



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

19 Nov 2017— 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



DRAW CLOSE TO THE POOR

At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become a greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, which are already a tradition in the life of our communities, I wish to add this one, which adds to them an exquisitely evangelical fullness, that is, Jesus' preferential love for the poor.

I invite the whole Church to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.

This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek. Following the teaching of Scripture (cf. Gen 18:3-5; Heb 13:2), let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more consistently. This new World Day, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

Pope Francis



To mark today's World Day of the Poor the RISE Theatre Company will perform in the Cathedral this Saturday evening (18 Nov) at 1930 a play about Bl. Oscar Romero, the murdered Archbishop of San Salvador. His ministry to the poor has much to teach us. Around the Cathedral interior today and this week are displays from some of the parish and pastoral area groups we have who already draw close to the poor. If you want to give your support to any of these groups look for the contact numbers listed.

THIS WEEK

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC):

Open: Tue-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300. Christmas still seems a long time off, but... do you have a crib for your home? If not, think about getting one! A selection Christmas cards, calendars and gift ideas are now on sale at reasonable prices. Also, it being November graveside candles are available.

***InSIGHT*—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH**

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

FAITH EXPLORERS: This Tuesday's topic will be "Why is the Passion important for us?" by Fr Ansel. All are welcome, whether they have been to previous sessions or not. It begins at 1930 in the CDC and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits served beforehand.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY: Mass will be celebrated on Tue 21 Nov at 1830 in Nuffield Centre for students and staff.

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

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

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR R LITURGY: this Fri 0915 St John's Chapel.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £2,298.14 (incl SO) GA 44%.

MARY'S MEALS MUGS: available in the sacristy for those who wish to continue supporting this cause. The charity is to receive match funding doubling all donations made until Dec 2017. You can also gift-aid to add 25% to your total.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY MASS:

here next Sun 26 Nov at 1800 celebrated by Bishop Philip. This day recognises the special role of young people in the Church. The Bishop invites young adults (16-35) to join him afterwards in the CDC for a social evening and talks by Isaac Withers on "Being a Catholic Student" and The Fellowship of Students on "Discipleship on Campus".

CONFIRMATION 2017-2018: The eight-week course will take place in three venues across the Pastoral area: St Paul's, Paulsgrove, on Mondays from 1800-1930; St Swithun's Southsea, Tuesdays 1800-1930 and St John's Cathedral on Mondays from 1830-2000. The programme is open to young people in Year 8 or above. Please see the parish website for details. Deadline for registration is Thu 30 November.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY ACTIVITIES:

Tue 28 Nov Faith and Life "The Christmas Story according to St Matthew" followed by refreshments. Mon 4 Dec at 1900 here for the Carol Service.

ADVENT CHORAL VESPERS: Here on Sunday 3 Dec at 1600. Do come and enjoy the beauty of the singing from our Choir as perfect introduction to the Christmas season. There will also be sung Vespers in the Cathedral at 1800 during all the Fridays of Advent concluding with Benediction.

MEDJUGORJE DAY OF PRAYER, MUSIC

AND REFLECTION: Sat 9 Dec from 0900-1500 in the CDC. Led by our parish clergy where they will speak about their experiences of pilgrimage there.



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2017:

Kelly Palfreyman writes: "Due to several factors a full appeal will not take place this year however I will be supporting the

Society of St James for local homeless people so if anyone has any donations or boxes I would be happy to take them on behalf of our parish. The idea is simple. Children and adults are asked to wrap and pack shoeboxes with a range of gifts. For those wanting to support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child details of local drop off points can be found on their website. For further information please ring me on 023 9235 3596."

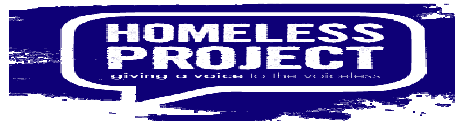
CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE ELDERLY:

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport elderly parishioners to the annual Christmas Day Lunch at the Cathedral Centre. If you can help contact Bobbie on 07713160471.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VOUCHER SCHEME FOR THE HOMELESS:

As in previous years we will be supporting the Churches Homeless Action Group to help the homeless in our city. Gift vouchers (£5 each) from supermarkets may be enclosed in an unsealed Christmas card and left in the purple buckets which will be available at the exits of the Cathedral on the weekends of 2/3 and 9/10 Dec.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: is in front of the Blessed Sacrament altar in this month of Holy Souls. Please write in it the names of your deceased relatives and friends who you wish to pray for.



APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OPEN CHURCH PROJECT:

Four (4) Mondays at St Swithun's Church from 29 Jan. Churches of different denomination in Portsmouth will open their door on a different day each week to those sleeping on the streets with the support of St James' Society, a charity that works with the Homeless. Our night is Monday from 29 Jan for four weeks. So volunteers would feed and host homeless people overnight. Sign-up form are available for these jobs: cooking and spending time with homeless guests during the evening (approx. 8); watching through the night (2 men, 2 women); waking up and providing tea and toast for breakfast; clearing up (3-4 people). Each guest will be referred to the project by the Society of St James. There's a Training evening at St Jude's Church on Tue 28 Nov at 1700. For further information please contact Lucy Sayer cdc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD PARISH TEAM:

Many thanks from us for your generous support to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day 2017. Our parish raised £1,335.65 which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

week beginning 19 Nov 2017

Sun: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

see Parish Mass Book, p 155

1800 (Sat) People of the Parish

0800 Holy Souls (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Mary Leach Martin RIP FM

1200 John Thomas Neeson RIP

1800 Sara & Maria Bardoni, Simone Montegrandi RIP

Mon: Feria

0730 Maxima Ponponne RIP

1215 Maganzini, Sawyer Families & Cesare Sartori RIP

Tue: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1215 Mary Cecilia Coghlan RIP

Wed: St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

0730 Adoph and Mandy Pereira Int

1215 James F Casey RIP

Thu: St Clement 1, Pope, Martyr

1215 Max and Stephen Bischof RIP

Fri : St Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

0730 Helena Bachurzewska RIP

1215 John Proctor RIP

Sat: St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

1215 Mary McKenna Int

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



- ◆ For our sick and housebound parishioners.
- ◆ The Pope's prayer intention is that Christians in Asia may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding especially those of other religions.

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*
Tel: 023 9282 6170

Sue Smy, *Safeguarding Representative*
Tel: 023 9273 0885

Email: cathedral@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
www.portsmouthcatholicathedral.org.uk

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Margaret of Scotland
1045-1093 Born in exile in Hungary, Margaret was related to the Anglo-Saxon kings of England. She returned to England as a girl, and was married to King Malcolm III of Scotland. She brought about the reform of the Church in Scotland, bringing it in line with Rome. As well as living a religious life of mercy and charity to the poor she was also instrumental in the founding of Dunfermline Abbey.