

Today

Baptismal Preparation: 1000 Mass and afterwards in the Jubilee Room.

Forthcoming Events

08/09 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group: 1900-2000 St John's Room.

16/09 Exploring God's Word: 1900 Jubilee Room. Year of St Paul, his First Letter to the Corinthians.

17/09 Mass for the Knights of St Gregory: 1215 Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Crispian.

17/09 Bethany 'Bereavement' Group Meeting: 1500-1600 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

18/09 Start of Preparation Course for RCIA: 1930 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

19/09 St Edmund's School Year 7 Induction Mass: 1400 Cathedral.

19/09 Christian Aid Global Tea Party: 1500-1800 at 6 Garden Lane Southsea PO5 3DP. All welcome.

20/09 Wedding of Elizabeth Stevens and James Davey: 1330 Cathedral.

20/09 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.

20-21/09 Exhibition of "Jerusalem Dispossessed": Cathedral Discovery Centre.

26/09 "No Home, No House" Homeless Action Group Event: 1500-1700 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

28/09 Healing Prayer Time: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. Receive prayer and anointing with Oil of Gladness.

30/09 Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 Cathedral Hall.

05/10 Tridentine Mass: 1530 Cathedral.

Cathedral Curia

Priests: Canon David Hopgood and Father Steven Restori

Mrs Lily Peach, Parish Secretary: 023 9282 6170

Sister Rita, FMDM, Pastoral Assistant: 023 9296 0376

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Discovery Centre: 023 9287 0348

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St John's



Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth

Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

On the feast of the Exultation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honour the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the 4th century, according to early accounts, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the Cross on 14 September 1326 by St Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The Feast of the Exultation of the Cross has been celebrated by Christians on 14 September ever since. We, as Christians, exult the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is thus adoration of Jesus Christ, the God-man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The Cross represents the one sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation.

The Cross has inspired these liturgical and private devotions. For example, there is the sign of the cross, signing the cross on the head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations or Way of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. Placing a crucifix in churches and in homes, in classroom of Catholic schools, and in other Catholic institutions, and wearing the image on one's person are all constant reminders and a witness of Christ's ultimate triumph. Perhaps we should also remember Our Lord's words, "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me".

Today is also Racial Justice Sunday, and we can think of those many people throughout the world who have suffered torture and their own personal crucifixion, because of the colour of their skin or their country of origin. For the next two weeks, there will be an exhibition in the Cathedral Discovery Centre entitled "Jerusalem Dispossessed", which depicts an oppressed people who suffer racial injustice and have, indeed, carried their cross.

Today, when we help those who are oppressed and persecuted, we truly share in the salvation which Christ has won for us on the Cross.

Hymns			
1800	290	756	320
1000	321	503	762 320
1200	762	600	764
1800	290	374	320

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

**Liturgical Calendar
& Mass Times**

Sunday 14 September Feast

THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

- 1000 Michael Parkinson RIP
- 1200 People of the Parish
- 1800 Pat Wright RIP

Monday 15 September Memorial

Our Lady of Sorrows

Originally the Servite commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Pius X transferred the feast to 15 Sept in 1913, the Octave day of the Birth of Mary.

- 0730 Miss C Coakley (F)
- 1215 Jean Chevalier RIP

Tuesday 16 September Memorial

- 0730 Anne Theresa McCarthy (F)
- 1215 Doreen & Dave Yates

Wednesday 17 September Feria

- 0730 O'Connell Family (F)
- 1215 Jean Chevalier RIP

Thursday 18 September Feria

- 730 Milisa Ang Intention
- 1215 George's Intention

Friday 19 September Feria

- 0730 Tony Carroll RIP
- 1215 Requiem Mass of Daniel Cregan RIP

Saturday 20 September

St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

- 1215 Christopher Kirby RIP
- 1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
- 1800 Dan Cregan RIP

Sunday 21 September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1000 Angus McPhearson RIP
- 1200 People of the Parish
- 1800 Private Intention

Congratulations

To Sharon Furtado and Andrew Carter who were married in the Cathedral on Saturday.

To Keira Mary Daniels who will be baptised during the 1200 Mass today. We welcome her family and friends to the Cathedral.

Early Morning Mass

This popular Mass is celebrated from Monday to Friday at 0730 in St John's Chapel. All are welcome.

International Theme Sunday

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

Teams of Our Lady

This is a world-wide lay movement within the Catholic Church which aims to help couples grow in their love of Christ and each other.

The Teams' movement recognises that Christian marriage is a precious gift that needs to be nurtured.

If you would like to find out more do come along for an informal Information Evening on Friday 26 Sept at 1930 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Signing of School Forms

Sunday 5 October is Education Sunday within the City of Portsmouth. There will be a special ceremony during the 1000 and 1200 Masses. Afterwards the priests will sign School Forms in the Cathedral Discovery Centre for those parents applying to send their children to our Catholic schools.

Augustine of Hippo

A new play on the life of Augustine will be performed in the Cathedral on Saturday 18 Oct at 1400, with a professional cast directed by Robin Marchal, Vice Chairman of the Catholic Actors Guild. Tickets are £5 (concessions £3.50).

Would any member of the congregation be happy to offer one night's accommodation to one or two actors on Friday 17 Oct as near the Cathedral as possible? Please phone Kay on 9283 7064.

Charity DVD/CD Sale

The Parish Justice & Peace Group will be holding this sale during the Autumn and would be grateful for donations of professionally recorded DVDs and CDs (no videos, please). These may be left either at the Discovery Centre or the Parish Office. Further details to follow.

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.

Parent and Toddler Group

This group enables parents to meet up and get to know each other while children play! It will re-start on Wed 17 Sept at the Discovery Centre. All are very welcome.

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 on Thursday 18 September at 1930 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

'No House, No Home'

Come and find out about the efforts to tackle homelessness in Portsmouth on Friday 26 Sept from 1500-1700 in the Discovery Centre. This is a follow-up to the successful event 'Opening Doors, Opening Hearts' held last February, organised by the Deanery Justice & Peace Group and the Churches Homeless Action.

Hatha Yoga

A new course of ten consecutive classes will start on Tuesday 30 September in the Cathedral Hall and places are still available.

If you are interested please put your name down in the sign-up sheet in the Hall and come every Tuesday from 1830-2200.

Vacancy for a Foundation Governor

Bishop Crispian is seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor to St John's Cathedral Catholic Primary School. Application forms are available from the Parish Priest or the School Office. Closing date is 10 October 2008.

Oaklands Catholic School

Oaklands are holding their Annual Open Evening on Thurs 25 Sept from 1800-2000. All parents and prospective parents are especially invited to come to visit the school.

A Part-Time School Chaplain is required urgently. For further information please contact the Head on 023 9224 8043.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

- Kay Cronin, Mary Walsh, Fiona Allen, Chris Carter, Wellington Souza, Dominic Fox, Mary Brosnan, Thomas O'Grady, Philip Doherty, Christine Millham, Geoff Obermaier, John Cotter, Maria Makins, Carole Winsler, Albert Hider, 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.

For those who have died:
Daniel Cregan RIP
Roger Obermaier RIP

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- Dennis Farr † Alice Bundy †
- Donal (Patrick) Crowley †
- Maria Troke † Cyril Breese †
- Joseph Collins † Eileen Atkins †
- Walter Simmons †
- Christopher Kirby † Denis O'Mara †
- Helen Walter †

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 £2,089.07 of which £1,098.05 (53%) was gift-aided.