

Today

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

Peace One Day Event: 1100-1500 Nineveh, The Pallant in Havant PO9 1BE. To share lunch, film, talks, music, poetry for a day of global ceasefire & non-violence. All welcome.

Exhibition of "Jerusalem Dispossessed": Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Forthcoming Events

22/09 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group: 1900-2000 St John's Room.

23/09 Exploring God's Word: 1900 Jubilee Room. Year of St Paul, his First Letter to the Corinthians.

25/09 RCIA Preparation Course: 1930 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

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

26/09 Information Evening Teams of Our Lady: 1930 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

27/09 Youth Readers' Training Day: 0930-1130 St Swithun's Church. Please fill in a consent form.

27/09 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.

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

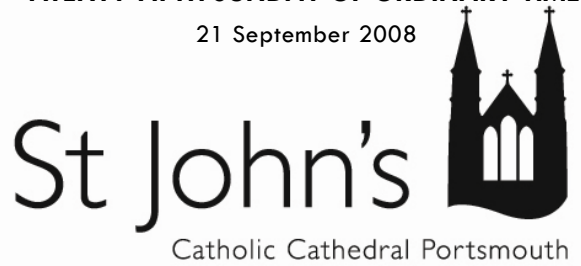
30/09 Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 Cathedral Hall. Start of a new ten-week course. Places are still available.

05/10 Tridentine Mass: 1530 Cathedral. All welcome.

05/10 CrossBar: 1900 Abingdon Room. Social gathering of young adults (18+).

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
- 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

Canon David Hopgood

This is Home Mission Sunday - how do we proclaim the Gospel in Portsmouth? I received this email last week:

" I must communicate with you how my wife and I enjoyed Mass in your magnificent Cathedral this Sunday. Our experience was heightened by the warm and friendly welcome, which we received at the entrance. A lady who was distributing Mass books spoke with us for several minutes and made us feel so 'at home'. When we took our place in the body of the Church, we saw so many people smiling and greeting each other. This also gave a warmth, which is not always evident in other Churches".

Powerful - the effect a welcoming community in the Cathedral can have on visitors!

For sometime, the Parish Pastoral Council has been wanting to establish a welcome and presence in the Cathedral every hour of the day. So today, we are establishing:

The Guardians of the Cathedral

To become a 'Guardian' all you have to do is give one hour each week to be in the Cathedral. What to do in the hour? Be a presence, read a book, speak to anyone who wants to talk, smile to people entering the building, or just pray!

Once you commit to that same hour each week, you will begin to treasure that space and time in your week, a whole hour to yourself! I am sure you will have many questions, What if ... once you say you would like to be a Guardian, then there will be a gathering to answer any questions.

This is a new and exciting venture at our Cathedral. It will be open to anyone - be generous because God is generous to you.

Hymns				Music at 1000	
1800	670	609	794	Gloria	489
1000	959	468	406	Sanctus	490
1200	268	609	846	Acclamation	491
		713		Great Amen	495
1800	731	970	684	Agnus Dei	496

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 21 September

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

Monday 22 September Feria

0730 Peter Seymour Eyles RIP
 1215 Joseph Pothen RIP

Tuesday 23 September Memorial

St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious
 0730 Priests of the Cathedral
 1215 Tim Hourihan RIP

Wednesday 24 Sept Memorial

Our Lady of Walsingham
 0730 Fred Deakin RIP
 1215 Richard & Eileen West (F)

Thursday 25 September Feria

0730 Martin Murphy RIP
 1215 Fabin's Intention

Friday 26 September Op Mem

St Cosmas and St Damian
 0730 Private Intention
 1215 Maria Antonia & Francisco Furtado RIP

Saturday 27 September Memorial

St Vincent de Paul, Founder
 1215 Paul Lee's Intention
 1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
 1800 Eileen Sullivan RIP

Sunday 28 September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1000 James Hadden RIP
 1200 Pauline Fagan
 1800 People of the Parish

Congratulations

To Elizabeth Stevens and James Davey who were married in the Cathedral yesterday.

Early Morning Mass

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

Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are asked to advise when they will not be available over the next quarter 4/5 Oct. Those not on email please take a form from the dispenser and return by 23 Sept.

London to Lourdes Charity Bike Ride

Patrick Noble of the Glanfield Children's Group has written to express his gratitude for the Appeals made last 17 Aug which raised a total of £785.37.

Plymouth Cathedral

The Bishop and Canon David will be joining the Cathedral in Plymouth to celebrate its 150th Anniversary on Monday 22 Sept.

'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.

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

Readers' Training Day

Those in Year 7 or older are invited to come for Readers' Training at Swithun's Church on Sat 27 Sept from 0930-1130. Please contact Mary Ellen on 0781 4467 102.

Portsmouth Churches Website

You can be our representative on the committee that oversees the operation of its website. This involves meeting from 1700-1800 on Tuesdays every six weeks in St John's Room. Some IT knowledge is essential. If you are interested please speak to one of the priests.

Solemn High Mass

Latin Mass using Tridentine liturgy will be held on Sun 5 Oct at 1530 in the Cathedral. All welcome.

Augustine of Hippo

A new play on the life of Augustine will be performed in the Cathedral on Saturday 18 Oct at 1400 Tickets are £5 (concessions £3.50).

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.

St Edmund's Catholic School

St Edmund's School is holding an Open Evening on Wed 24 Sept from 1830-1900 for prospective pupils and their parents.

Open Morning

St John's Cathedral Primary School is holding an Open Morning for parents of children who will be 4 years old by 31 Aug 2009. If you would like to find out more about the school, come along on Tues 30 Sept at 0930.

Oaklands Catholic School

Oaklands is 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.

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.

Co-ordinator for Readers & EUMINS Rotas

Someone is needed to do the rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Jay Kettle-Williams, the present Co-ordinator is stepping down from the post after many years of doing the rotas. If you can help please see Fr David.

APF Appeal Boxes

These are now due to be emptied. Please hand them in to Nora & Eileen at the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Donations are welcome.

Charity DVD/CD Sale

The Parish Justice & Peace Group will be holding this sale after all Masses on the weekend of 1/2 Nov. They would be grateful for donations of professionally recorded DVDs and CDs (no videos).

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Kay Cronin, Mary Walsh, Fiona Allen, Chris Carter, Wellington Souza, Dominic Fox, 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.

For those who have died:
 Patrick McDermott RIP

And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jan Cleuren † Robert Carter † Vera Brookes † Eileen Ward † Margaret McClaverty † John Greenwood † Eileen Northcott † James McClaverty † Catherine Bird † Harry Brown † Francis Turner † Mary Groves † George Colgan † Elizabeth Collins † Alan Freeman † Paul Allen † Richard Bushell † Rebecca Archer † Constance Pearson †

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 £1,628.30 of which £1,174.05 (72%) was gift-aided.