathedral Chapter will be gathering on Thursday morning 15 May for their meeting in Bishop's House followed by Mass in the Cathedral at 1215 - please try to come along.

Last Chance to Buy Parish Supper Tickets

The Parish Pastoral Council is organising a supper to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Cathedral. This will be held on Friday 16 May at 1900 in the Centre. Tickets, which include food and wine, cost £20 and will be on sale for the last time after all Masses this weekend.

Annual Rosary Rally

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

Sacristy Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to occasionally wash and press altar servers' cottes. If you can help please speak to Fr David or Fr Steven.

Want To House-Share?

A Double/Single room is available immediately, centrally-located in Portsmouth. Contact Magdalena on 07922 601 913.

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.

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. To show solidarity, the Medaille Trust aims to gather 1,200 people in the Guildhall with Fr Shay and a Youth Drama Group from the Philippines. Please be part of this event!

Cathedral Summer Fete, Saturday 12th July

This year, funds raised will go towards sending young parishioners as helpers to Lourdes, and to 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, contact Neil on 9236 2971. Parishioners who wish to be involved in planning the event are invited to come to the Youth Justice & Peace Meeting on Sunday 25 May at 1700 in the Cathedral Centre.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22-29 August 2008

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to St Bernadette. There is an opportunity for young people to work as handmaids and brancardiers. They selflessly give their time pushing wheelchairs or assisting 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, please speak to one of the priests. You have to be aged 17 by August 2008.

Diocesan Tribunal

Catholics in the area are needed to assist in the work of the Tribunal interviewing witnesses in nullity of marriage cases. Training and ongoing support is provided. For more information please contact Fr Dominic Golding on 01252 878789. An interested person will require a letter of recommendation from their parish priest.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Geoff & Roger Obermaier, Val Brennan, Elizabeth Small, John Cotter, Maria Makin, Carole Winsler, Fr Peter Sprague, 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)**

If any parishioner is ill at home or in hospital and would like to receive Communion, even on a regular basis, please let the priests know.

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

Joseph Talb † Lillian Rogers † Joy O'Donovan † Lawrence McGreachey † Kathleen Burton † Patricia Patey † Hubert O'Connell † Elizabeth Douglas † Thomas Ashby † William Kitchener † Ivy Toza † Rose Aldridge †

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 £ 1,969.70 of which £973.10 (49%) was gift-aided.

World Communications Collection : £454.58