

# CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

## Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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### 12 February 2012 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

One of the joys of this parish community is the diversity of people from different countries and cultures. They have brought many gifts to enhance the community and one of these gifts is that of faith and commitment to Sunday Mass. The other joy we have is children, and many of them! I have noticed that requests for baptisms have increased greatly over the last few years. I am very pleased that parents bring their children to Mass – often out of great sacrifice. I have never had children! But I can well imagine that at times it must be very difficult to get them ready for Mass and then when they get to Church, to keep them quiet and occupied as they begin to learn about the faith.



Last week I encouraged a mother to bring her bored three year old to the front of the Cathedral where she could see what was going on in the sanctuary, and I suggested to the mother that she pointed out the various points in the Mass and began to get her daughter engaged in the importance of this Sacrifice. The Cathedral is a big building, sometime daunting, sometimes exciting for young children. It is important that children see as well as hear the actions of the Mass.

I know that sometimes parents need to take their children out of the Mass because they are crying a lot or just too restless. That is not a problem, feel free to come and go with your children either into the Centre or out in the porch at the back of the Cathedral. This way we can respect other parishioners who are trying to concentrate at Mass.

Last week I spoke of the importance of Children's Liturgy – not as a Child Care Centre - but as an opportunity for the children to engage in their faith and learn the importance of the celebration of Mass. I am pleased to say that five people have come forward (one or two from those I have asked). We need another ten to fifteen people. I hope that over the next weeks we will reach our target. Let us give thanks to God then for our young people, for the diversity of our parish community and above all for the privilege we have in celebrating our Sunday Mass.

**Canon David Hopgood**

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**Hymns: 1800:** 431 807 432 945 **1000:** 870 619 807 **1200:** 846 972 433 945 **1800:** 431 807 432 945

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**Corpus Christi** Gladys Avenue, North End, PO2 9AZ – **St Joseph** Tangier Road, Copnor, PO3 6JH

*Fr Steven Restori tel 023 9266 0927 – ccsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

*Parish Sister: Sr Mary Gleavey FMDM tel. 07586 801868- St Joseph Hall Bookings: Mrs Mary Vale 023 9267 0726*

**Our Lady of Lourdes** Bransbury Road, Eastney, PO4 9JY - **St Swithun** 105 Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PL– tel. 02392 828305

*Fr Simon Thomson– southseaparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk – Pastoral Assistant: Sr Marie Elise Tel. 0774 7728 734*

*Parish Secretary: Mrs Clare Shore – Office Hours: 0900 – 1500 Tue-Wed-Thu*

**St Colman** St Colman's Avenue, Cosham, PO6 2JJ – **St Paul** Allaway Avenue, PO6 4DG– tel. 02392 376151

*Fr Joe McNerney– scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

*Parish Secretary: Mrs Tess Pritchard Office Hours: 0900-1500 Tu-Fri*

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**PARISHES: Corpus Christi & St Joseph • Our Lady of Lourdes with St Swithun • St Colman & St Paul • St John's Cathedral**  
**SCHOOLS: Primary: Corpus Christi • St John's Cathedral • St Paul's • St Swithun's • Secondary: St Edmund's**

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

### Today

- **Baptism Anointing:** 1200 Mass. Welcome to our children and their parents who will receive anointing in preparation for their baptism next Sunday.
- **First Holy Communion Preparation Session:** 1130 Abingdon Room followed by 1200 Mass.
- **Taizé-Style Prayer Evening:** 1700 St John's Chapel.

### Forthcoming Events

#### Wednesday 15 February 2012

- **Fraternal Lunch** Gathering of leaders of 'Churches Together in Central Portsmouth': 1300 Discovery Centre.

#### Thursday 16 February 2012

- **Emmaus Group:** 1900 for 1930 St John's Room.
- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** 1900-2130 Abingdon Room.

#### Friday 17 February 2012

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 0800-1800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

#### Saturday 18 February 2012

- **Meditation Group:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel.

#### Sunday 19 February 2012

- **Baptisms:** 1400.

#### Monday 20 February 2012

- **CWL (Catholic Women's League):** 1330-1530 Cathedral Hall.

### **Please pray for our sick and our housebound, their families and those who care for them:**

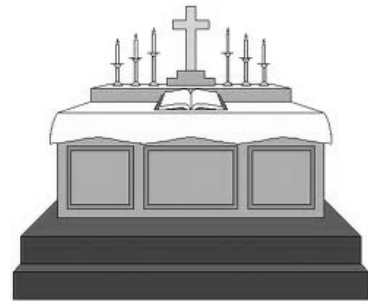
Bishop Crispian Hollis, Betty Copesteak, Antonetta Salerno, Carole Winsler, Sean Ahern, David Powell, Maria Makins, Mario Oakes, Gordon Lyons, Eva Sonnen, Steward Russell, Mary Langridge, Christine Millham, Maria Enright, Anne Crowe, John Foster, Anne Harkin, Ann Lound, Laurie Jenkins, Willow Scotney-Williams, Mark Hamilton, Raymond Stanley, Bob McGowan, Kerry Kirby, Lucy Barrett, Yvonne Tomkins, Dominic Fox, Nora and Fred Harkin, Mark Turnbull, Maisie Hider, Thomas O'Grady, Doreen Yates.

**For those who have died recently:** Angela Boyle RIP

### **As well as for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

John Huntley Aileen 'Dot' Mary Frances Payne Paul Stone  
Dorothy Bradshaw Elizabeth Jerome Chalmers Rose Philpott  
Paul Pond Constance Hennessy Catherine Philomena Pymont  
Gladys Putnam Theresa Harris Hilda Simons Joseph Hillhouse  
William Long Ernest Elliott Elizabeth Yeates Helen Dyer Horace  
Hurst Patrick Smith John Frank Porter Angela Mincham Seamus  
Lee Violet Muir Lawrence 'Laurie' Payne Richard Tremlett  
Walter Sutherland

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**



**THE CATHOLIC ALTAR (PART 2)**

**Fixed altars** made of stone became prevalent when Christianity was no longer illegal under Constantine. More churches were erected for the purpose of celebrating the Mass. Wood altars were still used for a time, as were metal altars. However, with time, **preference** was given to stone because it lasted better than wood and metal.

**Early altars** were not placed against walls, but **set apart** so that the bishop or priests would stand facing the people. Around the **5th century**, it became popular for the altar (and church) to **face the East** or be **set against a wall**. The priest would celebrate the Mass facing east; together with the people; symbolic of looking toward Christ as the Dawn.

In the **Middle Ages**, the altar ceased to resemble the table of the early Church. Altars of Medieval times began to be designed **very ornately**, and were adorned with statues, relics, and paintings, and of course the tabernacle.

**After Vatican Council II** (1963) in many countries, the altar was moved away from the wall again, with the priest celebrating the Mass **facing the people**. This is what we find in Churches today; a better sense of the Eucharist as a meal than a ritual sacrifice.

*(Ref: The Catholic Encyclopedia, Catholic customs and Traditions, How to Read a Church, and the General Instruction on the Roman Missal.)*

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CAPERNAUM ROOF CROWDS  
PARALYTIC STRETCHER FAITH  
HEARTS SCRIBES CHILD  
AUTHORITY WALK FORGIVEN



### **We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:**

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:** £353.88 (loose) £208.65 Catholic Education Service.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £1,207.33 (59% GA) including Standing Orders. The collection for Catholic Education Service amounted to £269.31 (45% GA)
- **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,063.00 (77% GA) including Standing Orders.
- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,731.39 (53% GA) including Standing Orders. Catholic Education Service: £347.39.

## Pastoral Area Notices

### GIFT AID

Please consider Gift Aid for your Sunday offerings. It is of tremendous financial aid to the Parish. Take home a handout on display at the back of the Church.

### UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS

This Sunday you are invited to come along and have Brunch at Angela's (the chaplain) flat. We will gather on the street outside the Cathedral after 1200 Mass.

On Thursday 16 February at 1830 you are invited to come along to "Faith and Live" at the flat (24 Lion House, Lion Terrace). This week we will be exploring different types of prayer. We will also drink tea and munch cake! Angela.ODonogue@port.ac.uk

### CONFIRMATION 2012

If you are in school year 8 or above and would like to prepare for Confirmation please collect an application form from your church after Mass today and return it to the priest upon completion. Then come to the Introductory Evening for Parents and Candidates on Friday 23 March at 1900 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Preparation for candidates will begin immediately after Easter.

### PRAYING WITH OTHERS

Following the success of recent Healing Masses, Fr Ronnie Mitchell has offered to run a training programme for anyone wishing to learn more about 'praying with others'. This will be at St Joseph's, Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 &DU for three consecutive Tuesdays beginning on 21 February at 1930. A group of 9 or 10 people is needed.

### TAIZÉ-STYLE PRAYER EVENING

Come and experience a different, gentle form of prayer in St John's Chapel today Sunday 12 February at 1700. Taizé prayer is contemplative in character with simple chants, words from Scripture and silent pauses for reflection. All welcome.

### LOURDES FUNDRAISING

St Colman's with St Paul's parish is very privileged to have four children selected to go to Lourdes with the HCPT Pilgrimage this Easter. The cost is £740 for each child so we are trying to raise some money to support them. There will be a special Tea Party and Sale and Raffle on Sunday 19 February from 1500-1700. Please come and support our efforts and see the video of the Pilgrimage.

### ST MARY'S COLLEGE SOUTHAMPTON

St Mary's Catholic College in Southampton will celebrate its 90th Anniversary this year with a Reunion Dinner on Friday 5 October and Celebration Ball on Saturday, 6 October at the Novotel in Southampton. Past pupils and friends interested in knowing more about the celebrations should register their e-mail address with Mark Owen (023 8026 6129) or smcreunion@sky.com.

### LENT QUIET DAY FINDING GOD IN THE DESERT

Following the pattern of Christ's preparation in the wilderness for His Life's Ministry, you are invited to spend time in being still and quiet in the presence of your God. This is a day for reflection and an opportunity to be inwardly nourished. Contact Wisdom House Centre Romsey SO51 8EL. Tel 01794 830 206 Email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk Website: www.wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Please support CAFOD's **Lent Fast Day** on Friday 2 March. Envelopes will be available on the weekend 25/26 February and the theme is water and sanitation. This year, under the UK Aid Match scheme, the UK government will be matching pound for pound all donations made to CAFOD's Lenten appeal from 17 February until 17 May – which will include the Fast Day collection. This is a unique and unmissable opportunity to help thousands of people living in poverty throughout the world, so please support the appeal if you can. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

### CAFOD GOLF DAY

As part of CAFOD's 50th year celebrations, a Golf Day is being organised at Royal Winchester Golf Club, Sarum Road, Winchester SO22 5QE, on Tuesday 29 May 2012. The competition is for teams of 4 persons. Please support CAFOD by entering this event. Full details and applications forms can be obtained from CAFOD Portsmouth, 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

### QUIET SPACE

Time is set aside in St Paul's Church on a Friday afternoon from 1400 onwards for prayer and quiet meditation. Please do come along and spend some time with the Lord.

### CHILD CARE

We are a Southsea family with three children (12,10 and 5) looking for help with childcare on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and extra hours if wished during holidays. If interested call Helen on 02392 428098.

## Cathedral Parish Notices

### RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In the interests of economy we are updating our email contact list. If you are able and willing to receive the newsletter and other announcements electronically, please either print your NAME and email address CLEARLY on the sheets provided at the exits to the cathedral, or (better still) subscribe on the net from: [www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk)

Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated. Please note: *The Cathedral undertakes to use the data collected solely for its own email outs (e.g. Newsletter). All information/data received will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and not relayed, transmitted, or communicated in any other way – either directly or indirectly – to a third party.*

### CHARLES DICKENS CELEBRATIONS

Fr David attended celebrations to mark the bicentenary of Charles Dickens' birth at St Mary's Church last Thursday. He remarked how good it was to see children of St John's Primary School performing parts of the songs composed by the poet.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

This weekend marks Marriage Sunday. The invitation to bless all married couples today reminds us that through the Sacrament of Marriage these men and women become an increasingly more perfect sign of the union between Christ and His Church. The example and witness of a healthy marriage is a sign of joy and hope for us all.

### RCIA - THE EMMAUS GROUP

We extend an invitation to those received into the Church over the last seven years to come to a meeting on Thursday 16 February at 1900 for 1930 start in St John's Room.

### FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Society of Friends of the Cathedral is always looking to welcome new members. Support of the Cathedral and other projects is the Society's main aim. For further information please contact the Membership Secretary: [gsomoriay1@btinternet.com](mailto:gsomoriay1@btinternet.com)

### SCAFFOLDING

You will notice scaffolding coming up in the north east part of the Cathedral. This is to repair the roof and stone work.

### ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to make a commitment to Jesus to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday between 0800-1800.

*When we adore the Most Holy Sacrament, when we remain with our eyes fixed on the consecrated Host, we cannot refrain from thinking and saying in our hearts: Lord Jesus, how tiny you made yourself!*

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone

### CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

There are new training dates listed on the notice boards of the Cathedral for all volunteers involved with children and/or vulnerable adults. It is obligatory to attend a session in order to perform your role as part of our safeguarding work in the Church:

**3 March Safeguarding Children 1000-1230**  
**10 March Vulnerable Adults 1000-1230**

Both sessions to be held at St Colman's Church, St Colman Avenue PO6 2JJ  
To book a place contact: 023 9281 6396.

### CATHEDRAL SUMMER FAYRE HELP NEEDED!

A small group of volunteers is needed to organise and run this year's Summer Fayre. If you would like to be involved please speak to Father David.

## Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

<b>SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY</b> <b>FIRST MASS OF SIXTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	1800	St Joseph	John Broderick <b>P</b>
		Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		St Colman	Holy Souls (CC)
		<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Mila Alacapa RIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45	0830	St Swithun	Eric Joseph Taplin RIP <b>F</b>
	0900	St Joseph	People of the Parish
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (BH)
	1000	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Aileen Mary Frances Payne RIP F</b>
	1015	St Swithun	Mike and Heather Sparkes 50th Wedding Anniversary
	1100	St Paul	Private Intentions (Priests, Nuns, Religious, Two Parishes, Alive & Deceased) (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	John & Margaret Bagnall RIP <b>F</b>
	1200	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	1600	QA Hospital	Danny McMullan (SM)
	1800	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Guy Goodson RIP</b>
<b>MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY</b> <b>Feria</b>	0915	St Joseph's	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	1215	St Colman	William Medd RIP (FM)
	1215	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>John Doyle RIP F</b>
<b>TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY</b> <b>ST CYRIL, Religious &amp; ST METHIDIUS,</b> Bishop, Patrons of Europe, Feast	0915	St Paul	Thomas Cummings (FM)
	1215	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>John and Catherine Cassey F</b>
	1900	St Swithun	Sr Philomena Hynes FMDM – Golden Jubilee
<b>WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY</b> <b>Feria</b>	0730	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Constance Bernadette Locke RIP</b>
	1130	St Swithun	Edward Darrell and those buried with him RIP <b>P</b>
	1200	Corpus Christi	Len Vine <b>F</b>
	1215	St Colman	John Walters RIP (BW)
	1215	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Angela Boyle RIP</b>
<b>THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY</b> <b>Feria</b>	0930	St Joseph	Elizabeth Desmond <b>P</b>
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Elsie Margaret Purton RIP
	1215	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Sister Mary Austin RIP</b>
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY</b> <b>The Seven Holy Founders of the</b> <b>Servite Order, optional memorial</b> <b>or Feria</b>	0730	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Adrian Abel RIP</b>
	0930	Corpus Christi	Henry Heffernan RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Funeral of John Connelly RIP
	1215	St Colman	John Joseph Cummings (CC)
	1215	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Edward Walkley RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY</b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> <b>or Feria</b>	0930	Corpus Christi	Norah Grace Hlcks <b>F</b>
	1100	St Swithun	Helen West RIP <b>P</b>
	1215	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Tony Kochappan RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY</b> <b>FIRST MASS OF SEVENTH</b> <b>SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	1800	St Joseph	Edward & Mary Splain <b>P</b>
		St Colman	Special Intentions (FD)
		Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12	0830	St Swithun	Ubong Essien Effiong's Welfare
	0900	St Joseph	Mary Hussey <b>P</b>
	0915	St Colman	Fr Sean's 50th Birthday (HW)
	1000	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Terry Butler INT (In Thanksgiving 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday)</b>
	1015	St Swithun	Tom and Kathleen Kinoulty RIP
	1100	St Paul	Holy Souls (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1200	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Godfrey Walkley RIP</b>
	1800	<b>St John's Cathedral</b>	<b>Daniel &amp; Terry Matthews RIP</b>

F: Foundation – P: Perpetual

### Confession and Devotions

	Reconciliation	Rosary	Eucharistic Adoration	Evening Prayer and Benediction
St John's Cathedral	Saturday 1100 – 1200; 1630 – 1730	Tuesday & Thurs (following Mass 1215)	Friday 0800 – 1800 Saturday 1100 – 1200	First Friday of the month 1800
St Swithun	Saturday 1130 – 1200	First Saturday (following 1100 Mass)	Friday 1200 – 1500	-
Our Lady of Lourdes	Saturday 1730 – 1755	-	-	-
Corpus Christi	Saturday 1000	Sunday (following 1100 Mass)	Wednesday 1130 – 1155	-
St Joseph	Saturday (Before 1800 Mass)	Thursday (before 0930 Mass)	Saturday 1730 – 1755	-
St Colman	Saturday 1700 – 1730	Monday – Sunday 1900	Holy Hour with Adoration times as advertised	-