

Today

Baptism: 1430. Congratulations to those of our infants and young children who will be baptised. We warmly welcome their families and friends to the Cathedral.

Youth Justice & Peace Meeting: 1300-1500 Cathedral Centre. Open and welcome to all young people in Year 7+ and above. Please note new time.

Healing Prayer Time: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. An opportunity to receive individual prayer and anointing with the Oil of Gladness. All are welcome.

Forthcoming Events

28/10 - and every Tuesday - Hatha Yoga: 1830-2200 Cathedral Centre. Places are still available.

28/10 Exploring God's Word: 1900 Jubilee Room. Continuing to share our understanding of St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. All welcome.

29/10 - and every Wednesday - Parents' Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room. Parents meet while children play!

29/10 Bethany Group Meeting: 1500 Bishop's House. The group meets each month to pray for those who suffer loss or bereavement and to offer practical help, support or friendship to those who feel in need.

30/10 Liturgy Group Meeting: 1800 Bishop's House. The Liturgy Group comprises representatives from the various ministries, and meets five times a year to plan the liturgy.

30/10 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): 1930-2045 St John's Room.

01/11 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.

01/11 Portsmouth Baroque Choir: 1930 Cathedral.

04,05 & 07/11 Pilgrimage to the Cathedral: 1030-1430 St Peter's School Bournemouth Year 7.

05/11 Knights of St Columba Mass: 1930 Celebrated by Bishop Crispian.

Cathedral Curia

- Priests: Canon David Hoggood 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: 07590 602437
- 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: 07814 46 7102



Thought of the Week

Fr Steven Restori

In loving our neighbour we show our love for God

There have been a number of solemnities and feasts of the Lord that have fallen on Sundays this year. Because these observances are ranked highest on the liturgical calendar they replace the Sundays of Ordinary Time. During the four weeks of the month of November there are three such feasts and solemnities, which means that the normal cycle of readings will be disrupted. The Solemnity of All Saints replaces the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome replaces the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; the Solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, replaces the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today, therefore, is the last time we listen to the cycle of readings for Year A before the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King, on the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time of this Year of Grace 2008. In the Gospel Jesus is asked which of God's commandments is the greatest. He responds that the greatest commandment is to love God. The second greatest, he says, is to love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law, Jesus says, is built on these two commandments.

Both of these two great commandments deal with love – of God and of neighbour. The first reading details what love of neighbour requires. Why should we love our neighbour in such an extraordinary way? Because God has loved us in just the same way. God's love for us sets the standard for our love of neighbour. In loving our neighbour we show our love for God.

Anointing of the Sick

Today at the 1200 Mass we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Jesus, who during his lifetime comforted and healed many who were sick, has established this special sacrament for those who are seriously ill because of disease or ageing. The Catechism reminds us that the special grace of this Sacrament unites the sick to share their sufferings with Jesus' passion and offer it for the good of the whole Church; gives strength and courage to endure illness and old age in a Christian manner; restores the grace of health; and prepares for the passage to eternal life.

Hymns	Mass Intentions
1800 876 835 326	If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, please see the Verger or one of the priests.
1000 844 898 882 862	
1200 869 965 882 862	
1800 844 955 869	

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

Sunday 26 October

- 1000 Daniel Cregan RIP
- 1200 Catherine Hogan and Margaret Whelan RIP
- 1800 People of the Parish

Monday 27 October Feria

- 0730 Jo, David & Doran Green
- 1215 Rita Lynch RIP

Tuesday 28 October Feast

Ss Simon & Jude These two apostles were cousins of Jesus and played important roles in the early Church. It is believed they were martyred in Persia in the 1st century.

- 0730
- 1215 Mrs M Kennedy RIP

Wednesday 29 October Feria

- 0730 Private Intention
- 1215 Bishop Joseph Kiet & Priests

Thursday 30 October Feria

- 0730
- 1215 Robin Thomas Lilley RIP

Friday 31 October Feria

- 0730
- 1215 Private Intention

Saturday 1 November

Our Lady on Saturday

- 1215 Private Intention
- 1800 People of the Parish

Sunday 2 November

All Saints Solemnity

Today the Church honours all the saints in heaven, God's holy ones - known and unknown - in particular those who are not individually recognised throughout the year.

- 1000 Catenian Foundation Mass
- 1200 Carmelite Order & Sisters of Ware Carmel (F)
- 1800 Evelyn Wilson RIP

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.

Visit our Website

Please do not forget to visit the Cathedral website which offers a wide range of references, information and contacts : www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our sick and housebound parishioners who join us at the 1200 Mass of Anointing.

You are invited and encouraged to stay for lunch with them afterwards in the Cathedral Centre.

Bamenda Sunday

The retiring collection next Sunday, 2 Nov is for our sister diocese of Bamenda. Would those on the gift aid scheme please use white envelopes.

Day on St Paul

A joint Anglican-Catholic Day to celebrate St Paul's writings and his ministry. To be held on Saturday 8 Nov from 1030-1500 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Topics: St Paul as a person; some thorny issues in his letters; Bible Study; Christian Unity. There is no charge.

Christian Meditation

Please note there will be no meeting on 27 October, but meeting will re-commence on Monday, 3 Nov from 1915-2015 in St John's Room. This hour includes quiet music and instruction, before a 30-minute silent meditation. All are very welcome.

Youth Sunday

This year Youth Sunday will be on Sunday 23 Nov at St Swithun's Church Hall. It will start at 1445 and finish with pizza before closing at 1900. If you are interested please fill in the form available at the exits to the Cathedral and return to Mary Ellen by 16 Nov.

Child Protection Courses

Two training sessions on Vulnerable Adults (1000-1230) and Principles of Safe Recruiting & Safe Practice (1330-1600) will be held on Sat 29 Nov in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Charity DVD/CD Sale

Thanks to everyone who donated articles for this sale. Unfortunately, the quantity has not been sufficient to make the sale viable. However, we hope to run this in the New Year so continued donations (but no VHS please) would be very 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.

Confirmation 2009

If you are in school year 8 or above and would like to prepare for Confirmation please collect an application form and letter outlining the programme from one of the exits of the Cathedral.

An introductory session will be held on 9 January 2009 in the Discovery Centre at 1800. Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday.

Vigil Taizé Prayer Invitation

'Taizé Prayer and Vigil at the Cross' with Br Paolo of Taizé at St Thomas' Cathedral on Friday 7 Nov from 2000. There will be a modest charge. Please ring 9282 3300.

Street Pastors

Anyone interested in being a Street Pastor please speak to Jordan James or one of the priests. There will be a Recruitment Evening on Monday 10 Nov at 1930 at the Oasis Centre in Arundel Street Portsmouth. Training starts on 17 January 2009.

Operation Christmas Child

The Youth Justice & Peace Group has now launched the Shoe Box appeal (ends 23 Nov). Please prepare a box for a child in need this Christmas or donate items for the group to make up boxes by 16 Nov. Knitting patterns are also available. For further details please ring Emma on 9279 2880.

Christmas Day Lunch

We are looking for volunteer drivers who would be willing to collect and transport elderly parishioners to the Christmas Day Lunch provided at the Discovery Centre. Please contact Paula Medd on 023 9236 9183

School Chaplain Vacancy

St Edmund's Catholic School is seeking to appoint a Chaplain. Applicants must be committed and practising Catholics. Please contact the School on 023 9282 3766.

Wanted: To house-share

A double/single room is available immediately in central Portsmouth. More information from Magdalena on 07922 601913.

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

- Eileen West, Stella Semple, Kay Cronin, Mary Walsh, Fiona Allen, Chris Carter, Wellington Souza, Dominic Fox, Thomas O'Grady, Philip Doherty, Christine Millham, John Cotter, Maria Makins, Carole Winser, Albert Hider, Eilish 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:

- Ellen Doherty † John Brooks † Florence Shipman † John Duggan † Bridget Price †

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 £5,424.18 of which £4,393.55 (81%) was gift-aided.

World Mission Sunday: £797.45