

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth covers Hampshire, Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands, Berkshire (with the exception of Slough Council area), Oxfordshire – south of the River Thames and the Bournemouth and Christchurch areas of Dorset.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH CELEBRATES 125th ANNIVERSARY

There are two celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of the diocese.

MONDAY 21 MAY

6.00PM

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH ROAD, PORTSMOUTH, PO1 3HG

There will be a celebration Mass attended by people from all over the Diocese. The preacher will be the Most Reverend Kevin McDonald, Archbishop of Southwark.

FRIDAY 15 JUNE

7.00PM

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Evening Prayer and Liturgy of Light

The service will be led by Bishop Crispian Hollis, the Bishop of Portsmouth, and the preacher will be Canon Nichols France, Catholic Dean in Jersey.

The Bishop of Winchester, Bishop Michael Scott-Joynt will be in attendance together with guests from other churches as well as representatives from parishes throughout the Diocese.

Many leaders of other Christian denominations in the area of the diocese will be among the guests.

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has been given the use of Winchester Cathedral for this celebration by kind permission of the Dean

Bishop Crispian Hollis will be available for interviews in advance of both events.

Media intending to cover the events are kindly asked to inform the Diocesan Communications Officer in advance.

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