



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

20 May 2018— PENTECOST SUNDAY, *solemnity*

AUGUSTUS TOLTON

It was recently announced that America's first black priest was a step closer to sainthood. Fr Augustus Tolton, a former slave, is recognised to be the first American diocesan priest who is of African descent. When freed from slavery Augustus's family moved north and arrived in Quincy, Illinois. Here, Augustus met Father Peter McGirr, an Irish Immigrant priest, who gave him the opportunity to attend St Peter's parochial school. Augustus's attendance met much resistance because of his skin colour.

Later, despite Fr Peter's support, Tolton was rejected by every American seminary to which he applied. Eventually, he went to Rome, completed his studies and was ordained in 1886, aged 31. After ordination, originally destined for Africa, Augustus returned to Quincy to serve the black community. Being such a good preacher, he attracted many white Americans as well as black Americans too. This upset many people and resulted in Augustus moving to Chicago. From a base of 30 parishioners they immediately grew to 600. Augustus's success earned him attention of the national Catholic hierarchy and he was given the name "Good Fr Gus." After working tirelessly and suffering consistent illness, he died in 1897 at the age of 43.

Fr Augustus never spoke out about the racist abuse he encountered. Like Christ, who was innocent and unjustly condemned, Augustus was unjustly treated too. As a child he suffered the injustice of slavery and as a priest he suffered the injustice of racism. But here is a man who united his suffering to the cross, and through his suffering and perseverance, led many people to Christ. Fr Augustus, once a slave himself and now on the way to sainthood, prays that others may be freed from slavery too, the slavery of sin. By being liberated from sin, he prays that others may also be inspired to a deeper love of Christ and too follow his example. Let's continue to pray for Fr Augustus's cause for canonisation and ask for his intercession in our lives too.

Fr Ansel D'Mello

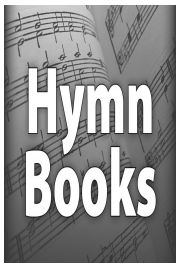
Let The Children



Live

THIS YEAR'S PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

You will remember that this year's Parish Lenten Project was to support *Let the Children Live*, an organisation supporting the children living in the street and shanty-towns of the city of Medellin, Colombia. We have now completed the main count and with gift aid the total raised was £6,000. Thank you for your wonderful response.



Our current hymn books have become an embarrassment. Lots are torn and in a bad way. So we plan to replace the worst ones by ordering 100 new copies, costing £6.25 each. To help pay for them, there will be a special collection **next Sunday** (26/27 May). If anyone would like to sponsor a hymn book by say, donating £5, please put your name and donation in an envelope in that special collection or drop it in to the Parish Office and we will have your name inserted into the hymn book cover.

TODAY & THIS WEEK

CONFIRMATIONS: Today at the 1000 Mass, Emma O’Neil, Sabina Bortkevic and Olivia Anah will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

STUDENTS’ FINAL BRUNCH: today at 1330 in Angela O’Donoghue’s flat followed by a reflection on “Looking forward Together”. All welcome.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC)
The shop is open Tues-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300. Come and see what’s on offer especially First Holy Communion items.

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

FAITH EXPLORATION: meets on Tue 22 May from 1945-2100 in the CDC to discuss ch 3 of the book ‘Do You Love Me’ to deepen their relationship with Our Lord and discover how they can share their faith. Refreshments follows.

On 5 June Ruth Richmond will talk on “What we can learn from Auschwitz”. All are welcome. You do not have to have attended the previous talks. For more details call Esmé Shaw on 023 9275 6643.

NO 1215 WEDNESDAY MASS: this is because our Cathedral clergy will be attending the annual obligatory safeguarding day. There will though be Mass that evening at 1900.

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

GDPR: The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force from 25 May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese has considered how these apply to us as a parish and are now in the process of revising procedures to ensure that we are compliant.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS: this Sat (26 May) at 1100. Thus no morning confessions or 1215 Mass.



IN PRAISE OF HIM: here this Saturday (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 with a retiring collection.

A DAY OF REFLECTION: THE SECRET OF MARY! Sat 26 May from 1030-1530 at St Joseph's Centre, Ashurst, So'ton SO40 7DU. The day will be led by Fr Des Connolly and includes Mass and a homemade soup lunch. Donation £20. Please email: fatherdes@icloud.com

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: will take place at all our Sunday Masses incl the Vigil Mass the weekend of 2/3 June.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP DAY OUT: Monday 4 June to St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford. The coach departs at 0900. Cost is £25 (lunch included). For more info and to book contact Mary Harkin on 9261 0214.

CONFIRMATIONS: the teenagers from our pastoral area will be confirmed here by the Bishop on Sunday 10 June at 3pm. All welcome.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS MASS: Thu 21 Jun at 1100 celebrated by the Bishop with representation from schools in the Diocese. All welcome.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: on Sat 30 June at 1100 in St Bede's Church, Basingstoke for any couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th 60th or above. If you'd like to go please email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

STRAWBERRY TEA: Sun 1 July at 1500 in St Joseph's Church Hall Copnor in aid Bamenda. Donations of home-baked cakes welcome. Tickets at £5.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £1,916.83 incl SO. Gift Aid 46%.



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY HEADTEACHER:

The Governors are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated and highly motivated Headteacher to lead this happy and successful school. Our school has been assessed by Ofsted as "Outstanding" and we are determined to maintain that standard and improve upon it. Start date: Sept 2018 For more info see the advert on the Cathedral noticeboard in the Hall corridor. Closing date for applications is 12pm on Wednesday 23 May 2018.

'SHARE THE JOURNEY': Pope Francis has launched a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move. He reminds us: "Christ asks us to welcome our brother and sister migrants and refugees with arms wide open". Schools, parishes and local communities will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. You can *Share the Journey* by joining a walk. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a message to world leaders who will meet in Sept 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organising your own walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329 385.



Happy, Happy Birthday to Fr Phil today!

Wishing you a happy and blessed birthday! With prayers and best wishes from all of us.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

week beginning 20 May 2018

Sun: PENTECOST SUNDAY, solemnity

see Parish Mass Book, p 286

1800 (Sat) Elson Carvalho RIP

0800 Holy Souls (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Susan Teresa Pye RIP

1200 People of the Parish

1800 Joyilin-Mary Vasan Int

Mon: St Christopher Magallanes & Companions

0730 Philip Clarke Int

1215 Florencio Britto RIP FM

Tue: St Rita of Cascia, Religious

1215 Philomena Britto RIP

Wed: Feria

0730 Provost Gerard Hetherington & Family FM

1900 (**No 1215 Mass**) Leonard Heaton RIP

Thu: Feria

1215 Victor Henry Joseph Mealyer RIP FM

Fri: St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of Church

0730 Ron MacDonald RIP FM

1215 Angela Coghlan Int

Sat: St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder

1100 Confirmation Mass for Bournemouth

No 1215 Mass

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 Eugene de Mazenod

1782-1861 He was a

French priest in the south-

east of France. He directed

his ministry to the very

poorest of the poor. In this

work he attracted others

who came to work as

missionaries with him.

After being made Bishop

of Marseilles, he built up

the Church through found-

ing parishes and giving

catechesis. He founded

the Oblates of Mary Im-

maculate who sought out

the most difficult missions

on the five continents.



◆ The Pope asks us to pray that the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

◆ The children of our parish preparing for their First Holy Communion on 2/3 June.

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