

Today

Baptism Preparation: following the 1000 Mass in the Jubilee Room. Parents whose children will be baptised on 1 June will meet with the catechists.

Forthcoming Events

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

20/05 Hatha Yoga (week seven): 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A ten-week course of meditation, relaxation, posture and breath work.

20/05 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

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

24/05 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

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.

08/06 Youth Justice & Peace Group: 1600-1800 Cathedral Centre. All young people in Year 7 or above from the Pastoral Area and beyond are very welcome.

10/06 Editorial Meeting of 'Inside Out' (the quarterly magazine of the Friends of the Cathedral): 1800 St John's Room.

11/06 Parents' Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room.

13/06 Head Teachers' Day of Reflection: 0900-1500 Cathedral 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

Mr Peter Newman, Director of Music: 07811205729

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Mr Dave Yates, Cathedral Verger: 023 9287 0348

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Thought of the Week

Father Steven Restori

Eastertide ended last Sunday (on the Feast of Pentecost). The Paschal Candle has now moved from the sanctuary to the font. Having celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the coming of the Holy Spirit, enables us to live the life of the Trinity in our lives. How - well look around you from what you see? From where I am, I see parishioners living the life of the Trinity as they try to bring up a family and pass on the faith; I see people troubled, forgiven and pardoned because they have been hurt; and people who enable others to be transformed and grow in strength and faith - these are but a few examples of what it is to live the life of the Trinity. When we listen to other people, we are often listening to the Holy Spirit.

First Holy Communion

We have two wonderful celebrations of this sacrament for our young people. I would like to thank all our catechists who have given so much of their time to prepare the children to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Our thanks must go most specially to Sue Cregan, the Co-ordinator, who after a number of years is stepping down. Thank you, Sue.

Confirmation

Last Sunday, many of our young people in the City were confirmed by the Bishop on the Feast of Pentecost. The catechists come from the many parishes in our pastoral area. They have been enabled and co-ordinated by Mary Harkin, from our parish, for many years. Mary is also stepping down. Our thanks go to her for the work and vision that she has brought about in the City.

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				Music at the 1000 Mass	
				Gloria	532
1800	468	708	962	Creed	503
1000	468	708	742	Sanctus	578
1200	887	708	962 468	Acclamation	579
1800	468	314	962	Amen	580

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 18th May Solemnity
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

1000 John Payne RIP (F)

1200 People of the Parish

1800 Magdalena Azorroga RIP

Monday 19th May Solemnity
DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL
OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH,
Anniversary of the formation of the diocese 19-05-1882

0730 Pat Rawlinson Intention

1215 Lily Mildrew RIP

Tuesday 20th May Feria

0730 Rev Terence Green RIP (F)

1215 Rev Desmond Cantwell RIP

Wednesday 21st May Feria

0730 Brian & Shirley Intentions

1215 Canon Dwyer Intention

Thursday 22nd May Op Mem
St Rita of Cascia, Religious

0730 Sr Rita Andrew Intention

1215 Deceased Members of the Cregan Family RIP

Friday 23rd May Feria

0730 Provost Gerard Hetherington and Family (F)

1215 Peter MacLoone RIP

Saturday 24th May
Our Lady on Saturday

1215 Victor Henry Mealyer RIP (F)

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1800 Jez Newton RIP

Sunday 25th May Solemnity
CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body and Blood of Christ)

1000 Private Intention

1200 Marie White RIP

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.

Parish Diary

We are currently planning the diary of the parish for the period September 2008 to August 2009. If any group would like to secure dates and times please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Chinese

There is a lady who wishes to become a Catholic whose mother tongue is Mandarin (Putonghua). Is there anyone in the parish who might help with some translation? Please contact one of the priests.

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.

CRB Packs

If you are a recently-trained Eucharistic Minister and have not been given a CRB pack to fill in, please contact the Parish Office on 9282 6170.

School Chaplain Vacancy at Oaklands

A suitably experienced person for this key role is required for Sept 2008. For further information please contact the Head, Mr Quinn, on 023 9224 8043.

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.

St John's Parents' Group

This group now meets fortnightly to allow members to attend another group at Corpus Christi School. Both groups meet during term-time only and are open to all parents, grandparents, carers and their children. For details please contact Christine Tye on 9266 1818.

Can You Offer Help to Catholic University Students?

One male and one female, both first-year undergraduates, seek accommodation from September 2008. If you can help please contact the University Chaplain, Jordan James on 023 9284 3030.

Teaching Vacancy

A teacher of Art & English is needed to join St Edmund's School in Sept 2008.

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 at 1930 on 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 try to 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 - Call to Youth

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, Carol Taylor 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:

Rita Padley † Terence Ball † Rita Smith † Bernadine Casey † Eileen Stanley † Ernest Bloom † Marie Verbie † Christine Linda Brown † Irene Dora Challis † Mary Dickson † Margaret Biles † Joan Moore †

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 £2,543.47 of which £1,584.90 (62%) was gift-aided.

Burma Cyclone Appeal: £1,118.89