



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

17 Sept 2017— 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO BE CALLED?

Why are Catholic priests often called Father? Is this not contrary to the teaching of Jesus that we should call no one on earth our father (Mt 23:9)? I have lost count of the number of times I've been asked these questions. You'd think people had more important things to worry about! Just for the record, Jesus when saying what he did wasn't prohibiting calling someone with the title 'Father.' He was more interested in encouraging people not to misuse such a title. Calling a bishop or priest 'Father' has been a custom since the Church's early days. It is though not a title a priest has any right to—as I learned when first ordained. My first parish priest told me 'People may call you Father or they may not, never let it trouble you.' I've tried to follow that advice and am not bothered when people call me by my first name. After all, it was the one my parents spent a lot of time choosing for me!

This weekend we welcome to our parish someone who many of us got to know three years ago. When Ansel D'Mello came on a year's placement from St John's Seminary, Womersley we got used to calling him 'Ansel.' Must we now call him Fr Ansel? I think I know him well enough to say that I don't think he will care what you call him, provided it's polite. He starts his ministry with us assured of a warm welcome. I know I can rely on you to give him time to settle in and to make the mistakes that we all do from time to time. As one of the two new assistant priests to our parish he will soon be a familiar face. Joining us at the end of the month will be Fr Philip Carroll, ordained two years ago. With the two of them and also Niall Farrell who last week began a year's placement with us from the seminary there may be new faces (and an old one) ministering to you at the Cathedral but all we hope is that those we minister to will see and hear in us something of Christ. We of course hope to find the same in you. It's why as a parish and a Church we call ourselves the Body of Christ. Canon Dominic



A JOB WELL DONE: Many thanks to Lt. Cdr Peter Barfoot RN and his crew from HMS Tyne, one of the Navy's fishery protection vessels, for redecorating so much of the Cathedral Hall and corridors one day last week. What they started will now be finished in the coming days by Cathedral staff. It's the first new look the Hall has had since 2001. We hope you like it!

THIS WEEK

HOME MISSIONS: Today is Home Mission Sunday. We are encouraged to pray for those who are distant from the life of faith. Please support the collection after all Masses which funds the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

CAKE SALE: today after 1000 and 1200 Masses as part of Matthew Galbraith's fundraising charitable trip to Botswana.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: meets this Mon (18 Sept) from 1300-1530 in the Cathedral Hall.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC): Now open again with full hours from Tue-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300.

SUNDAY NIGHT EXTRA: here today from 1900-2045 for those aged 11-18. There will be a talk and time to hang out with friends, enjoy food and we will end with a time of prayer.

InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP: meets this Tues 1030-1300 in the CDC for those who feel isolated or who experience mental ill health. We offer a variety of activities and a hot meal.

GUILD OF ST JOHN: meets this Tue at 1900 in Bishop's House.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY YR 6 LITURGY: this Fri 0915 at St John's Chapel.

ADORATION OF THE BL SACRAMENT: Fri from 0800-1800. Please note it does continue while the primary school's liturgy takes place in St John's Chapel.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £2,138.39 incl SO. Gift Aid 46%.

A DAY WITH MARY: here this Sat (23 Sept) with Mass at 1000 celebrated by the Bishop and a full day of Marian devotions incl Procession and afternoon homilies on Our Lady given by Canon Dominic and Fr Ansel. This is the third year we've held this day and if you've not been before why not come and see why so many enjoy it.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

ANNUAL CIVIC MASS: at next Sunday's 1000 Mass we will welcome the Lord Mayor, local MPs and local councillors. Canon Dominic is the celebrant. After Mass there will be refreshments in the Hall. They are for everyone and our local councillors have often said how much they enjoy this opportunity to meet parishioners.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MIGRANTS MASS: also here next Sunday but at 1400. The celebrant is the Bishop and the Mass will be celebrated in various languages. After Mass you are invited into the Hall where 'food-tasters' from the different ethnic backgrounds of the people of our diocese will be available for all.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH: next Sunday at all Masses except the 1000, Angela O'Donoghue, Lay Chaplain, will welcome new and returning students for the current academic year. After 1200 Mass students will gather outside the Cathedral to go for a pub lunch. angela.odonoghue@port.ac.uk

TEA DANCE: Thu 21 Sept 1400-1600 for an afternoon of waltzing, tangoing, quickstepping with people all abilities. Meet new faces. £5 paid in advance. Contact CDC on 023 9287 0348.



NEWS FROM ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY

Our new school year began full of enthusiasm, excitement and celebration as once again St. Edmund's has achieved fantastic results in the GCSE examinations. Our results continue to be the best in Portsmouth and Hampshire, with St. Edmund's in the top 5% of schools in the country. The amazing levels of personal progress are only achieved as a result of our hard work and faith in God.

At the start of each term, as you know through our contributions to the Cathedral Newsletter, our school chooses a Beatitude as our spiritual focus. Our Beatitude for this term is: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Matthew 5:3) We reflected upon what might this Beatitude mean and how can we live out this blessed attitude? We asked ourselves, is my attitude in life, 'I can handle anything by myself' or is it 'Together we can do it'? This Beatitude is saying 'Together we can do it' and is reflected in our School Mission Statement: 'I can do all things with the help of God who strengthens me.' Our Vincent De Paul Group and Chaplaincy Team will be looking at various activities which will enable us to further live out this Beatitude during the year.

OTHER NEWS

MESSAGE OF THANKS: Eileen O'Brien would like to thank Canon Dominic and all parishioners for their kind wishes, cards, presents and prayers on the occasion of her recent birthday. "Receiving the Papal Award made my 100th birthday just a bit more special".

ST EDMUND'S OPEN EVENING: if you're thinking of sending your child to our local Catholic secondary do go along on Mon 2 Oct from 1800-2030 and meet the staff.

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for those parishioners who have died recently: Patricia Gilbert, (Funeral: Kingston Cemetery 26 Sept, 0930), Marie Munt (Funeral: here 11 Oct, 1215) and Antonetta Salerno (funeral to be arranged). Pray too for their loved ones that they may be comforted at this time by the assurances of faith.

Preparing For



The deadline for registering your child is this Thursday (21 Sept). Registration forms are available online at our website and at the Cathedral exits.

SOLEMN HIGH MASS: (Ordinariate) Sat 30 Sept at 1100 St Agatha's Church PO1 4RN. The guest preacher is Fr John Saward and the celebrant is Fr John Maunder. Tel: 07454 815968.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Tue 03 Oct from 1800-2039 in the CDC. It is a diocesan requirement that all volunteers who are engaged in any parish activities with children must attend and complete this training; our clergy are also obliged and attend an annual formation day. Contact Soraya on 023 9281 6396 to book a place.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,
week beginning 17 September 2017

Sun: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

see Parish Mass Book, p 128

1800 (Sat) Ray Knott RIP

0800 Vocations to the Priesthood (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Heather, Mary & Tina Leigh-Sawney RIP

1200 Salvador Gomes RIP

1800 People of the Parish

Mon: Feria

1215 Private Intention

Tue: St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop, *op mem*

1215 Victor's Intention

**Wed: St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong
Hasang & Companions, Martyrs**

0730 Gordon Ramsden RIP

1215 Abel and Amara Int

Thu: ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, *feast*

1215 Max and Stephen Bischof RIP

Fri : Feria

0730 Michael Ward RIP

1215 James F Casey RIP

Sat: St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, *memorial*

1000 Marie Munt RIP

CONFESSIONS: Available here Saturdays from 1100-1200 and 1700-1745 and Sundays for 30mins before Mass when a priest is available.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday from 0800-1800. If you'd like to join the list of Adorers please contact the parish office.

ROSARY: Monday—Friday after 1215 Mass.

OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Lourdes, Eastney

1800 (Sat)

St Swithun's, Southsea

0830, 1015, 1800

*Corpus Christi, North End:*1100

St Joseph's, Copnor

1800 (Sat), 0900

St Colman's, Cosham

1800 (Sat), 0930

St Paul's, Paulsgrove, 1100

QA Hospital, 1600

St Agatha's (Ordinariate), 1100



**Prayer
Requests**

◆ The Pope's prayer intention this month is that our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated & charity seen.

◆ For our housebound parishioners

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SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Theodore: born in Tarsus, Greece he was at the age of 65 appointed archbishop of Canterbury! He arrived in Kent in 669 and set to work travelled all over England, founding churches and consecrating bishops to fill dioceses left vacant by the plague. He was highly respected for his administrative skills and too his pastoral, moral and canonical decisions. He died in 690 having ensured a close link with Rome.