



St John's Cathedral,  
Portsmouth

# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

17 June 2018— ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GOD

Who would have thought it? Not long ago 'Rocket Man' was provoking what Donald Trump described would be a retaliation of 'Fire and Fury like the world has never seen', now the two world leaders are shaking hands and smiling for the cameras. Is this anything less than a miracle? All week in Bishop's house there has been non-stop excitement with watching the news at 10 to see these events unfold. When Donald Trump suggested that rather than doing military exercises on the beach Kim Jong Un could build a few holiday homes, Canon Dominic got very excited and started to think twice about where he might wish to retire. Still despite this wonderful news of a peaceful meeting, there was of course the usual barrage of cynicism from the news reports, saying it could all go horribly wrong.

As Christians we are always called to be people of hope and people of faith. It can be very easy to join in with the cynics and still expect the worse but what does that tell the rest of the world about our belief in the power of prayer? Prayer is one of the most wonderful and powerful gifts that we have been given. To be able to bring about actual change in the world around us is incredible.

Sometimes God's intervention in the world around us might seem a little distant but in the parable of the Gospel today we have the wonderful reminder that God is always active, even when we sleep. Once the seed of His kingdom is scattered, then through faith, there must be the trust that it will bear fruit. God's love for us and His will for our good is never ending, for if He stopped loving us we would cease to exist. All four of the Gospels remind us again and again that because of His love for us all is possible through faith and prayer. The events in the news this week indicates that what seems impossible can actually be possible.

Perhaps this is an opportunity for us as Christians to be reminded of the importance to keep praying for peace in our world. Praying that the actual good which we have witnessed this week may not be awash with doubt and cynicism but that through the power of prayer and God's ability to change the hearts of all, we might well continue to see peace established, a peace which is the presence of the kingdom of God and a peace that might even help Canon Dominic get his retirement home along the beautiful coastline of North Korea.

Fr Phil

## TODAY & THIS WEEK

**DAY FOR LIFE:** Our Bishops invite us to keep this Sunday as a day to pray for and raise awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life focuses on those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. A collection will be taken after our Masses to provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethic Centre, and to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

### **CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC)**

The shop is open Tues-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300.

### ***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 this Tuesday (19 Jun) for prayer. It will be our last session before the summer break. We have had some very good speakers on interesting topics which have ranged from the spirituality of self-esteem, meeting God in the every day to The Eucharist in the first 200 years of the church. We will meet again on 4 September when you can join us in exploring a new programme.

### **CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE (CWL):**

meets this Wed (20 Jun) from 1330-1500 in the CDC. If you would like to get to know other women socially and be involved in the service of the parish and wider community you are welcome to come and meet us. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month.

**DIOCESAN SCHOOLS MASS:** this Thu (21 Jun) at 1100. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass for children and staff from the Catholic schools of the diocese. There will be no 1215 Mass on this day.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:** this Thu (21 Jun) at 1800 in the CDC for parents and godparents who have already booked a baptism.

**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS:** this Sat (23 Jun) at 1100. As a result there will be no confessions or 1215 Mass.

**COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £2,034.49. Gift Aid 49%.

## NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

**SS PETER AND PAUL:** Fri 29 June is a holy day of obligation. There will be Vigil Mass on Thu 28 Jun at 1900 and on 29 June at 0730 and 1215.

### **DIOCESAN MASS FOR SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

on Sat 30 June at 1100 in St Bede's Church, Basingstoke for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th 60th or above. If you'd like to go or have registered but not received an invitation contact Liz Murphy on 01256 465214 or email to: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### **STRAWBERRY & CREAM TEAS:**

Sun 1 July at 1500 in St Joseph's Church Hall Tangier Road Copnor in aid of disabled children of Bamenda. Tickets £5.

### **MEDJUGORJE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE:**

Aged 18-35? Come and join Fr Ansel at the Youth Festival in Medjugorje from 1-6 August. For further details please contact Judy Pellatt on 0776 0396 851



## CONFIRMED LAST SUNDAY

It was wonderful to see so many teenagers of our parish confirmed last Sunday by the Bishop. He commented on how beautiful the liturgy was and what inspiring names the teenagers had chosen to be confirmed with. Well done to them and many thanks to their catechists but especially to the coordinators of it all: Catherine Hobbs, Sharon Kennedy and Fr Ansel.

**Newly confirmed from our parish:** Chelsea Abat, Euan Ama, Robina Amalathas, Alex Bray, Luke Coulson, Suzanna Cruz Alonso, Lenny Cyusa, Royton Da Costa, Daniel Devine, John Dias, Teena George, Daria Gliszczynska. Michael Harrison, Bradley Kayigenga, Klaudi Kukula, Lavinia Montgomery, Thomas Morris, Ciaran Morris, Nikola Nowak, Kacper Onysek, Mylenna Pacheco, Tawana Roach, Robert Rudawski, Victor Siegmund, Rizz Anton Sy, Edina Ternovac, Deynear Toquero, Andrew Truong, Rose Truong, Fiona Truong and Harrison Roberts.



## AN AUCTION OF PROMISES

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June we will be hosting a Cheese and Wine evening with an 'Auction of promises' to raise money to improve our disabled access at the Cathedral. We will begin with a drinks reception and then auction off our pledged items including: £100 Brittany Ferries vouchers, a meal for four, including champagne and cocktails, at the Pizza House Restaurant in Hilsea, two family tickets to Vue Cinema with drinks and snacks, a hamper donated by Wright's catering, a DJ for an evening, and the star prize: dinner at Bishop's House prepared and served by the Cathedral Clergy (guest appearance from Zita, Canon Dominic's dog). If you wish to contribute an item to the auction, please speak to a member of the Cathedral clergy today.

Tickets are now on sale at £5 each and can be purchased in the Hall after Sunday mass. We will provide the cheese biscuits and snacks, please bring along any cheese or wine you would like to eat and drink. We do hope that you can join us for this fun and enjoyable event, and this worthy cause. *Happy Bidding!*

**CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION SEMINAR:** given by Albert Galea, National Coordinator of Christ Life Ireland on Sunday 15 July from 1430-1700 at St Swithun's Church Hall, 105 Waverley Rd, Southsea PO5 2PL. Find out how evangelization is indeed Catholic, wider and richer than Evangelism.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.** A day of reflection will take place on Sun 24 Jun 10am—4pm at St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. Includes Mass and a simple lunch. We would appreciate a donation of £22.50. If you would like to book a place please contact Father Des on [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com) or Tel 023 8029 2337.

## CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

*week beginning 17 June 2018*

### Sun: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*see Parish Mass Book, p 95*

1800 (Sat) Norman Taylor RIP

0800 In reparation for Ireland (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Monica Spiers RIP

1200 Kacouti Eugene RIP

1800 People of the Parish

### Mon: Feria

0730 Kathleen Frances & John Uden RIP FM

1215 Michael Waltham RIP

### Tue: St Romuald, Abbot

1215 Anna Maria Pinnell Int

### Wed: St Alban, Martyr

0730 Rev Marcin Drabik Int

1215 Winnie Wood Int

### Thu: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

1100 Annual Schools' Mass (**No 1215 Mass**)

### Fri: Ss John Fisher & St Thomas More, Martyrs

0730 Hilda Pearce RIP FM

1215 Angela Coghlan Int

### Sat: Our Lady on Saturday

1100 Confirmation Mass (**No 1215 Mass**)

**CONFESSIONS:** Available here most 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.

**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 John Fisher 22 June

John was ordained to the priesthood aged 22. He was recognised not only for his learning but also his holiness. Fisher was the author of the defence of the seven sacraments which Henry VIII published against Luther. However, when the King declared himself Head of the Church in England, separating the church from Rome, Fisher refused to take the oath of allegiance, and was condemned to death. Having been held in the Tower he was beheaded.



◆ All who have died recently Colleen Lee, Zandra McKill-Hogg and Michael Stemp. May they rest in peace.

◆ The Pope asks us to pray that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.

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

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