

Today

Baptism Anointing: Children preparing for the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 1 June will be anointed at the 1200 noon Mass today. We welcome their parents and families to the Cathedral.

Youth Justice & Peace Group: 1700 Cathedral Centre. Meeting to plan the Summer Fete and welcome to all young people in Year 7 or above from the Pastoral Area and beyond.

Healing and Prayer Time: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. An opportunity to receive individual prayer and anointing. All are welcome.

Forthcoming Events

27/05 Hatha Yoga (week eight): 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A ten-week course of meditation, relaxation, posture and breath work.

27/05 Exploring God's Word: 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

31/05 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

02/06 Christian Meditation Group: 1915-2015 St John's Room.

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

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.

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

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

13/06 Youth Justice & Peace Group Social Evening: 1900-2100 Cathedral Centre.

15/06 Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate: 1430.

Cathedral Priests:

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Thought of the Week

Father Steven Restori

Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ

In 1208 Juliana of Retinnes, an Augustinian nun from Belgium saw a vision of a lunar disk surrounded by rays of dazzling white light. One side of the disk appeared dark, and in her vision she heard God tell her that the darkness represented no feast on the calendar to honour the Blessed Sacrament. When her friend James Pantaléon became Pope Urban IV, he extended the feast of Corpus Christi to the universal church.

The feast originated at a time when, due to penitential practices, the faithful rarely received communion but adored the real presence of Christ from a distance during the elevation at Mass. Over time, this came to be regarded as the principle means of obtaining grace; i.e. seeing (adoring) the Eucharist rather than receiving it in Holy Communion. Today's solemnity combines this medieval feast of the Body of Christ with the nineteenth-century feast of the Blood of Christ into a single celebration. In doing so, the Church proclaims for us the ideal regard that we should have for both species of the sacrament. The feast enjoys the potential to deepen our faith in the whole Eucharistic mystery, and our wholesome involvement in it.

In the Gospel, Jesus asserts that he is the bread from heaven, and that unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we cannot have life with him. Jesus' listeners take him literally and are perplexed. But the readers of John's gospel recognise that he is explaining the significance of their practice of Eucharist. Jesus gives himself to us in Eucharist. Because Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ, those who receive it are united with the risen Christ. We need not wait for the end of human history for Christ's power and presence to be felt in our lives. Christ is present and active in us now, through Eucharist.

| Music | Music at the 1000 Mass |
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| 1800 648 659 650 | Gloria 527 |
| 1000 750 833 644 | Sanctus 571 |
| 1200 659 629 652 | Acclamation 572b |
| 1800 348 651 650 | Amen Intoned |

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Times

Sunday 25th May Solemnity CORPUS CHRISTI

1000 People of the Parish
1200 Marie White RIP
1800 Eileen & Richard West (F)

Monday 26th May Memorial
St Philip Neri, Priest, was also known as 'the apostle of Rome'. He established the Congregation of the Oratory, a group of secular priest dedicated to prayer, preaching and the sacraments.

1000 Hilda & Thomas McKerwan †

Tuesday 27th May Memorial
St Augustine of Canterbury was a monk and abbot of St Andrew's Abbey in Rome, who was sent by Pope St Gregory the Great to evangelise the British Isles in 597. He became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 601.

0730 Tony Charrell Intention
1215 Richard Cronin Jr RIP

Wednesday 28th May Feria

0730 Father Peter Sprague
1215 Jonathan May RIP

Thursday 29th May Feria

0730 Rose Farrugia
1100 Requiem Mass Val Brennan †
1215 Dan & Eilish Cregan

Friday 30th May Solemnity
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS This solemnity is observed on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. It celebrates the great love of God shown to us through the heart of Jesus.

0730 Private intention
1215 Mary Walsh (F)

Saturday 31st May Feast THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1215 Dan Moriarty RIP
1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
1800 Nora Keane RIP

Sunday 1st June NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1000 People of the Parish
1200 John Bolger Taws RIP
1800 Guy Goodson RIP

Wedding Congratulations

To Rachel Harris and Marcus Bazley who were married at the Cathedral yesterday.

Christian Meditation Group

A new Christian Meditation Group will meet every Monday evening from 1915 to 2015, starting 2 June in St John's Room for a short recorded talk on Christian meditation, some gentle music, a time of silent meditation and an opportunity for questions and reflections. For more information please contact Tim Gay on 07952 115735.

Cross Bar

We are inviting young adults (18+) to get together after Mass for a chat and social on 1 June at 1900 in the Jubilee Room. Pizza and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Parish Diary

We are currently planning the parish diary for the period from September 2007 to July 2008. If any of the groups in the parish would like to secure dates and times please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The diary is a good way to ensure that events do not clash and are evenly spaced.

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.

Open Day

The Catholic Bible School in Nutbourne invites everyone to its Open Day and Garden Party on Saturday 7 June from 1400-1630.

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.

Anointing of the Sick

A Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June at 1200. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. We will welcome our housebound parishioners who will be anointed with the Oil of the Sick as well as anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament for healing and strengthening of body, mind and spirit. Afterwards there will be a light lunch in the Centre to which all are invited.

Eucharistic Ministers are asked to collect a letter to this Mass for those they take Communion to at home. Please see the Verger or Sister Rita after your Mass this weekend.

Cathedral Summer Fete & Planning Meeting

This year, funds raised at the Summer Fete on Saturday 12 July 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 Galbraith on 9236 2971.

All group leaders and parishioners who would like to help plan the Summer Fete are invited to join the Youth Justice & Peace Monthly Group Meeting at 1700 today 25 May 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.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Geoff & Roger Obermaier, Carol Taylor Elizabeth Small, John Cotter, Maria Makin, Carole Winser, Fr Peter Sprague, Albert Hider, Dan & Eilish 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)*

Please keep in your prayers those who have died:

Valerie Brennan RIP (her Requiem Mass will be held on Thurs 29 May at 1100)

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

Irene Dora Challis † Mary Dickson † Margaret Biles † Joan Moore † Joan Peters † Kathleen Swain † Alfred Butler † Eva Ludwig † Stella Collins † Margaret Biles † Joan Moore † Edgar 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

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 £1,855.81 of which £1,221.25 (66%) was gift-aided.