

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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11 March 2012 – Third Sunday of Lent Year B

BRINGING FAITH

In today's First Reading we hear Moses bringing God's Ten Commandments to people who have been freed from slavery. Is this enslaving them once more? The purpose of God's law is not to constrain us but to show us how to live. God's law is a light for our steps and a lamp for our path. The Ten Commandments were good, but Christ's teaching goes much further. For He brings a new angle to the Ten Commandments that are revolutionary.

Might I share with you this piece of prose which I think explains well this Third Sunday of Lent?



There was once a sincere man who wished to live a holy life. So he went to his rabbi to seek advice. The rabbi congratulated him on his ambition and then asked how has it been going? "Quite well, I think" the man replied. "When you say 'well' what do you mean?", the rabbi asked.

"I haven't broken any commandments", the man replied, "I haven't taken the Lord's name in vain, I haven't profaned the Sabbath day, I haven't dishonoured my father or mother, I haven't killed anyone, I haven't been unfaithful to my wife, I haven't stolen or borne false witness against anyone, I haven't coveted my neighbour's wife or goods."

"I see", said the rabbi, "so you haven't broken any of the commandments". "That's right", the man replied, with pride. "But have you kept the commandments?" the rabbi asked. "What do you mean?" said the man. "I mean, have you honoured God's holy name, have you kept holy the Sabbath day, have you loved and honoured your parents, have you sought and preserved and defended life? When last did you tell your wife that you loved her? Have you shared your goods with the poor? Have you defended the good name of anyone? When did you last put yourself out to help a neighbour?"

The man was taken aback but went away and reflected on what the rabbi had said. He realised that up till now he had been merely intent on avoiding wrongdoing. But the rabbi was bringing him a new vision of goodness. Not really to avoid evil but to do good.

So Lent for us is not a time just for repentance when we look in on ourselves, but as a time when we bring faith to others by our good deeds and actions so that our faith might bring forth a faith in other people.

Canon David Hopgood

PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT

17 March - Corpus Christi Church 1000

24 March - St Swithun's Church 1000

31 March - St John's Cathedral 1100

Hymns: 1800: 959 196 (v3) 633 887 1000: 456 633 959 1200: 920 772 633 959 1800: 959 196 (v3) 633 887

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

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

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 13 March 2012

- Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000

Wednesday 14 March 2012

- Parents Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room

Thursday 15 March 2012

- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 1900-2045 Abingdon Room.
- RCIA Sponsors' Meeting: 1900 Jubilee Room

Friday 16 March 2012

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 0800-1800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction: 1800
- Cana Path Group: 1900 Cathedral

Saturday 17 March 2012

- Divine Mercy Day of Prayer: 1030-1600
- Meditation Group: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel.

Sunday 18 March 2012

- First Holy Communion Preparation: 1130 in the Abingdon Room followed by Mass at 1200.

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

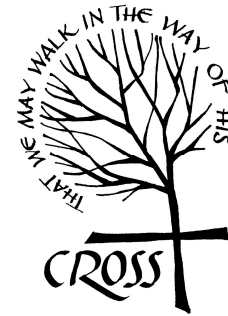
Bishop Crispian Hollis, Betty Copesteak, Antonetta Salerno, Carole Winsler, Sean Ahern, David Powell, Maria Makins, Mario Oakes, Gordon Lyons, Eva Sonnen, Steward Russell, Mary Langridge, Christine Millham, Maria Enright, Anne Crowe, John Foster, Anne Harkin, Ann Lound, Laurie Jenkins, Willow Scotney-Williams, 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:

Robert Higgins Margarette Rita Robbins Margaret Pratt Jennifer Pakiry Dorothy Holland Edward Chapman Doughty John Davitt Kenneth Uttley Donald Goodale Kathleen Ransley Rose Miller Ellen O'Hara Riddeau Grace Pratten

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



LENT – ALMSGIVING

Prayer, penance and almsgiving form the three pillars of our Lenten observance. These practices are very much linked to our Baptismal promises, which we prepare to renew at Easter, because they help us to renew our relationship with God and our neighbours.

In fasting and penance, we give up something which we desire and in so doing learn to grow in freedom and generosity. In our experience of hunger for these earthly things, we learn to reflect on our hunger and longing for God. Some people then choose to give to charity the money they save from the things they give up, thus allowing them to share the fruits of their freedom with others.

While almsgiving includes the giving of money or material goods to the poor, it can also include the sharing of one's time and talents with those in need. For example, you can visit or call someone you know who is lonely, especially if it is someone whom you know that others find difficult to like; or you can help someone you know who is stressed, with some of his/her chores.

Almsgiving expresses our care and concern for our less fortunate brothers and sisters who are also loved by God our Father. The value of almsgiving is not solely measured in how much we give away monetarily, but by the degree of love that accompanies our giving, as in the case of the widow whom Jesus praised for giving away the two small coins.

Almsgiving is also an expression of gratitude for the many gifts that God has given us. In sharing these gifts, we share the life-giving love of God. Let us not forget that whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to Jesus.

(Mt 25: 40)

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We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- Corpus Christi with St Joseph: £417.15 (loose)
- Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun: £1,068.97 (71% GA) including Standing Orders.
- St Colman with St Paul: £ 1,251.00 (66 % GA) including Standing Orders.
- St John's Cathedral: £ 1,795.23 (60% GA) including Standing Orders.
CAFOD Fast Day £624.08

Pastoral Area Notices

LETTER ON MARRIAGE

At Masses this weekend, we receive a Letter from Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Peter Smith on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is a statement of our Catholic faith about marriage and issued in the light of the forthcoming consultation by Government on changing the legal definition of marriage. In the light of this letter, you are asked to consider signing the Coalition for Marriage's online petition which can be found at www.C4M.org.uk. It reads:

"I support the legal definition of marriage which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it."

The Archbishops also say that after Easter there will be a more detailed leaflet on the Government's consultation itself, for distribution in parishes, which is intended to assist Catholics in making their own response to the consultation.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2012

For those young people who have asked to receive the sacrament of Confirmation there will be a gathering of parents and candidates on Friday 23 March at 1900 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. During this gathering we will discuss the meetings on Fridays after Easter as well as a weekend away.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult and have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, there will be an opportunity after Easter to have a little preparation before the sacrament is conferred on Pentecost Sunday 27 May at 1430 in the Cathedral.

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

There will be a retiring collection to assist our retired priests after all Masses next weekend 17/18 March.

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@divinemercy.org.uk

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St Joseph and extends an invitation to all parishioners with a special novena of Masses and prayers from 10-18 March 2012.

For a free Novena booklet to enable you to join them from home please write to: Fr Denis Treacy, MHM Suite 7, Queensgate House, 18 Cookham Road Maidenhead SL6 8AJ.

LENT REFLECTIONS

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

CAN YOU HELP AT QA HOSPITAL?

The Chaplaincy Department of NHS Trust is looking for volunteers by visiting patients on the wards, assisting patients in attending Chapel on Sunday mornings, and caring for them during the service. Please contact 023 9228 6408 or susan.bishop@porthosp.nhs.uk

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A mature lady is looking for a position as live-in housekeeper or as a lodger. If you can help please ring the Cathedral Parish Office on 023 9282 6170.

PORTSMOUTH PASTORAL AREA

The Portsmouth Pastoral Area Council met on Saturday 3 March and the following were discussed:

1. A weekly input to the Newsletter from the University.
 2. A job specification for the new post of Pastoral coordinator /Youth Worker.
 3. A proposal to send out a consultation questionnaire to each parish immediately following Easter week.
 4. A proposal to organize a Pastoral Area Pilgrimage.
 5. Marking of the Queen's jubilee.
- Detailed information on the discussions can be obtained from your Parish representatives who serve on the Council.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS

You are warmly invited by Angela (Chaplain) to come along to Brunch at 24 Lion House Lion Terrace today Sunday 11 March. We will meet on the street outside St John's after 1200 Mass. On Thursday 15 March PLEASE come along at 1830 to listen to a discussion lead by Matt Jeziorski (Youth outreach worker) on the work of PAX CHRISTI. Pax Christi is an inspiring, international Catholic movement for peace. Matt is travelling all the way from London to be with us so PLEASE come along. Venue: 24, Lion House, Lion Terrace. Delicious tea and cake will be provided. Contact Angela: Angela.ODonoghue@port.ac.uk

TAIZÉ-STYLE PRAYER EVENING

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

Cathedral Parish Notices

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This concludes today, Sunday 11 March. Events this weekend includes a Fairtrade stall at St Swithun's Church in Southsea. More information is on the Fairtrade webpage on 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.

SUMMER FÊTE

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with the Summer Fête this year on Sunday 25 March at 1115 (after the 1000 Mass and before 1200 noon Mass) in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

APOSTLES' CREED

During the season of Lent we are using the Apostles' Creed at the celebration of Mass every Sunday.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Thank you to all Gift Aid contributors. We claim back a sum equal to 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 after all Masses this weekend.

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 is the new Co-ordinator of the Adoration of the 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. Please ring Cicy on 0772 3049 406.

ATTENTION ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

The rosters are being prepared for the period 8 April to 8 July 2012.

Please let Paul Hamer, Rota Co-ordinator, know of your non-availability for this period either by filling in the form and returning the information to the Parish Office or by email rotas@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk.

PARISH HOME VISITING

During Lent Fr David and Fr Phillip are visiting the Sick and Housebound of our parish. Please let them know if there is anyone who is not on the regular list, but who would like to receive Holy Communion and receive Anointing.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 10 MARCH First Mass of 3 rd Sunday 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 Baritrop (BB)
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Seamus O Farrell RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	Florise Elliott (PM)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention
MONDAY 12 MARCH of the 3 rd Week of Lent	0915	St Joseph	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	1215	St Colman	Deceased Members of Bridie Cooper's Family (BC)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Mr & Mrs Frances INT
TUESDAY 13 MARCH of the 3 rd Week of Lent	1215	St John's Cathedral	William Lee RIP
	1400	St Paul	Private Intentions (Priests, Nuns, Religious & Mission Workers and Two Parishes, Alive and Deceased) (CC)
	1900	St Swithun	Miss EAE Edmunds, her father, mother and aunt Sarah Ellery RIP P
WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH of the 3 rd Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	Mary Clancy RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Funeral Mass for Edna Hanvey RIP
	1200	Corpus Christi	Forgotten Dead
	1215	St Colman	Mary Ann White (CC)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Constance Bernadette Locke RIP
THURSDAY 15 MARCH of the 3 rd Week of Lent	0930	St Joseph	Herbert Bone P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Requiem Mass of Kay Cassey RIP
FRIDAY 16 MARCH of the 3 rd Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	
	0930	Corpus Christi	Forgotten Dead
	1130	St Swithun	Catherine O'Boyle RIP F
	1215	St Colman	Ivy Searls RIP (FM)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Patrick Carmody RIP
SATURDAY 17 MARCH ST PATRICK, Bishop, feast	0900	Corpus Christi	Madge Murphy P
	0900	St Swithun	Miss Mary Cook RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Neville Wood RIP
SATURDAY 17 MARCH First Mass of of the 4 th Sunday of Lent	1800	St Joseph	Parker Family Deceased P
		Our Lady of Lourdes	Alfred Dawson RIP P
		St Colman	Mrs Mary Cooper RIP (FM)
		St John's Cathedral	Ronald Robinson RIP
SUNDAY 18 MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	0900	St Joseph	Hannah Walsh P
	0915	St Colman	Eileen Murdoch (FM)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Kay Cassey RIP
	1015	St Swithun	Mark Bridgman RIP
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	Therese Duncan Intentions (TD)
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Victoria INT
	1600	QA Hospital	Private Intentions (Relatives, Friends, Alive & Deceased) (CC)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish

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	-