

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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8 January 2012 – The Epiphany of the Lord Year B

There is a lot of mythology and legend about how the Magi came to Bethlehem – about how they saw a bright star in the Eastern sky and began to follow it. It guided them first to Jerusalem but temporarily disappeared, and then to Bethlehem where they found the Child Jesus. But if we read the Gospel account carefully, we will see that the Wise Men saw the star “as it rose”. It said nothing about the star guiding them. Or it could suggest that the star was no more than a sign that something unusual had happened, or more precisely that someone special had been born.

The next time the star is mentioned is when they were on the road to Bethlehem, that is, as they neared the end of their journey. The text says “there in front of them was the star they had seen rising”. From this we can conclude that in between they travelled in darkness, and asked, sought and inquired. The journey was neither simple nor easy; they encountered difficulties, doubts and dangers, yet, in spite of all these, they persevered in their journey and were rewarded when they finally found Christ. This story has great importance for us, for like them, we too are on a journey.

Often something bright and attractive starts us on our journey, but this initial ‘star’ doesn’t always remain. It grows dim, clouds get in the way and deprive us of its light; and doubts and difficulties occur. Let us not be surprised when this happens. We must imitate the Magi. Let us not be too proud to ask for guidance, for help and encouragement. For the darkness in our lives will pass and we will see again the initial ‘star’ beckoning to us and encouraging us on.

Let this great Feast today remind us that the light of Christ is always there. Our call must be to persevere.

Canon David Hopgood



Hymns: 1800: 169 166 150 170 **1000:** 166 150 169 **1200:** 166 150 78 170 **1800:** 169 166 150 170

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Fr Joe McNerney– scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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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

DIARY OF EVENTS

Today

- **Baptism Preparation Meeting:** after 1000 Mass in the Discover y Centre.
- **Feast of the Epiphany Family Mass:** 1200.
- **Taizé-Style Prayer Evening:** 1915 St John's Chapel.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10 January 2012

- **Hatha Yoga:** 1830-2000 Cathedral Hall. Week 1.

Wednesday 11 January 2012

- **Requiem Mass of Beulah Hall RIP:** 1215.

Thursday 12 January 2012

- **Parents Group:** 1000-1130 Abingdon Room.
- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** 1900-2045

Friday 13 January 2012

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

Saturday 14 January 2012

- **Mass in Extraordinary Form:** 0800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- **Meditation:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel.

Sunday 15 January 2012

- **Baptism Anointing:** during 1200 Mass.
- **First Holy Communion Session:** 1130 Abingdon Room followed by 1200 Mass.

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 Tumbull, Maisie Hider, Thomas O'Grady and Doreen Yates.

For those who have died recently: Beulah Hall RIP

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

Joy Prat, Douglas Watson, Stephen Durygarth, Scott Brenda, Constance Hamilton, Robert Thompson, Kathleen Craig, Shirley Jennings, Thomas Walsh, Albert Pitassi, Jessie Brimcombe, John Joseph Sleep, Theresa Mary Simms, Nicholas Jon Povey, Meri Chan, Kathleen Mary Edwards, Patricia Keenan, Eva Florence, May Curtis, Grace Peroti, Peter Kitching

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

We saw his star and have come to do the King homage

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or "Showing". Today is the Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations - other than the people of Israel - being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new-born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.



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We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:** £376.57 (loose).
- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £948.42 (74% GA) including Standing Orders.
- **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,062.09 (72% GA) including Standing Orders.
- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,860.55 (50% GA) including Standing Orders.

Pastoral Area Notices

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY MASS

Fr Joe McNerney, Hospital Chaplain, celebrates Mass every Sunday at 1600 in the Hospital Chapel. All welcome.

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Mass in Extraordinary Form will be celebrated at 0800 on Saturday 14 January 2012 by Fr Joe McNerney in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION 2012

If you are in school year 8 or above and would like to prepare for Confirmation there will be an Introduction Evening for Parents and Candidates on Friday 23 March at 1900 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Preparation for candidates will begin immediately after Easter. Please collect an application form from the back of the Church after Mass today and return it to the priest.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

These training sessions will be held on Saturday 14 January at Sacred Heart Church Waterlooville from 1000-1230 for Vulnerable Adults and 1330-1600 for Children Protection. This is the last chance for those working with children and vulnerable Adults to do these courses before they are allowed to exercise their ministries this year. For further details please see the notice board.

ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our next community lunch will take place on Sunday 29 January after the 1100 Mass. Further details will follow.

VACANCIES FOR FOUNDATION

GOVERNORS AT ST SWITHUN'S SCHOOL

Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered. Those seeking to become a Parent Foundation Governor will have a child/children currently registered at the school. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the Headteacher and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the Governing Body, the Foundation Governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church and giving clear witness, as individuals, and as a team, to the Gospel message and to the Church's teaching. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church. Application packs are available from the Parish Priest, the School Office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Tel: 01329 835363 schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 20 January 2012

LITURGY GROUPS

On Wednesday 11 January at 1900 there will be a meeting at St. John's Cathedral Primary School for liturgy groups or those involved in planning liturgies. The meeting is to share good practice and to look at how we can work closer together to enhance the liturgy.

TAIZÉ – STYLE PRAYER

A Taizé-style Prayer Evening will be held today, Sunday 8 January at 1915 in St John's Chapel at the Cathedral. Please come and join in this different style of prayer and meditation through readings, chants and silence.

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.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL 2013/14 ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

As required by regulations the Governing Body of St Edmund's Catholic School will be conducting a consultation on its proposed Admissions Policy. The consultation period runs from: Tuesday 3 January until Wednesday 28 February. Copies of the proposed Policy can be obtained from the School Office or www.saintedmunds.org.uk Comments on the Policy should be sent to: Mrs White nwhite@saintedmunds.org.uk by Wednesday 28 February. The Governing Body will consider all comments received before determining the Policy by 15 April 2012.

Cathedral Parish Notices

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

We are pleased to have you pray with us at St John's. We hope you will enjoy your visit to our beautiful Cathedral.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please introduce yourselves after Mass to the priest and to other parishioners so that we can get to know you.

HATHA YOGA

A new course of Yoga classes will start on Tuesday 10 Jan for ten successive weeks from 1830-2000 in the Cathedral Centre. Classes will be suitable for beginners as well as those with experience. If you are interested please put your name down on the Sign-Up sheet in the Hall. Cost: £40.00.

ALL READERS AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The rotas for the period 1 January – 1 April are now available from the Cathedral website or for collection from the rack dispenser by the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Society of Friends of the Cathedral is always looking to welcome new members. Support of the Cathedral's key building and other projects is the Society's main aim. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 023 9282 6170.

MEDITATION GROUP

The Saturday Meditation Group continues to meet in St John's Chapel from 1700-1730 for silent prayers. All welcome.

PARENTS GROUP

The Parents Group will re-start on Thursday 12 January in the Abingdon Room from 1000-1130 after the Christmas break. The Group enables parents and carers to meet up and get to know each other while the children play. All welcome.

LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT

Bereavement and loss can be felt even more acutely at this time of the year. You might like to pause for a moment and reflect at the Prayer Corner in the Cathedral.

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 you are in trouble and anxiety, go and plunge yourself in the peace of this adorable Heart, which no one can take from you. (St Margaret Mary)

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2012



The International Eucharistic takes place next June in Ireland. The Diocese is offering a package of travel via coach & ferry with accommodation (B&B, sharing a room), registration, transport to & from the centre each day and attendance at the final Mass for approx. £470 per person. Dates for this Diocesan package are Thursday 14 June (depart) and Monday 18 June (return). Contact Fr Phillip Harris on 02392 826170 or by email.

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY First Mass of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	1800	St Joseph	Deceased Members of Frances Pratt's Family
		Our Lady of Lourdes	For the work of LIFE
		St Colman	Gunter Zimmerman (MH)
		St John's Cathedral	Leonard Lock RIP
SUNDAY 8 JANUARY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, <i>solemnity</i> Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	0900	St Joseph	Deceased relatives & Friends
	0915	St Colman	Sean Tracey, Michael & Mary Boshell (MT)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Kruzycki Family INT
	1015	St Swithun	Steel and Mifsud Families (Tomkins)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	Mass of Thanksgiving for Jason & Rebecca (HM)
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Antony Jones RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Dr Patricia O'Connell RIP
MONDAY 9 JANUARY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, <i>feast</i>	1215	St John's Cathedral	Sheelagh Byrne RIP
	1215	St Colman	Ron Hadder RIP (DQ)
TUESDAY 10 JANUARY BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME Feria	0915	St Paul	Mass of Thanksgiving (S & MS)
	0930	Corpus Christi	School Mass
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Francis Conroy INT
WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY Feria	0730	St John's Cathedral	Andrew E.I. Dibia RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	1200	Corpus Christi	Eleanor Minter's Intentions
	1215	St Colman	Mary Ann White (CC)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Requiem Mass of Beulah Hall RIP
THURSDAY 12 JANUARY St Aelred, Abbot, <i>op mem</i> or Feria	0930	St Joseph	Florence Kidney P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Joseph Salerno RIP
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
FRIDAY 13 JANUARY St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, <i>op mem</i> or Feria	0730	St John's Cathedral	John Vincent Conroy RIP
	0930	Corpus Christi	Irene O'Neil F
	1130	St Swithun	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	1215	St Colman	Charles Cuthbert Hall RIP (FM)
SATURDAY 14 JANUARY Our Lady on Saturday or Feria	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mass in Extraordinary Form
	0930	Corpus Christi	Payne Family P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Mr & Mrs Ponponne INT
SATURDAY 14 JANUARY First Mass of Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	1800	St Joseph	Charlotte Allen P
		St Colman	Joan Dale (M & MM)
		Our of Lourdes	Patrick Joseph O'Neill RIP F
		St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 15 JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Today is a</i> Day of Prayer for Peace Samuel 3:3-10, 19 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42	0830	St Swithun	May & Percival Nelson RIP F
	0900	St Joseph	People of the Parish
	0915	St Colman	Henry Bravo (BB)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Catherine & Kay Casey INT
	1015	St Swithun	Patricia Keenan RIP F
	1100	St Paul	Win & Tom Cummings (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	Eleanor Minter's Intentions
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Lena Meagher RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Jim Casey RIP

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 (1215 following Mass)	Friday 0800 – 1800 Saturday 1100 – 1200	First Friday of the month and all Fridays in Advent 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	-