

Today

Baptismal Preparation Meeting following the 1000 Mass. Cathedral Centre. Parents of children who will be baptised on 31 August will meet with their catechists.

Forthcoming Events

18/08 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group: 1915-2015 St John's Room.

19/08 - and every Tuesday - Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre.

16/08 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.

19/08 Coach Trip to Paultons Park with Parents' Group: Pick-up and drop-off points throughout the deanery. Places 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 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.

03/09 Editorial Meeting of Inside Out Magazine: 1800 St John's Room.

07/09 Annual Civic Mass: 1000 Cathedral.

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: 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

This month of August gives us many opportunities to think about the role of Mary in salvation history. It is the month when we honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary and last Friday the Church celebrated the Feast of her Assumption, body and soul, into heaven. Furthermore, this year sees the 150th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, a small, obscure village in France.

Mary's role in the Church is intimately linked with her union with her Son, Jesus Christ. From the moment the Angel Gabriel gate-crashed her life as a young girl, the consequences of her generous 'Yes' to God have reverberated throughout history. In Jesus, we have a Saviour; in Mary, we have a model of co-operation, faith and loving trust that we are called to imitate.

As well as being the Mother of God, Mary is also the first and best disciple. This month, in particular, we are invited to come and learn from her what it means to be a faithful follower of her Son.

We rejoice in Mary, our mother in faith, and give praise to God for her faithfulness, obedience and love. She is the perfect model of discipleship, so it is fitting that Scripture and tradition unite to proclaim her Assumption into her eternal reward in heaven. From there, she intercedes for us that her reward will become ours. May this be an incentive to spur us on in our day-to-day living out of our faith.

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			
1800	700	934	725
1000	788	609	898 322
1200	465	600	898 862
1800	831	934	725

Music at 1000	
Gloria	528
Sanctus	481
Agnus Dei	590

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 17 August

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1000 Alice Hateley RIP (F)
- 1200 People of the Parish
- 1800 Patrick McDonagh (RIP)

Monday 18 August Feria

- 1215 Maureen Gallagher RIP

Tuesday 19 August Feria

- 1215 Germaine Croquet RIP

Wednesday 20 August Memorial

St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church. Bernard joined the monastery of Citeaux when he was 22. Later he founded the monastery of Clairvaux and led a reform of the Cistercians. He was an effective preacher and writer.

- 1215 John Berry RIP

Thursday 21 August Memorial

St Pius X, Pope. Pius X believed that the reception of the Holy Communion should happen much earlier than was custom of that time (about age 12) and he encouraged adults to receive the sacrament more frequently.

- 1215 Sister Teresa McGarry

Friday 22 August Memorial

The Queenship of Mary. It has been eight days since the solemnity of the Assumption. Today's feast celebrates Mary's role as heaven's queen.

- 1215 Pat & Joe Enright RIP

Saturday 23 August

Our Lady on Saturday

- 1215 Mary Blake (F)
- 1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
- 1800 Rose Farrugia RIP

Sunday 24 August

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1000 People of the Parish
- 1200 Arthur Sharman RIP
- 1800 Cesare Satori RIP

Congratulations

To Jade Cruikshanks and Darren Davis who were married here in the Cathedral yesterday.

To Eoin Flanagan who will be baptised this afternoon. We welcome his family and friends to the Cathedral.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

Au Revoir

This weekend we say good-bye to Deacon Paul as he goes on holiday before returning to seminary for his final year. Hopefully we will see him again when he returns for a month during Lent 2009. Please keep him in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation

Parents whose children will be baptised this month (31 Aug) are meeting after the 1000 Mass in the Cathedral Centre. Please keep them all in your prayers.

London to Lourdes Cycle

Patrick Noble, a member of Glanfield Children's Group which helps children with disabilities and is a 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 this 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 would like a petition to Our Lady of 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'.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for any particular intention, for the living or dead, kindly arrange this with either one of the priests.

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. The actual First Communion Masses will be held in May. Children's sessions take place during the 1200 Mass. 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

LIFE, Pro-Life Charity

LIFE, the National pro-life charity, is seeking to recruit new trainee counsellors. A 10-week course in Basic Counselling Skills will commence in September. If you are a good listener, care passionately about human life and could spare an hour or two during day time hours (after the initial training), please ring Ros Cuthbert 9279 3985 for more details.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Fiona Allen, 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)

For those who have died:
Max Bellman RIP (husband of Betty Bellman)

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sister Frances HHS † Gladys Hampton † Priscilla Legg † Nora Dunford † Hugo Spencer † Martha Tong † Thirza Melville † Rejoice Effah † Pat Gray † Ethel Mitchell † Michael d'Agostino † Michael Weller † Mary Smele † Vincent McCaffery † Katarina Jackson † Christopher Donellan † Gillian Bowkett †

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 £1,826.11 of which £1,015.65 (56%) was gift-aided.