



St John's Cathedral,  
Portsmouth

# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

22 April 2018— FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## The Church needs Prophets

A prophet is someone who speaks in the name of God, delivering a divinely inspired message to the people. In the Old Testament we find many prophets, including Ezekiel and Jonah. Because of the people's failings and temple idolatry, Ezekiel predicts the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah, the capture of Jerusalem, the destruction of the temple, with the people thrown into exile. However, Ezekiel also proclaims the eventual return of the people from exile and the eventual triumph of the Messiah who would purify the people and re-establish their former magnificence. Jonah is called upon by God to travel to Nineveh and warn the people to repent of their sins. Instead, Jonah boards a ship to Tarshish. When the ship gets caught in a storm, Jonah instructs the ship's crew to throw him overboard where he is swallowed by a giant fish. Three days later, Jonah agrees to go to Nineveh and the fish vomits him out onto the shore. Jonah then travels to Nineveh and convinces the people to repent of their sins.

Jesus was also a prophet, He always speaks in the name of his Father. In John, Jesus tells us, "My teaching is not my own, but his who sent me" (John 7:16.) Jesus also says, "I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me" (John 8:28.) Jesus is the ultimate prophet, the one who fulfils the prophecy of the Messiah and is the Word of God.

We, too, are called to be prophets. At baptism, with the anointing of Chrism, we share in Christ's threefold ministry of priest, prophet and king. As prophets, we are called to proclaim the word of God, not only to speak the word, but to proclaim it with our lives. This is how we become prophetic. Pope Francis says, "The Church needs prophets...it needs all of us to be prophets." He also says "A prophet is a man [or woman] of truth, he corrects when needed and opens wide the doors looking to the horizon of hope." To fulfil our ministry as prophets, we must be a people rooted in hope. When we proclaim the message of truth, we must proclaim it with hope, not fear or despair. Although Ezekiel and Jonah predict the destruction of Judah and Nineveh, Ezekiel also predicts the restoration of the Kingdom through the Messiah and Jonah preaches mercy through repentance. They bring hope to the people. Jesus also preaches a message of hope. Each time we hear the word of God, He brings hope to our lives. Let us pray that as prophets, we proclaim this hope to others, too.

**Fr Ansel D'Mello**

## THIS WEEK AND NEXT

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please join in asking the Lord to give those called to the priesthood, religious and marriage and family life the courage to respond to his call. The second collection will be for **Clergy Training Fund**. This collection helps to meet costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

**CRAFT SALE:** today after 1000 & 1200 Masses in the Cathedral Hall. Hosted by the Sisters of Maria Stella Matutina from Grayshott. These monastic crafts help to supply for the community's basic needs. The Sisters are also happy to meet parishioners and receive all our prayer requests.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE COFFEE MORNING:** today after 1000 Mass in the CDC. Proceeds will go to the organisation supporting the refugees, 'Relief for Refugees'. All welcome.

**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS:** today at 1500. The CDC still needs volunteers to serve teas and coffees to those coming to this from across the diocese. To help contact Lucy Sayer on 02392 870348 or [cdcmanager@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cdcmanager@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC)**  
The shop is open Tues-Sat 0930-1430 and Sun 0930-1300 with a selection of devotional items for sale .

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



## **SUNDAY CHOIR:**

regular practice in the Cathedral this Thurs from 1830-2030. We are looking for new members please introduce yourself after Mass to the organist if you've thought of singing in the choir.

**LITURGY MATTERS!** Here on Sat 28 April from 1000-1630. The Society of St Gregory will hold several workshops on planning and preparing for Mass, exploring what is needed for a truly worthy celebration. All are welcome particularly anyone involved in parish ministry. Cost is £10. Speaker: Mgr Kevin McGinnell. Bookings: [ssg.org.uk](http://ssg.org.uk)

**COLLECTIONS:** Thanks for last Sunday's offertory of £1,684.87 (G.A. 53%). .

## NEXT WEEK & BEYOND



### **ROSARY ON THE COAST:**

Invites the faithful, with the support of the clergy, to gather at various sites along the coast and pray the Rosary at 1500 on Sunday 29 April for faith, peace and conversion of the British Isles. The event hopes to form a chain of prayer around England, Scotland and Wales. Our Cathedral parish will be gathering at Portsmouth Hot Walls at 1500 on Sun 29 April. If you wish to join simply turn up.

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** Tue 24 April at 1830 in the Chaplaincy. We listen to part of a CD talk by Fr Richard Rohr: "God's grace; beyond reward and punishment" to be led by Angela O' Donoghue. This will be followed by discussion and refreshments.



### **IN PRAISE OF HIM:**

here on Sat 26 May at 1930. All welcome to an evening of sacred choral music by the Canterbury Christ

Church University Chapel Choir directed by Gregory Treloar. Admission is free.

### **“SHARE THE JOURNEY” CONFERENCE:**

Sat 12 May at St Edward Church in Chandlers Ford. Come along and see what we as a diocese and parish can practically do to assist our refugee brothers and sisters including sponsoring and housing the refugees. For more information see our noticeboards .

**DONATIONS TO CAFOD:** A planned £5 million programme to combat malnutrition hopes to reach 245,000 people. Donations made until 12 May will be doubled by the government. But the full amount is required for match funding to happen. Please help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

### **OTHER NEWS**

**SHERRY WEDDELL** author of *Called and Gifted* is coming to the diocese in May.

- Fri 18 May 1400-2100 at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. She will talk about parish renewal and a few of our parishes will share what they are doing.

- Sat 19 May 0930-1630 will be focused on personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with Jesus. For more details and to book free places, please contact Clare Simpson on email: [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



LIVERPOOL 2018  
**ADOREMUS**  
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC  
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS  
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

**DIOCESAN PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** There is to be a national Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool on 7th, 8th & 9th Sept.

A preparation day for this event will take place on Sat 5 May from 0930 at the New Theatre Royal in Southsea with talks from Pippa Baker, Fr Stephen Wang and Bishop Philip. It will continue here in the Cathedral at 1330 with workshops on the Eucharist, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1500 concluding with Mass at 1530 by Bishop Philip. The day is free and open to all. Book: [congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**BECOME A TEACHER:** If the idea of teaching does or ever has appealed to you, now might well be the right time to find out more about training to be a primary school teacher. You can train through the Primary Catholic Partnership, that is in partnership with Catholic schools in our diocese and offers school-centred training. An information and recruitment session is being held at St Swithun’s Primary School in Southsea on Thu 26 April starting with tea and coffee at 1400 and finishing by the end of the school day. Please let St Swithun’s or PCP know: [www.pcp-scitt.org.uk](http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk)

## CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

*week beginning 22 April 2018*

### Sun: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*see Parish Mass Book, p 261*

1800 (Sat) Johanna and Sean Short RIP

0800 Michael Quinlan RIP (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Philip Clarke Int

1200 Denise Hana RIP

1800 Irene Healy RIP

### Mon: **St George**, Patron of England, *solemnity*

0730 Michael Fernandes RIP

1215 Members of Chapter 1932-1982

### Tue: **Easter**

1215 George and Neva Smith RIP

### Wed: **St Mark**, Apostle, *feast*

0730 Michael Waltham RIP

1215 John Casey RIP FM

### Thu: **Easter**

1215 Cecilia Coghlan RIP

### Fri: **Easter**

0730 Deceased Bishops of the Diocese

1215 Irene Healy RIP

### Sat: **St Louis de Montfort**, Founder

1215 Abbey Coffey RIP

**CONFESSIONS:** Available here Saturdays from 1100-1200 and 1700-1745; also on 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 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, 1300

*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*

### SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Peter Chanel 1803-1841  
St Peter became a parish priest in eastern France and seminary professor before feeling a call to missionary work. He joined the newly formed Marist Order. In 1836, Peter and a group of missionaries were given the task of bringing the faith to the New Hebrides in the Pacific. They were received well but the king's suspicions were aroused when he saw how popular they became. The king had St Peter beaten to death. Five months later the whole island was converted.



**Prayer  
Requests**

• This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention that "economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths".

• For the repose of the soul of Norman Taylor RIP whose funeral Mass will be here on Fri 27 April at 2:00 pm.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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