

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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26 February 2012 – First Sunday of Lent Year B

LENT 2012

During this season of Lent we as a parish are being invited each week to consider a different aspect of **our faith**. This week we are invited to think about:

HELPING FAITH

It is interesting that, before Jesus began his public ministry, he went into the desert to find God the Father and be helped in his faith that he was truly the Son of God and called to help others on their way to discover God's love ("to see me is to see the Father"). Sometimes people become a little disillusioned with religion, and I think this is perfectly understandable! There is a big difference between religion and faith in the God revealed in Jesus Christ, or to put it in other words, being religious and being a true disciple.

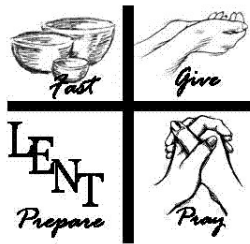
Lent is a journey of several weeks when we are invited to help our faith grow from a religion to a faith in the person of Jesus. We are called to go beyond externals - as important as they can be - to a purer and deeper faith and encounter with Jesus Christ. The wonderful thing is that it is possible for us to do this by using those three props which help our faith – prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

So I would ask you to consider today what would help your faith? Might I be so bold as to suggest that by spending a little more time in prayer whether in private prayer at home, calling into the Cathedral during the week, or coming to Stations of the Cross, might just help faith to become more real in our lives?

LENTEN ALMS

This year our Lenten alms will be for the Overseas Missions – *Missio*. While we here think of our faith, our Lenten Alms will go towards helping toward the faith of other peoples in distant countries who are not as fortunate as you and I. Please be generous to this important work that we and our Parish School will support this Lent.

Canon David Hopgood



PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT

10 March - St Paul's Church 1000

17 March - Corpus Christi Church 1000

24 March - St Swithun's Church 1000

31 March - St John's Cathedral 1100

Hymns: 1800: 199 196 (v1) 965 960 1000: 180 196 214 960 1200: 205 972 965 960 1800: 199 196 (v1) 965 960

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

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

Today

- Presentation of RCIA Candidates: at the 1000 Mass.

Forthcoming Events

Monday 27 February 2012

- Start of Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb – 11 March)

Tuesday 28 February 2012

- Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 Cathedral Hall.

Wednesday 29 February 2012

- St John's School Year 4 Mass: 0915 St John's Chapel

Thursday 1 March 2012

- Bethany Bereavement Coffee Morning: 1030 Coffee Shop, Cathedral Centre.

Friday 2 March 2012

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 0800-1800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayers and Benediction: 1800

Saturday 3 March 2012

- Mass in Extraordinary Form: 0800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- Gathering of the 'Friends of the Cathedral' with Lenten Reflection by Bishop Crispian Hollis: 1100 Cathedral Centre.
- Meditation Group: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel.

Sunday 4 March 2012

- Blessing of Engagement Rings Mass: 1000
- First Holy Communion Preparation Session: 1130 Abingdon Room followed by 1200 Mass
- Children's Mass: 1200



LENT AND BAPTISM

From around the 3rd century Lent, which evolved around the theme of Baptism, had been associated with the vigil of the anniversary of the Lord's resurrection: the Easter Vigil. During the first centuries, preparations for Baptism could last for several years. Adults seeking church membership could not just "sign up". They were tested for up to three years. During this time, they were instructed, supported in their withdrawal from pagan practices and loyalties, and taught to live in a new way. Only then were they admitted to candidacy for baptism. Finally, during what would become Lent, they received intense instruction, submitted to exorcisms, participated in special rituals, fasted on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and were baptized during the Easter Vigil.

When the Roman persecution of Christians ended in 313, the church began a public and more concise process, catechumenate (Greek katechein, "to proclaim," "to teach"), that is, of accepting new adult believers, catechumens, into membership. The catechumens' final phase of preparation for baptism always included a period of fasting to support changes in lifestyle.

This ritual preparation for Easter was a special time at first only for catechumens. Gradually it became popular for those already baptized to participate in this tradition of fasting. When the catechumenate was discontinued in the early Middle Ages, due to the widespread custom of infant baptism, Christians continued the tradition of fasting for forty days in preparation for Easter."

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

Bishop Crispian Hollis, Betty Copesteak, Antonetta Salerno, Carole Winser, 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: Gabrielle Griffiths RIP

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

Molly Jean Massey Gladys Pouralis Patricia Lambe James Walkin Elizabeth Mary Small Eileen Hicks Steven Wearn Helena Galvin John Barry Barbara Gingell Hazel Bulley Peter Fry Jean Dorothy Mellis

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

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SPIRIT WILDERNESS TEMPTED
SATAN WILD BEASTS
ANGELS GOOD NEWS
CLOSE REPENT BELIEVE



We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:** £375.25 (loose)

- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £960.47 (64% GA) including Standing Orders.

- **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,065.00 (61% GA) including Standing Orders.

- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,906.38 (56% GA) including Standing Orders.

Pastoral Area Notices

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This will take place from 27 February to 11 March. Events this week include a Fairtrade coffee morning on Tuesday at St. Swithun's RC primary school, and on Thursday a Fairtrade Middle Eastern Evening at the university. More information is on the Fairtrade website through www.portsmouthcathedral.org.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.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Please support CAFOD's Lent Fast Day on Friday 2 March. 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.

DISABILITY VOLUNTEERS

There is a Pastoral Area Meeting for all Parish Disability Volunteers and those who may be interested in representing their parish communities on Tuesday 28 February, 1900 at the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners in surrounding parishes to a Day of Prayer on Saturday 17 March in St John's Cathedral led by Marian Fathers.

- 1030 Praise and Worship
 - 1100 Talk
 - 1200 Holy Mass
 - 1300 Lunch (packed lunch)
 - 1400 Talk
 - 1500 Holy Hour, Exposition, Chaplet to the Divine Mercy, Benediction, Veneration of St Faustina's Relics
- Further information info@divinemercury.org.uk

LENT REFLECTIONS

Lent Reflection evenings will take place at St Paul's Church Hall at 1930 each Monday during Lent. Please put the following dates in your diary: 27 Feb, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March.

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 four 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.

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Lourdes Fundraising Tea at St Colman's and all who gave generous donations. We raised a fantastic £600.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS AND STAFF

This Thursday 1 March there will be Mass at 1830 in the Chaplaincy Centre to which you are warmly invited. The Chaplaincy Centre is in the Nuffield Building (opposite Blackwells Bookshop).

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

There are new training dates listed on church notice boards 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
- 10 March Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Both sessions will be held from 1000-1230 at St Colman's Church, Cosham PO6 2JJ.

To book a place please contact Soraya on 023 9281 6396.

RICH MAN/POOR MAN SUPPER

This evening supper will take place on Saturday 3 March at 1930 at St Colman's Church Hall. Entrance is £3.00. One third of those present receive a 'rich meal', the other two thirds will receive a 'poor meal'. Guest Speaker Sue Piper will talk about St Simon's Sunday Supper for homeless people.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE POLITICS SOCIETY

Wednesday 7 March 1930 – Professor Gary Sheffield on Churchill as a war leader. Tuesday 20 March 1930 – Ann Widdecombe – TV personality, writer and former MP. Free admission and refreshments from 1900. For details please contact Dr Graham Goodlad grahg@stjohnscollege.co.uk or 0239281 5118

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.

Cathedral Parish Notices

RITE OF PRESENTATION

This Sunday at 1000 Mass we celebrate the Rite of Presentation as our catechumens and candidates continue their journey in preparation for their reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

Catechumens

Paul Washington
Armelle Tohou
Kayleigh Duqemin
Denise Simao
Sharman Wilson
Rita Thompson
Joaquim Butalha

Candidates

Nicholas Fox
Harry Walsgrove
Christian Mascia
Stacey Slater
Daniel Slater

GABRIELLE GRIFFITHS RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gabrielle Griffiths, a long-standing parishioner of the Cathedral who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Friday 2 March at 1215. Please keep her family in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday, following 1215 Mass at 1245, and at 1800 followed by Exposition, Evening Prayers and Benediction. Copies of Bishop Crispian's Meditations on the Way of the Cross are available from the Bookshop.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop Crispian will join the annual Gathering of the *Friends of the Cathedral* on Saturday 3 March for a combined reflection on Lent. 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: gsomorjay1@btinternet.com

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This will take place from 27 February to 11 March. Mike Dobson of the Cathedral parish Fairtrade Group will be speaking briefly at the end of each Mass this weekend. Events this week include a Fairtrade coffee morning on Tuesday at St Swithun's School and on Thursday a Fairtrade Middle Eastern Evening in the University. More information at www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk/fairtrade.html

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Thank you to all Gift Aid contributors. We can claim back 25% of your contributions from the Inland Revenue. Your new envelopes (including Second Collection envelopes for those paying by Standing Order) will be ready for collection in the Discovery Centre on the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 March.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER

If you can help with various duties on the day please put your name on the list in the Cathedral Centre.

A Day of Prayer on Divine Mercy for the Pastoral Area will be held on Saturday 17 March in the Cathedral Discovery Centre:

- 1030 Praise and Worship
- 1100 Talk 1
- 1200 Holy Mass
- 1300 Lunch (bring packed lunch)
- 1400 Talk 2
- Benediction, Veneration of Relics
- 1500 Holy Hour, Exposition, Chaplet to the Divine Mercy, Benediction, Veneration of St Faustina's Relics

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

If your child will be three years old by 31 August 2012 and you would like them to start Nursery in September please contact the School as soon as possible for an application form. We will be allocating places shortly.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY First Mass of 1st Sunday of Lent	1800	St Joseph	Thomas Doyle P
		Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		St Colman	Phyllis Searls RIP (FM)
		St John's Cathedral	Private Intention
SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Genesis 9:9-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15	0830	St Swithun	John Bernard Bullock RIP
	0900	St Joseph	Margaret Barrett P
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (BH)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
	1015	St Swithun	Maurice Marshall Phillipson RIP F
	1100	St Paul	Mary Ann White (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Paddy Hynes RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	Holy Souls (CC)
	1800	St Swithun	Mass in Polish
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Cicy Zacharias INT (Thanksgiving)
MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY of the 1 st Week of Lent	0915	St Joseph's	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	1130	St Swithun	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	1215	St Colman	Cullinane Family, Michael, Marcella and Anthony (FM)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Elaine Widdowson RIP
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY of the 1 st Week of Lent	1300	St Colman	Funeral of George Wilkins RIP
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Kay Thain RIP
	1900	St Joseph's Convent	Jim Pidgley F
	1900	St Swithun	Canon Bernard Lindsay RIP F
WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY of the 1 st Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention
	1130	St Swithun	Gladys Gracias RIP
	1200	Corpus Christi	Matilda Richards P
	1215	St Colman	Francis Gerald Daley RIP (FM)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Danny Cronin RIP
THURSDAY 1 MARCH ST DAVID Religious, Bishop, feast	0930	St Joseph	Margaret Cremin P
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Rita Vella RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	John Joseph Barry RIP
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
FRIDAY 2 MARCH of the 1 st Week of Lent Women's World Day of Prayer and Lenten Fast Day	0730	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention
	0930	Corpus Christi	Ciriaco & Yvonne da Gama F
	1130	St Swithun	Dick & Mary Shute RIP F
	1215	St Colman	Nellie Lee RIP (FM)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Requiem Mass of Gabrielle Griffiths RIP
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayers & Benediction
SATURDAY 3 MARCH of the 1 st Week of Lent	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mass in Extraordinary Form
	0900	Corpus Christi	Canon Augustus Steggall P
	1100	St Swithun	Deceased Cregan Family Members RIP (Eilish Cregan)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	For All Priests
SATURDAY 3 MARCH First Mass of 2 nd Sunday of Lent	1800	St Joseph	Teresa Kathleen Grace Potter F
		Our Lady of Lourdes	Elizabeth Enoch Carrew RIP P
		St Colman	Adelheid Webber (MH)
		St John's Cathedral	Florise Elliot RIP
SUNDAY 4 MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	0900	St Joseph	Mary Mullane P
	0915	St Colman	Win & Tom Cummings (CC)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Tina Saurney RIP
	1015	St Swithun	Dan Cregan RIP (Eilish Cregan)
	1100	St Paul	Pat Lloyd RIP (PM)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1200	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
	1600	QA Hospital	Jennifer Sheilds (PM)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Maria Loemba RIP

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Confession and Devotions

	Reconciliation	Rosary	Eucharistic Adoration	Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayers and Benediction
St John's Cathedral	Saturday 1100 - 1200; 1630 - 1730	Tuesday & Thurs (following Mass 1215)	Friday 0800 - 1800 Saturday 1100 - 1200	Every Friday in Lent 1245 and 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	-