



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

15 Oct 2017— 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP about the Need to Pray for the Peoples of Bamenda

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

It is with sadness and concern that I bring to your attention the deteriorating socio-political situation in Cameroon, particularly in the regions covered by our sister Diocese of Bamenda. Our two dioceses have been intimately linked for over forty years and, as you know, we currently have three priests from Bamenda serving in our parishes. The disturbances in Cameroon have complex origins in the relationship between the French and English speaking provinces and in the recent imposition of controls by the political authorities. Most schools in Bamenda have been closed since last November. Peaceful demonstrations have led to arrests, torture and the killing of citizens by the military. It is instructive to read the statement from the Cameroon Bishops about the tensions in this week's diocesan Enews. At this time, I ask your prayers for peace, reconciliation and a just outcome. I have written to Archbishop Cornelius to express the prayers, solidarity and support of the clergy and faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth. I invite you all to offer the Rosary this week for the intentions of Bamenda. Please also consider writing to your MP to ask our government leaders here in Britain to do all they can to assist the situation and to bring about peace and justice. In Corde Iesu,

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Last Wednesday it was 35 years since the Mary Rose was raised from the Solent. Now on display in the museum not far from us it bears witness in a quiet way to the Catholic faith of some of its crew. Among the many artefacts on display is a set of rosary beads. They were found in a cabin where from the tools stored it seems likely the ship's carpenter worked. Henry VIII had made it a crime to use a rosary but as the ship sank in July 1545 at least one of the crew had one on board. Had the Mary Rose not sunk the carpenter's devotion would have stayed a secret. October has long been a month when many Catholics like to pray the rosary. To use it to reflect on Christ's life, death and resurrection is a good way of appreciating what the prophet Isaiah tells us this Sunday: 'see this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation.' Like the ship's carpenter let's not be shy in carrying (and using) a rosary. To do so is to gain new insight into our love for the Lord.

Canon Dominic

THIS WEEK



CONGRATULATIONS: to Mike and Pat Russell who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. They will receive a blessing at Saturday's 6pm Mass.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: in the Hall after this weekend's 6pm Saturday Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN: their first preparation session begins after this Sunday's Noon Mass.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: continues this weekend and runs throughout Oct.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC): Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300.

CWL (CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE): meets Mon at 1330 in CDC. We're always looking for new members!

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: meets Mon at 1100 in the CDC Jubilee Room.

InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP: meets this Tues 1030 -1300 in the CDC for those who feel isolated or experience mental ill health.

ST LUKE'S DAY MASS: Wed 18 Oct at 1930 at St John's Chapel for all health care professionals in Portsmouth.

RCIA: A JOURNEY IN FAITH: meets this Thu at 1930 in the CDC.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £1,983 (incl SO) GA 47 and for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day £1,335.65 GA 51%. Next weekend is the

annual second collection for World Missions, supporting *Missio* whose red boxes many Catholics like to have at home for personal donations.

ONE POUND COINS: Today is the last day the church can accept old £1 coin.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

FAITH EXPLORERS: New discussion group meets Tuesdays from 1930-2100 in the CDC Jubilee Room. We pray and study God's Word together. To find out more email eden.victoria5@gmail.com/text 07528 055 183. Forthcoming topics include: 17 Oct—Esme Shaw "Ignatian Spirituality"; 24 Oct Canon David Mahy "Who are the Saints?"; 7 Nov—Seminarian Niall Farrell "Vocation". Please come along and give it a go!

REVIVE: This is a small group, led by lay people, and for those who have been away from the church for some time, yet feel drawn by Christ and would like to renew their belief in God and become alive again in faith. When a similar group met a few years ago one of those attending commented, "It was an opportunity to listen, discuss and ask questions in a safe, comfortable environment". If anyone is interested then have a word with a priest about attending REVIVE.

GREAT SOUTH RUN 2017: A reminder that this takes place on Sun 22 Oct. There will be various road closures and parking restrictions around the city.

LATIN MASS SOCIETY: annual High Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form here on Sun 29 Oct at 1500 and celebrated by Fr Philip Harris.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: In the year 2007, an international organisation called 40 Days for Life was formed to help bring about an end to abortion through prayer, sacrifice and street witness. A campaign running in Portsmouth began a fortnight ago and will continue until 5th of November. You are invited to support this work with your prayers and to get involved. For more info please contact 07535 937865 or email 40daysforlifeportsmouth@gmail.com

DEMYSTIFYING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Sat 11 Nov from 0945-1600 at St Michael's Church Leigh Park. A day for married couples and anyone interested in making an informed decision. There will be various presentations on a theological perspective, scientific knowledge, the menopause, as well as news from experts in the field. RSVP by 22 Oct mandfl@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL: We have set up in the CDC a quiet space for reflection and prayer to reach out to those affected by baby loss in whatever way. If you would like to talk please ring Portsmouth Life Group 023 9279 3085.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: Elderly people on their own at Christmas are invited to share traditional Christmas lunch with friends old and new at the CDC from 1500-1730 on Christmas Day. If you would like to attend please ring Bobbie Cozens 01923 814 678 or the Parish Office on 023 92 826170.



22 - 29 October 2017

Wed 25 Oct from 1200-1500 in the CDC for fun, food and friendship. This year's theme is "Good Neighbours". Wherever your family comes from in the world we would like you to come together to be good neighbours in Portsmouth. For more information: Maureen:owwcelebration@gmail.com



OSCAR ROMERO: This year marks the centenary of the birth of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, Blessed Oscar Romero. RISE Theatre is coming here on Sat 18 Nov at 1930 to present a play about him. It is suitable for children aged 11 and above. Tickets are £5 (adults) & £2 (ages 11-18) and are now available from the CDC or www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre.

CHARITIES & VOLUNTEERING FAIR: here on Sat 18 Nov from 1800-2130. A number of local charities have joined up to host this. Browse their stalls and have a chat with parish groups who will be raising awareness of their valuable work. Find out how you can get involved in volunteering. Contact: Maureen 01243 377411.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

week beginning 15 October 2017

Sun: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

see Parish Mass Book, p 140

1800 (Sat) Mike and Pat Russell Int

0800 Hubert Henry Coghlan RIP (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Mark Cruz Alonso RIP

1200 People of the Parish

1800 Joy Parambi Int

Mon: FERIA

0730 Xi Hai Int

1215 Angela Meyer RIP

Tue: St Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr, memorial

1215 Mary Angela Martin RIP FM

Wed: ST LUKE, Evangelist, feast

0730 Catherine Coakley RIP FM

1215 Pedro Alayu, Francisco Acoba RIP

Thu: FERIA

1215 Alan Webb RIP

Fri : FERIA

0730 Rev Lawrence Joseph Cosgrove FM

1215 Funeral Mass of Catherine Zollo RIP

Sat: FERIA

1215 Mary Ann Doherty RIP FM

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



• The Pope's prayer intention this month is that workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

CONTACT DETAILS

Canon Dominic Golding VG, *Cathedral Dean*

Fr Ansel D'Mello & Fr Philip Carroll, *Assistant Priests*

Sr Maura Chin, FMDM, *Pastoral Assistant*

Lily Peach, *Parish Secretary*

Sue Smy, *Safeguarding Representative*

Tel: 023 9282 6170

Email enquiries: cathedral@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

www.portsmouthcatholicathedral.org.uk

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Damien of Molokai 1840

-1889 He was inspired by the missionary efforts of St Francis Xavier. At the age of 24 he was sent to Hawaii, a place with great poverty and diseases, including leprosy. He built a church, served the lepers, building homes and digging graves. He said, "I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all for Jesus Christ." He himself contracted the disease after 11 years on the colony and died 5 years later.