

Today

First Holy Communion Programme: 1200 Mass. Children preparing for their First Communion will hold their fourth session.

Baptism: 1430. Congratulations to those of our infants and young children who will be baptised. We welcome their families and friends to the Cathedral. For dates and times of the next course, please contact the Parish Office.

Youth Justice & Peace Meeting: 1300 onwards. Cathedral Centre. Welcome to all young people in Year 7 and above to help with Operation Christmas Child.

Forthcoming Events

17/11 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group: 1900-2000 St John's Room. All welcome.

18/11 - and every Tuesday - Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. Places are available.

18/11 Chapter Mass: 1215 The Canons of the Cathedral gather for a meeting and celebration of Mass.

18/11 Exploring God's Word: 1900 Jubilee Room. Continuing to share our understanding of St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. All welcome.

18/11 Deanery Justice & Peace Meeting: 1930 St John's Room.

19/11 St John's Cathedral Primary School Year 6 Liturgy: 0930 St John's Chapel. Parents are welcome.

19/11 - and every Wednesday - Parents' Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room. Parents meet while children play!

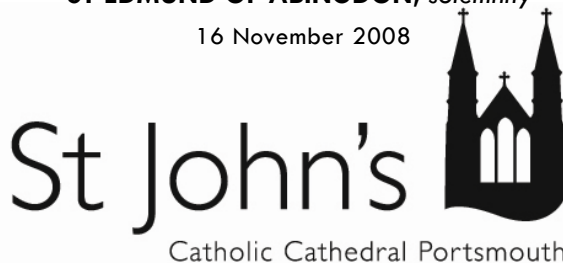
19/11 Churches' Together in Central Portsmouth Fraternal Lunch: 1300 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

20/11 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): 1930-2045 St John's Room. On-going programme every Thursday to gradually welcome adults into the faith.

22/11 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group: 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All welcome.



Priests: Canon David Hopgood and Father Steven Restori
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Thought of the Week

Canon David Hopgood

St Edmund - Joint Principal Patron of the Diocese

You may have wondered why one of the meeting rooms in the Cathedral Centre is called 'The Abingdon Room'. Well, our patron, St Edmund, was born in that town in 1180. He studied at Oxford and Paris, before becoming professor of Philosophy of Oxford, treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral and, finally, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He was a notable and effective reforming bishop. His love for discipline and justice roused opposition, and resulted in a journey to Rome to make an appeal against the king. On the way, he died at Soissy on 16 November 1240. He was buried at Pontigny.

In 1980 a new oak-carved statue of St Edmund was commissioned to celebrate the centenary of the diocese. This statue can be found near the Lady Chapel by the north entrance as you come in from the Cathedral Centre.

In commemorating his Feast Day, we are today invited to remember and pray for our diocese of Portsmouth, which comprises Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire (South of the River Thames, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. Our Bishop, Crispian Hollis, who lives next to the Cathedral in Bishop's House, (along with Fr Steven and myself), spends much of his time travelling around the diocese, visiting parishes and schools. His role is much the same as that of Edmund of Abingdon: to proclaim the Gospel and to be a sign and source of unity in the diocese.

Fr Steven and I, and indeed the other priests of this city, are what we call 'diocesan priests'. That means we are ordained priests to work within the diocese of Portsmouth and can serve in any of the parishes in this area. Fr Steven has worked in the parishes of Reading, Fareham and Guernsey. I have worked in the parishes of Aldershot, Fareham and Portsmouth.

Let us today pray for our diocese and bishop, priests and people, that together we might more fully proclaim the gospel that we profess.

Hymns	Music at 1000 Mass
1800 955 609 852	Gloria 526
1000 959 423 214 852	Sanctus 578
1200 877 609 924 852	Acclamation 579
1800 955 924 852	Great Amen 580
	Agnus Dei 500

Liturgical Calendar**& Mass Times****Sunday 16 November****St Edmund of Abingdon**

- 1000 Eileen Atkins RIP
 1200 People of the Parish
 1800 Meghan Ang, Thanksgiving

Monday 17 November Feria

- 0730 Private Intention
 1215 Jose Nonato RIP

Tuesday 18 November Feria

- 0730
 1215 Chapter Mass

Wednesday 19 November Feria

- 0730
 1215 Sheila Hughes RIP

Thursday 20 November Feria

- 0730 Deceased Relatives of Sister
 Katie Naylor RIP
 1215 Giovanna & Elia Fenick RIP

**Friday 21 November Memorial
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Today's memorial has roots in the sixth-century feast of the Dedication of Santa Maria Nova in Jerusalem. Pope Sixtus V declared it a universal feast in 1585.

- 0730
 1215 Max Bischof RIP

**Saturday 22 November Memorial
St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.**

Cecilia was an early Roman martyr who refused to offer sacrifice to pagan gods. She preserved her virginity even though married and converted her husband and his brother to the faith. She is the patron saint of sacred music.

- 1215 Thomas Michael & Dot Walsh
 RIP (F)
 1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel
 1800 Thomas Keane RIP

**Sunday 23 November Solemnity
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
UNIVERSAL KING**

- 1000 Mariyanayagam &
 Gnanapragasan Family RIP
 1200 Johanne Grieveson Intention
 1800 People of the Parish

Becoming a Catholic

If you know of anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith, with the possibility of being received into the Church, then please speak to one of the priests as soon as possible.

Welcome

Today at the 1000 Mass we remember those members of our parish community who have died during the course of the year. Their names will be read out and we welcome their families and relatives as they join us in prayer for their departed loved ones.

**A Time to Remember
Those We Mourn**

An open invitation to come together for a short service on Sunday 30 November at 1630 in St John's Chapel for prayerful reflection and to light a candle in memory of a departed loved one and then be anointed with the Oil of Gladness.

**Youth Sunday
Celebrations**

The 1200 Mass next Sunday is being led by young people of the parish as part of their Youth Sunday celebration.

There will be Traidcraft, Christmas gift stalls and refreshments in the Cathedral Centre afterwards. Please come and join us.

If you are aged 10 and over, you are invited with other young Catholics in the city of Portsmouth 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 today.

Greenery for Church

If anyone has any green foliage growing in their garden, the Flower Ministry would be grateful if you could kindly donate some of this to decorate the Cathedral for Advent and Christmas.

Please bring it along to the Cathedral Discovery Centre before Friday 5 December.

**Prospective Sixth Form
Open Evenings**

Oaklands School is holding its Sixth Form Open Evenings on Wed 19 Nov and Thurs 20 Nov from 1930 in the School Hall. All parents and prospective students are invited to come and visit the school.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Council meets regularly to discuss pastoral issues. Recently, for example, we have discussed a proposed parish outing and the setting up of Cathedral Guardians. If anyone would like to pass on ideas or comments, the members would be pleased to hear about what you have to say.

If you aren't sure who to talk to, please see the photos in the Cathedral Hall entrance or look out for those wearing our new badges.

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 to the Cathedral.

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

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to those who have already given their donation.

Next week is the last opportunity to bring in your completed shoe boxes for a child in need. Please hand them to members of the Youth group in the Centre after any Mass (financial donations also welcome).

The Youth Group will be the Centre today from 1300 onwards packing and making up shoe boxes. Anyone in Year 7 and above is welcome.

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. All volunteers and team leaders are encouraged to attend. Contact Sue Smy on 92730 885 if you wish to attend.

Visit our Website

Do visit the Cathedral website and see the new personality of month.

It also offers a wide range of references, information, contacts, facts and particulars: www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

**Please pray for those who
are ill, especially:**

Eileen West, Stella Semple, Kay Cronin, Mary Walsh, Fiona Allen, Chris Carter, Dominic Fox, Thomas O'Grady, Philip Doherty, 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.

For those who have died:
Wellington Souza RIP**And for those whose
anniversaries occur at this
time:**

Francis John Ashton † Mary Kennedy † Kathleen Goodson † Doris Simmonds † Maisie Chapple † Sheila Hughes † Colin Trower † John Rogers † Ryland Phillips † Maria Smith † Purification Cuadrado † Maureen Horne † Nan Collins † Mary Crilley † Cecily O'Neill † Andrew Gallagher Darroch †

**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
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Rosary after 1215 Mass
 Tuesday and Thursday

**We acknowledge with
thanks:**

Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £1,992.50 of which £1,292.75 (65%) was gift-aided.

CAFOD Congo Appeal:
 £1,299.73