

Today

Christ the King Youth Mass: 1200. Led by young people of the parish.

National Youth Sunday Celebrations: 1445-1900. St Swithun's Church Hall. Open and welcome to all aged 10 and over.

Forthcoming Events

24/11 - and every Monday - Christian Meditation Group: 1900-2000 St John's Room. All welcome.

25/11 - and every Tuesday - Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. Places are available.

25/11 Justice & Peace Group Meeting: 1930 St John's Room. New members are always welcome.

25/11 Meeting for RCIA Sponsors: 2000 Bishops House.

26/11 St John's Cathedral Primary School Reception Liturgy: 0930 St John's Chapel. Parents are welcome.

26/11 - and every Wednesday - Parents' Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room. Parents meet while children play!

27/11 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.

30/11 First Holy Communion Programme: 1200 Mass. Children preparing for their First Communion will hold their fifth session.

30/11 'A Time to Remember': 1630 St John's Chapel. A short service in memory of loved ones who have died over the last twelve months. All welcome.

4/12 St John's College Lower School Carol Service: 1800-2000 Cathedral. All welcome

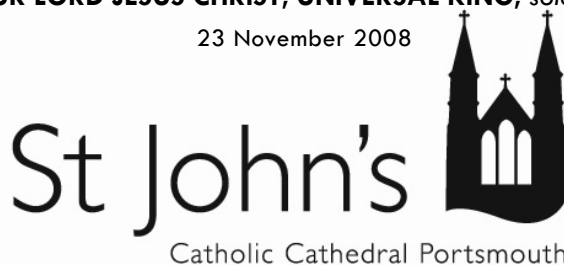
6/12 University of Portsmouth Choir Concert: 1930 Cathedral. All welcome.

10/12 St John's College Upper School Carol Service: 1800. Cathedral. All welcome.

15/12 Talk Jerusalem, The East Side Story: 1930 Cathedral Centre.



Priests: Canon David Hoppood and Father Steven Restori
 Sister Rita, FMDM, Pastoral Assistant: 023 9296 0376
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Thought of the Week

Fr Steven Restori

Christ our King dwells in ourselves and each other

Today is the Last Sunday (the Thirty-fourth) of the Year of Grace 2008. As the liturgical year ends, we are pointed towards the end of time itself and the return of our Lord Jesus Christ King, of the entire universe. The liturgy of the Church encourages us to look forward to this time with hope; in fact part of Christian tradition is to actually long for the end of the world, as we know it, and the return of Christ in glory.

In Matthew's gospel we listen to the great parable of the separation of the sheep and the goats. The focus of the Gospel is the Christian belief that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we also do for Christ. The One who has shepherded us toward the day of judgement demands that we have also shepherded one another. Ultimately, our judgement is based on whether we have lived as Christ.

One of the ways we can begin to see the Christ in another person is by not judging the negative aspects we first see in each other, but instead looking for the good. This can be carried out in such a simple Christian practice as seeking ways to compliment rather than criticise another, or by being careful not to spread gossip. In this way we build up the body of Christ and bring honour to Christ our King who dwells in ourselves and each other.

Today is also National Youth Sunday. We welcome young people at the 1200 Mass today who will assist in the ministries of reading and hospitality. This afternoon, at St Swithun's Church, Southsea, young people from the parishes across our city will gather to celebrate this day with activities, workshops, reflection and prayer.

Our retiring collection today is in support of the young people in our pastoral area and the continued good work of our Deanery Youth Worker.



Hymns
1800 769 807 320
1000 644 321 319
1200 325 883 767 898 878
1800 319 706 769

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

Liturgical Calendar

& Mass Times

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

1000 Mariyanayagam &
Gnanapragasan Family RIP

1200 Johanne Grieveson Intention

1800 People of the Parish

**Monday 24 November Memorial
St Andrew Dung-Lac**, Priest &
Companions, Martyrs. Andrew
Dung-lac and his 116 companions
were martyred in Vietnam
between 1745 & 1862 during the
persecutions of Ming-Meng, who
believed that Christians were
inciting revolts against him.

0730 Bill & Ethel Evans RIP

1215 Betty Crane RIP

Tuesday 25 November Feria

0730 Rose Farrugia RIP

1215 John Locke RIP

Wednesday 26 November Feria

0730

1215 Nataline Carvalho RIP

Thursday 27 November Feria

0730 Joseph Ninh Doan RIP

1215 Denis Eric Cronin RIP

Friday 28 November

0730

1215 Naylor Family RIP

Saturday 29 November

Our Lady on Saturday

1215 Devonald Family RIP

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1800 William Lee RIP

Sunday 30 November

First Sunday of Advent Year B

1000 Conroy Family & Friends (F)

1200 People of the Parish

1800 McDuff & Abel families

Congratulations

To Ruby Mae Paine who will be
baptised during the 1200 Mass
today. We welcome her family and
friends to the Cathedral.

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

National Youth Sunday

After the 1200 youth-led
Mass there will be
refreshments in the Cathedral
Centre as well as Traidcraft
and Bric-a-Brac /toy stalls
(all proceeds to support the
Operation Christmas Child
Appeal). Please come and
join us.

If you are aged 10 and
over, you are invited to join
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.

**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, to light
a candle in memory of a
departed loved one, and
then be anointed with the Oil
of Gladness.

Janet Bischof writes:

The Bischof Family would like
to say how much we
appreciate the loving
support and cards of
condolences and prayers
being offered for dear
Max's intentions. Thank you
so much.

Due to the very sad loss of
my dear husband the Annual
Conference of the
Confraternity of the Rosary
on 19 Nov was cancelled. A
letter will be sent out later.

**Christmas Vouchers for
the Homeless**

We will again be joining
with 'Churches Together' in
supporting this scheme during
Advent to help the homeless
in our City. Please see details
in the enclosed leaflet.
Thank you in advance for
your continued generosity.

Christian Meditation

The Christian Meditation
Group meets every Monday
in St John's Room from 1900-
2000.

The one-hour meeting
involves music, listening to a
short recorded talk, praying
in silence, and an opportunity
for questions and reflections.
Anyone who feels drawn to
silent prayer is 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.

CrossBar

This gathering of young adults
(18+) who meet on the first Sunday
of every month will have a
Christmas party on Sunday 7 Dec
at the Trafalgar Pub, Edinburgh
Road, Portsmouth from 1900.

Come and join us! For more
information contact Mary-Ellen on
078 1446 7102.

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. Confirmation will
be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday.

**Operation Christmas Child
(Shoe Box Appeal)**

All shoe boxes and donations need
to be handed in this weekend.
Please give them to members of the
Youth Justice & Peace Group who
will be in the Centre after all
Masses.

Thank you to everyone who has
supported this appeal.

Greenery for the Church

If anyone has holly 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.

Day Retreat

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Walsingham Church, White Hart
Lane, Portchester, PO16 9QQ on
Saturday 6 Dec from 1030 to
1700.

Programme includes Praise and
Worship, Eucharistic Adoration and
Healing Service. Bring a packed
lunch. For details contact Joy
Parambi 9234 9747.

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

Jo Neagle, June Kempster,
Ann Dazley, Christine
Millham, Eileen West, Stella
Semple, Kay Cronin, Mary
Walsh, Fiona Allen, Chris
Carter, Dominic Fox, Thomas
O'Grady, Philip Doherty,
John Cotter, Maria Makins,
Carole Winsler, Albert Hider,
Eilish Cregan, Laurie Payne,
Brenda Hamilton, Adelaide
de Battista, Maisie Hider,
Doreen Yates, Jenny
Edwards & Fr Peter
Sprague.

**And for those whose
anniversaries occur at this
time:**

John Moore † Sister
Edelburga † Richard Selway
† Kathleen O'Neill † Emily
Foster † Theodora Searle †
John Leyden † Helen Creevy
† Margaret Ray † Baby
James Earley † George
Bampton † Patrick Morgan †
Phyllis d'Agostino † Harry
Richardson † Edward Murray
† Ian Ricketts †

**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 £1,779.88 of
which £ 993.30 (56%) was
gift-aided.