



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

20 August 2017— TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO TO RACISM OF ANY KIND

Today's liturgy offers to us for reflection the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him... these will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Is 56: 6-7).

In the Second Reading, the Apostle Paul also refers to the universality of salvation, as does the Gospel passage that recounts the episode of the Canaanite woman, a foreigner for the Jews, whose wish was granted by Jesus because of her great faith. The Word of God thus gives us an opportunity to reflect on the universality of the mission of the Church, which is made up of people of every race and culture. From precisely this stems the great responsibility of the ecclesial community which is called to be a hospitable home for all, a sign and instrument of communion for the entire human family.

How important it is, especially in our time, that every Christian community increasingly deepens its awareness of this in order also to help civil society overcome every possible temptation to give into racism, intolerance and exclusion and to make decisions that respect the dignity of every human being.

One of humanity's great achievements is in fact its triumph over racism. Let us pray that respect for every person everywhere will increase, together with a responsible awareness that only in the reciprocal acceptance of one and all is it possible to build a world distinguished by authentic justice and true peace.

Pope Benedict XVI (2008)

*Thanking You for Your
Service to Our Parish*



MOVING ON: Both our parish's assistant priests will be leaving us on 27 August. Fr James leaves us after four years to become Academic Tutor at the Venerable English College, Rome—his final Mass will be the 10am on Sun 27 August.

Fr JP leaves us after two years to be Assistant Priest at English Martyrs, Reading—his final Mass will be the Noon on Sun 27 August. A reception for them will be held in the Hall in-between these Masses.

THIS WEEK

WELCOME to all visitors! Please use one of the blue envelopes at the back of the church and 'gift' aid' your offering as this helps to maintain our lovely Cathedral.

SING UP! During August our choir and cantors are taking a rest. This means we all need to sing up at Mass.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC): re-opens on Sat 26 Aug. Tue-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300.

GUILD OF ST JOHN: meets on Tue 22 Aug at 1900 in Bishop's House.

InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP: meets Tues 1030-1300 in the CDC for those who feel isolated or have mental ill health. Come and be assured of a warm welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BL SACRAMENT: every Fri from 0800-1800.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £2244.98 incl SO. Gift Aid 47%.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

STELLA MARIS ANNUAL MASS: here at 1215 on Mon 4 Sept. An opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of Apostleship of the Sea (AOS).

BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO WALKING PILGRIMAGE: Sat 9 Sept from Emsworth/Havant to Portsmouth. To act and pray together inspired by Romero's story. His courage in proclaiming and living the Gospel under a repressive and violent regime still resonate with us today. Join us for all or part of the journey. Details at www.rchavant.com

RIDE + STRIDE 2017: Sat 9 Sept from 1000-1600. This annual event raises funds to repair historic churches (including our own). This year you can either do your own thing— walk, horse-ride, run, jog, drive your mobility scooter or sponsor our parish rider Paul Washington.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: here on Sat 16 Sept led by the Marian Fathers. Begins at 1100 and incl talks, Hour of Mercy, confessions, veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and the Relic of St Faustina with Mass at 1215. Ends at 1600. All welcome.

CELEBRATE CONFERENCE: 30 Sept & 1 Oct at St George Catholic College. This year's theme is 'Seek First His Kingdom'. Main speakers are: Michelle Moran, Gary Stephens, Yinka Oyekan and Pippa Baker. A weekend of praise & worship, drama, daily Mass and Confessions, Prayer ministry and various workshops. For more info see www.celebrateconference.org or ring Peter & Lynda on 023 8029 2058.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND: 15 Oct 2017, five nights, fully inclusive price at £699/person (sharing) from Gatwick. Led by Fr Tom Grufferty. All excursions, entertainment included. We will also visit Ballintubber Abbey, Westport, Foxford Woollen Mills. Contact Patricia 01268 762 278 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

REFUGEES/ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS: Are you willing to have a conversation about what Portsmouth means to you? £20 expenses for each conversation. Further details on the Discovery Centre noticeboard.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENARY



This year marks the centenary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. To commemorate this the England & Wales section of the World Apostolate of Fatima is travelling to UK cathedrals with the National Pilgrim Virgin



Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, two of the three visionaries. They will visit us the weekend of 26/27 August.

Saturday 26 August

- 1100 Enthronement & Crowning of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan,
- 1215 Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
- 1230 Fatima Devotions including praying the Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)
Veneration of the Relics of SS Jacinta & Francisco
- 1230-1330 Confessions available
- 1300 Lunch break
- 1415 Fatima Talks/DVDs in the Cathedral Discovery Centre
- 1500 Holy Hour with praying the Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)
- 1600 Tea break
- 1700-1745 Confessions available
- 1800 Holy Mass followed by enrolment in the Brown Scapular
- 1900 Cathedral closes.

Sunday 27 August

- 0800 Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)
Followed by veneration of the Relics
- 1000 Holy Mass followed by veneration of the Relics
- 1100 Parish Reception in Cathedral Hall for Fr James McAuley & Fr JP Lyttle in gratitude for their ministry in our parish
- 1200 Holy Mass followed by Veneration of the Relics
- 1300 Lunch break
- 1400 Fatima Devotions & Recitation of the Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)
- 1500 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 1545 Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
- 1600 Sung Vespers & Benediction with departure of Statue and relics.
- 1800 Holy Mass.

In canonising Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta in May of this year, Pope Francis said they can be for us examples, "whom the Virgin Mary introduced into the immense ocean of God's light and taught to adore him. That was the source of their strength in overcoming opposition and suffering. God's presence became constant in their lives." Please come and share in the joy of their relics visiting us.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

week beginning 20 August 2017

Sun: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

see Parish Mass Book, p 117

1800 (Sat) Ithan and Dele Int

0800 Mary Burnell RIP (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Wilbert Appuhamy RIP

1200 Mr H Roumaya RIP

1800 People of the Parish

Mon: St Pius X, Pope, *memorial*

0730 Conroy Family Int FM

1215 Barry Hogan RIP

Tue: The Queenship of Mary, *memorial*

1215 James F Casey RIP

Wed: St Rose of Lima, Religious, *optional memorial*

0730 Mary Blake RIP FM

1215 Rosa Escofet Marce RIP

Thu: St Bartholomew, Apostle, *feast*

1215 Tina Leigh-Sawney RIP

Fri: St Louis IX, King of France, *optional memorial*

0730 Priest's Intention

1215 Anne and Mat Int

Sat: Our Lady on Saturday

1100 Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip in honour of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima –Jesse & Hannah Int

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**
Pope Francis



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.

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 (Ordinarie),



Prayer Requests

♦ The Pope's intention for August: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

♦ Our housebound parishioners and all who are sick and unwell at this time.

CONTACT DETAILS

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SAINT FOR THE WEEK

Saint Bartholomew lived in the first century AD and was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was introduced to Christ through St. Philip and is also known as "Nathaniel of Cana in Galilee" notably in John's Gospel. His was martyred in Armenia, being either decapitated or skinned alive. His feast is on 24 Aug.