

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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4 March 2012 – Second Sunday of Lent Year B

When Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up the high mountain, they would have had no idea of what was going to happen: that the man they had been following as disciples would be transfigured dazzlingly in their sight, that they would see him speaking with Moses and Elijah, and that they would hear the voice of God speaking from the cloud proclaiming him to be his beloved Son. No wonder they were frightened!

Yet this was an experience that had been given to them not to cause fear, but to deepen their faith and trust in Jesus. For Jesus is revealed to them, for a short while, in his glory; he is revealed as the Word of God whom Moses (the one who received the Word of God in the form of the Law) and Elijah (representative of the prophets who had received and communicated God's Word in prophecy) converse with; and he is also revealed as Son by the overshadowing cloud and the voice that speaks from it. All three revelations deepen the disciples' faith in Jesus and strengthen that faith, as it will soon be tested as the events of his Passion and Crucifixion unfold. Our Lord's glory, glimpsed here for the only time before his Resurrection, his identification as the Word of God and Son, opens the disciples' eyes to see clearly who he is for a moment.



Our faith - just like Peter's, James' and John's - is a faith that is living, because it is in a living person: our Lord Jesus Christ. But because it is a living faith, it does at times need deepening and we should take every opportunity we can for deepening our faith. Our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving are ways in which we put into practice our faith and so help to deepen it. This week in our prayer, let us try to spend a little time to sit down with the Gospel passage describing the Transfiguration and let ourselves, in our imagination, join the disciples on the mountain so that we too might glimpse something of Our Lord's glory, and welcome him more fully into our lives as the Word of God and the Father's beloved Son.

Fr Phillip Harris

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: 208 196 (v2) 284 970 1000: 744 774 208 1200: 762 (2nd tune) 720 284 970 1800: 208 196 (v2) 284 970

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

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

Forthcoming Events

Monday 5 March 2012

- **Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb – 11 March)**

Tuesday 6 March 2012

- **Hatha Yoga:** 1830-2000 Cathedral Hall.
- **Information/Training Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** 1900 Discovery Centre.

Wednesday 7 March 2012

- **St John's School Year 5 Mass:** 0915 St John's Chapel

Thursday 8 March 2012

- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** 1900-2145 Abingdon Room.

Friday 9 March 2012

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

Saturday 10 March 2012

- **Mass in Extraordinary Form:** 0800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- **Baroque Choir Concert:** 1845-2145.
- **Meditation Group:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel.

Sunday 11 March 2012

- **End of Fairtrade Fortnight**
- **Taizé-Style Prayer:** 1700 St John's Chapel



LENT - FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Three themes hold the six weeks [of Lent] together: (1) the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection, (2) the implications of this mystery for those preparing for Baptism, and (3) a spiritual renewal of faith and conversion on the part of those already baptized...

Early in Christianity the discipline of fasting became associated with the number forty. Fasting by catechumens, and then by other Christians, was done in imitation of Jesus' forty-day fast in the desert (Matthew 4:2), Moses' forty days on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28), Elijah's forty-day fast on his journey to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8), and the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert. To this day, the church's official title for Lent, Quadragesima, is Latin for "forty"...

Fasting and abstinence are acts of denial that are often linked together, but they are two different disciplines. Fasting has to do with the quantity of food eaten on particular days (little or none). Abstinence generally refers our denial of the kind of food and drink that we like to consume. However, such denials can be extended to watching TV, playing computer games and the like.

These religious practices of denying oneself, promote discipline and self-control for spiritual motives of growing in our faith, hope and love for God. They help us to be more disposed to God in our prayer as we become more aware of God's presence in our lives during such practices.

(Ref: Catholic Customs and Traditions – a popular guide, by Greg Dues; 23rd Pub: 1992: p74-79)

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: Kay Cassey RIP

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

Hanora Dan Daniel Nee Albert Goodson John Dunnett
 Kimberley Hewett Richard Williamson Mary Devonald Helen
 Teresa Veronica O'Grady Reginald Rogers Douglas James
 Cooper Hubert Pike Kathleen Marsh John Cassey Rita Ball
 Barbara Phillips Maurice Lee Patrick Chablis Pearl Smith

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:** £382.62 (loose)
- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £978.12 (63% GA) including Standing Orders.
- **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,536.21 (65% GA) including Standing Orders.
- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,869.38 (57% GA) including Standing Orders.

Pastoral Area Notices

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS

You are warmly invited by Angela (Chaplain) to come along to Brunch at 24 Lion House Lion Terrace on Sunday 11 March. We will meet outside St John's on the street after 1200 Mass.

TAIZÉ-STYLE PRAYER EVENING

Come and experience a different, gentle form of prayer in St John's Cathedral next Sunday 11 March (and every second Sunday of each month) from 1700 -1745.

Taizé prayer is contemplative in character with simple chants, words from Scripture and silent pauses for reflection. All welcome.

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

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.

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 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

LENT REFLECTIONS

Lent Reflection evenings take place at St Paul's Church Hall at 1930 each Monday during Lent. Please put the following dates in your diary: 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. 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.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Please note a new training date for all volunteers involved with vulnerable adults. It is obligatory to attend a session in order to perform your role as part of our safeguarding work in the Church:

- 10 March Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

The session 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.

GERRY COATES IN CONCERT

Gerry Coates in Concert, plus Catholic Art Exhibition, at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR on Sat 31 March from 1930 to 2130. Admission £5 on the door, in aid of new Church funds. Refreshments included. Children free. Gerry has performed in over 300 concerts in aid of Catholic Charities throughout the UK. www.gerrycoates.com

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE POLITICS SOCIETY WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH AT 1930

Professor Gary Sheffield on Churchill as a war leader. On Tuesday 20 March at 1930 Ann Widdecombe - TV personality, writer and former MP. Free admission and refreshments from 1900. For details please contact St John's College on 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

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the engaged couples of our parish whose engagement rings will be blessed at the 1000 Mass today.

KAY CASSEY RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kay Casey who died recently. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 15 March at 1215. Please keep Catherine, her daughter, and family in your prayers.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This will continue until 11 March. Events this week include a Fairtrade stall on Sunday at St Swithun's Church in Southsea. More information is on the Fairtrade webpage at www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent there are 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER ON SATURDAY 17 MARCH FROM 1000-1600

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Thank you to all Gift Aid contributors. We 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.

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.

COFFEE AFTER 1000 MASS

We urgently need some helpers to go on a rota to provide refreshments after this Mass. If you can help please speak to one of the priests or to Adolf who will be in the kitchen after Mass on Sunday.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Our choir, which leads the music at the 1000 Mass each Sunday, as well as at other feasts and festivals throughout the year, is looking for new members to join its ranks, particularly sopranos and basses. We rehearse each Thursday evening from 1900 to 2030 in the Cathedral, and meet each Sunday morning at 0915 before Mass at 1000. If you would like to join us then please speak to one of the organists after Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cicy Parambi has taken over from Katarzyna Cichosz as Co-ordinator of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

A big thank you to Katarzyna for setting up and running the programme for the last two years. If you would like to commit to an Hour please ring Cicy on 0772 3049 406.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

An Information/Training Evening will be held on Tuesday 6 March at 1900 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Fr Phillip and Fr Steven will lead the hour-long session.

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 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 & Ron 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
MONDAY 5 MARCH of the MARCH Week of Lent	0915	St Joseph	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	1215	St Colman	Iris Davenport RIP (FD)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	John Dunnett RIP
TUESDAY 6 MARCH of the 2 nd Week of Lent	1215	St John's Cathedral	Josephine Wechol RIP
	1900	St Paul	Catherine Medd RIP (FM)
	1900	St Swithun	Edith Alice Sarah Wilcox RIP F
WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH of the 2 nd Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	Gordon Fox RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Herbert Frank Barlow & Monica Gabrielle Barlow RIP F
	1200	Corpus Christi	Teresa & Thomas McCauley F
	1215	St Colman	Duncan Family Members (TD)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Arthur Sharman RIP
THURSDAY 8 MARCH of the 2 nd Week of Lent	0930	St Joseph	Fr Francis Isherwood F
	1200	Corpus Christi	Funeral Mass Joseph Grech RIP
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Iris Stout RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Joseph Salerno RIP
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
FRIDAY 9 MARCH of the 2 nd Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention
	0930	Corpus Christi	Dudley Onraete RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Dec of Robinson Family F
	1215	St Colman	Joan Dale & Family (HW)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Molly Gunn RIP
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayers & Benediction
SATURDAY 10 MARCH of the 2 nd Week of Lent	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mass in Extraordinary Form – Laura Walkley RIP
	0900	Corpus Christi	Tony Harvey RIP
	0900	St Swithun	Reginald Howard Bunting RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Samuel Frampton INT
SATURDAY 10 MARCH First Mass of of the 3 rd Week of Lent	1800	St Joseph	Trevor Trethowan F
		Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		St Colman	Holy Souls (AL)
		St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11 MARCH THIRDD SUNDAY OF LENT Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25	0830	St Swithun	Elizabeth Geary RIP P
	0900	St Joseph	People of the Parish
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (FM)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Giovanna & Elia Feneck RIP
	1015	St Swithun	Intentions of Sisters of Mercy, Shanklin (M Kinoulty & B Cozens)
	1100	Corpus Christi	Joseph Grech RIP
	1100	St Paul	Ursula Barltrop (BB)
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Seamus O Farrell RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	Florise Elliott (PM)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention

F: Foundation – P: Perpetual

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	1600
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	-