

Today

Baptismal Anointing: We welcome our children and their parents at the 1200 Mass, when the children will receive anointing in preparation for their baptism next Sunday at 1430.

Forthcoming Events

- 25/08 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group:** 1915-2015 St John's Room.
- 26/08 - and every Tuesday - Hatha Yoga:** 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre.
- 28/08 Justice & Peace Group Meeting:** 1930-2100 St John's Room. New members always welcome.
- 30/08 CWL Members' Mass:** 1215 Cathedral. Picnic lunch in the Centre afterwards.
- 30/08 Wedding of Lynne Achunche and Nonso Onwughalu:** 1400 Cathedral.
- 30/08 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group:** 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.
- 31/08 Baptisms:** 1430 Cathedral.
- 31/08 Healing Prayer Time:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. An opportunity to receive individual prayer and anointing with Oil of Gladness. All welcome.
- 03/09 Editorial Meeting of Inside Out Magazine:** 1800 St John's Room.
- 06/06 Friends of the Cathedral Mass:** 1215 Celebrated by Bishop Crispian followed by AGM and reception.
- 06/09 Wedding of Monica Michalska and Lewis Knight:** 1330 Cathedral.
- 07/09 CrossBar:** 1900 Abingdon Room. Social gathering of young adults (18+).

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



Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth

Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

The Gospel story this weekend shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning; yes, to the mind and will of Christ Himself. His position as the leader of the twelve is shown in the many details in the Gospels. For instance, he is presented as the spokesman of the twelve, and whenever the twelve apostles are listed, his name is always first.

Yet the Gospels do not spare Peter, but clearly show both the high and low points in his life. No doubt the lowest point was when he denied Jesus. The incident related in today's Gospel was almost certainly his finest moment. Jesus might have tempered this with the touch of reality, just in case Peter might get a swollen head! Instead, he praised and blest Peter, and promised to bestow responsibility and authority on him. It was a solid, even rock-like, side to Peter's character. He was always the one to come forward. So it was obvious that he had leadership qualities which Jesus recognised.

Let us remember that the Peter who said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God", was the same Peter who later said, "I do not know this man". What does this tell us? That there was a division within Peter, just as there is a division within each of us. Just as Peter was capable of being courageous at one moment and cowardly later at another, so are we.

But surely, the Lord smiles on us in our good moments and upholds us in our low moments. The low moments of others should not cause us to put them down or write them off. Their good moments should help us see their potential and affirm and encourage them.

We must surely try to seek the good in everyone, and reveal it and bring it out, as Jesus did in the case of Peter.

Hymns			
1800	302	756	320
1000	468	756	704
1200	865	801	924 451
1800	302	756	320

Mass Intentions
If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, please see the Verger or one of the priests.

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 24 August

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday 25 August Feria

- 1000 Mida Sopikit RIP

Tuesday 26 August Feria

- 1215 King Family (F)

Wednesday 27 August Memorial

St Monica was the mother of St Augustine. A woman of strong faith, she is credited with praying daily for the conversion of her husband and her son. Her husband converted on his deathbed: her son, Augustine, converted after a long time of searching, questioning and living a wild life.

- 1215 Giacinto & Barbra Maganzini RIP

Thursday 28 August Memorial

St Augustine of Hippo. One of the most influential figures in the history of the Church, he was immensely learned, and an accomplished teacher, preacher and writer. He was Bishop of Hippo, in North Africa, for over 30 years.

- 1215 James Arthur Johns RIP (F)

Friday 29 August Memorial

Martyrdom of St John the Baptist. The Gospel narrates the story of the beheading of John the Baptist. Herod beheads John at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias.

- 1215 Stephen Mulloy RIP

Saturday 30 August

Our Lady on Saturday

- 1215 CWL Mass
- 1800 Sosamma Zachariah

Sunday 31 August

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1000 John Locke RIP
- 1200 People of the Parish
- 1800 Pat Wright RIP

Congratulations

To Anna Kopycinska and Dimitri Mustanen who were married here in the Cathedral yesterday.

The Early Morning Mass

This will resume next week from Monday 1 Sept at 0730 in St John's Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society

This year St Vincent de Paul Society is celebrating its 175th anniversary. September is SVP Awareness Month and the theme is "Who is my neighbour?" Finding, loving and serving God in our neighbour is fundamental to the Society's work.

The SVP is in need of new members to carry out this work. So if you would like to find out more, please contact Peter Missen on 9286 1771 or the SVP Office on 0207 407 4644 and info@svp.org.uk

Exploring God's Word

Starting on 9 Sept at 1900 we shall meet to celebrate the Year of St Paul by exploring his First Letter to the Corinthians. All are most welcome to come and discover what St Paul has to show us.

Augustine of Hippo

There will be a performance of a new play based on the life of this 4th century North African saint, Augustine of Hippo, here in the Cathedral on Saturday 18 Oct at 1400.

Augustine was an impoverished student at Carthage University and was ambitious to become a Roman Senator. His other interest was girls. All this changes when God intervenes and he becomes obsessed with finding the path to Truth. It is a path fraught with difficulties.

The cast is professional and directed by Robin Marchal, Vice-Chairman of the Catholic Actors Guild. If anyone of age would like to take part as an extra, please ring 9283 7064.

Tickets are £5 (concessions £3.50) to include tea and cakes). Augustine's life was lively and passionate and we promise not to bore you.

CRB Check

Would all Eucharistic Ministers who kindly took the CRB application forms fill them in and return them as soon as possible.

Please contact Sue Smy on 023 9273 0885.

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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2008 - 2009

Registration forms are now available on-line, from the Parish Office, or from all exits of the Cathedral.

Children need to be entering school Year 3 or above to take part in the programme which runs from September until May, when the actual First Communion Masses will be held.

The first session will start on 14 September during the 1200 Mass. For parents who would like to find out more please attend a meeting with the catechists on Thursday 11 September at 1900 in the Cathedral.

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.

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'.

CrossBar

CrossBar is a group of young adults (18+) who meet on the first Sunday of every month.

The next gathering is on Sunday 7 Sept at Abingdon Room. See you there...!!

Christian Aid Global Tea Party

All are welcome for a cup of coffee and a slice of cake on Friday 19 Sept between 1500-1800 at 6 Garden Lane Southsea PO5 3DP.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Stella Semple, 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 & 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.

For those who have died: Eve Ayling RIP (daughter of Eva Sonner)

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Anne Finnegan † Brian Matthews † Morgan (Pat) Barnes † James Arthur Johns † Doreen Yeates † Norah Turvey † Anna Maintz † Mary Blake †

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 £1,768.25 of which £1,081.65 (61%) was gift-aided.