

Forthcoming Events

- 11/08 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group:**
1915-2015 St John's Room.
- 12/08 - and every Tuesday - Hatha Yoga:**1830-2000
Cathedral Centre.
- 16/08 Wedding of Jade Cruikshanks and Darren Davis:**
1330 Cathedral.
- 16/08 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group:** 1700-
1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.
- 17/08 Baptism Preparation Meeting:** after 1000 Mass
Abingdon Room. Parents whose children will be baptised on
31 August will meet with the catechists.
- 19/08 Coach Trip to Paultons Park with Parents' Group:**
Pick-up and drop-off points throughout the deanery. Places
are still available. Open to all. Ring Emma on 9279 2880.
- 22/08 Coach Trip to Thorpe Park with Youth J&P Group:**
Pick-up and drop-off points throughout the deanery. Places
are still available. Open to all. Ring Emma on 9279 2880.
- 23/08 Wedding of Anna Kopycinska and Dimitri
Mustanen:** 1330 Cathedral.
- 23/08 Seeing Miracles:** 0930-1200. A half-day session
exploring with minds and hearts the wonders and miracles
of Jesus. Cathedral Centre. All welcome.
- 24/08 Baptism Anointing:** during 1200 Mass. Children will
receive anointing in preparation for their baptism on 31
August at 1430
- 30/08 Wedding of Lynne Achunche and Nonso
Onwughalu:** 1400 Cathedral.
- 31/08 Baptisms:** 1430. Cathedral.

Cathedral Priests:

- Canon David Hoppgood 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: 07590602437
- Mr Oliver Bailey-Green, Cathedral Organist: 07849 872010
- Mr Dave Yates, Cathedral Verger: 023 9287 0348
- Hospital Chaplaincy: 023 9228 6000
- St John's Cathedral Primary School: 023 9282 1055
- St Edmund's Secondary School: 023 9282 3766
- Discovery Centre: 023 9287 0348
- Jordan James, University Chaplain: 023 9284 3030
- Mary Ellen Donnelly, Deanery Youth Worker: 0781 446 7102



Thought of the Week

Rev Paul Leonard

As Christians, we are not spared from the anguish and suffering that life can bring us. Rather, in some mysterious way, we can experience very acutely the trials and tribulations of life. The One whom we follow, Jesus Christ, was misunderstood and ridiculed to the point of being killed. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to follow in His footsteps. This will probably not lead to our being killed (not in this country at least), but we may experience the same sense of ridicule or being marginalised if we profess to be Christians. In fact, if our lives are completely hassle-free, then it begs the question, are we fully embracing the Gospel with its radical demands and challenges?

The demands of discipleship do have a cost, but we are not alone. We have the support of our faith, communities and we have the support and strength offered by Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Peter struggles with the storm at sea. He struggled equally with self-doubt and fear. As with Peter, so it is with us. We struggle, too, with our feelings of insecurity and doubt as well as the squalls that life can throw at us.

In such times, Jesus calls out to us with those consoling words: "Courage, it is I, do not be afraid". By keeping our eyes and our gaze fixed on Jesus, especially in times of great anguish, the storm that threatens will be calmed and peace restored in our own hearts and lives.

Seeing Miracles

This interactive half-day session will be held on Saturday 23 August from 0930-1200 in the Cathedral Centre. It aims to explore the minds and hearts of the participants of the wonders and miracles of Jesus. The day will be led by Kath Joyce and is free-of-charge. Open and welcome to all.

| Hymns | |
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| 1800 | 315 804 969 |
| 1000 | 683 934 897 804 |
| 1200 | 807 972 909 652 |
| 1800 | 969 706 725 |

| International Theme |
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| This month we pray for and think of the people of France. Round the Lady Altar there is a flag and display of the history of France, its customs and religious feasts. |

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 10 August

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1000 CWL Intentions

1200 Private Intention

1800 People of the Parish

Monday 11 August Memorial
St Clare, Foundress

Close friend of St Francis of Assisi. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares) at San Damiano.

1215 Maureen Gallagher RIP

Tuesday 12 August Feria

1215 Canon Alban Bacrett (F)

Wednesday 13 August Feria

1215 Annie Gendall RIP

Thursday 14 August Memorial

St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Priest, Martyr. Maximilian was a Polish Franciscan priest, founder of the Militia of Mary Immaculate, imprisoned in Aushwitz in 1941. He volunteered to take the place of a married man who was picked for death in response to the escape of another prisoner, and was killed in 1941.

1215 Anne Munt RIP (F)

1930 First Mass, The Assumption of Our Lady

Friday 15 August Solemnity

The Assumption of Our Lady

Today the Church commemorates the bodily entry of Mary into heaven. Eastern traditions refer to this as the dormition or 'sleeping' of the Virgin Mary. Pius XII declared the Assumption as a dogma of the Church in 1950.

1215 Private Intention

Saturday 16 August

Our Lady on Saturday

1215 Martin Sonnen RIP (F)

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1800 Timothy & Johanna Short RIP

Sunday 17 August

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1000 Alice Hateley RIP (F)

1200 People of the Parish

1800 Patrick McDonagh RIP

Visit our Website

The Cathedral website offers a wide range of references, information and contacts: www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. First Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 14 Aug at 1930 and at 1215 on Friday 15 August.

London to Lourdes Cycle

Patrick Noble, a member of Glanfield Children's Group, which helps children with disabilities and part of the Catholic Association pilgrimage, will raise money by cycling from London to Lourdes, passing through Portsmouth. He will speak after the 1000 and 1200 Masses next week, with an appeal for donations.

Diocesan Pilgrimage and Petitions to Lourdes

The annual Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year from 22-29 August under the leadership of Bishop Declan Lang of Clifton. If you are interested in coming as a pilgrim look at www.tangney-tours.com or ring 01732 886 666.

If you would like a petition to the Our Lady in Lourdes, please put it in a sealed envelope and give it to either David Kennedy or one of the priests. The envelopes will be placed unopened at the Grotto during the pilgrimage.

St Patrick's Chapel

Many of you may have noticed that the mosaic entitled 'St Patrick, Pray For Us' in St Patrick's Chapel has been very badly damaged over the years, and is almost illegible. We hope to restore this in the next few weeks.

If anyone would like to be part of this restoration, please make your donation in an envelope marked 'St Patrick's Chapel'.

Christian Meditation

The group meets every Monday evening from 1915-2015 in St John's Room. This hour-long session includes quiet music and a little instruction before a 30-minute silent meditation.

There is also an opportunity for a time of quiet and reflection in St John's Chapel on Saturday afternoons from 1700-1730. All welcome.

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.

Becoming a Catholic

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of being received into the Church, then please speak to one of the priests as soon as possible. A new course of preparation will commence in September.

First Holy Communion

Forms are now available in the Cathedral for those children who are due to make their First Holy Communion next year. Preparation begins in Sept. Please take a form, complete and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Summer Coach Trips

The St John's Parents' Group are going to Paultons Park on Tuesday 19 August. Cost: £17.50 (seniors £15.50 and children under 1m tall £5.50) Open to all parents, grandparents, carers and their children.

The Youth & Justice & Peace Group are going to Thorpe Park on Friday 22 August. Cost: £29 (aged 12+) and £23 (under 12's) Open to all youngsters in Year 7 or above (younger children can attend if accompanied by an adult).

Both trips will pick up and drop off at St Swithun's, the Cathedral, Copus Christi and St Colman's. There are still plenty of spaces left. For details and to book a place, contact Emma Devine on 023 9279 2880 or eldevine@tiscali.co.uk

The Discovery Coffee Shop

Our Centre Coffee Shop has a new menu offering a selection of hot and cold snacks and cakes at very affordable prices. We are open Tuesday to Friday, 1000-1400. If we can help you with any catering needs, please give us a call on 023 9287 0348.

Mass Intentions

Please see the Verger or the priests if you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Max Bellman, Chris Carter, Mary Brosnan, Thomas O'Grady, Philip Doherty, Christine Millham, Geoff & Roger Obermaier, John Cotter, Maria Makins, Carole Winsler, Albert Hider, Dan & Elish Cregan, Laurie Payne, Brenda Hamilton, Adelaide de Battista, Maisie Hider, Doreen Yates, Jenny Edwards & Fr Peter Sprague. **(Please notify the Parish 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.

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Zona Thompson † Robert Kelly † Joshua Rowe † George Lee † Stanley Higginson † Thelma Rees † Maria Paine † Lilian Wilkinson † Francis Likely † Alison Veness † William Simpson † James Beach † Eric Harris † Pauline Wallace †

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

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| 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 £1,837.21 of which £935.20 (50%) was gift-aided.

Mission Appeal: £1,057.19