

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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18 March 2012 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B

Giving Faith

"...it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift of God..." – so St Paul teaches the Ephesians in our Second Reading at Mass this Sunday.

How many times do we see special offers in shops or when we subscribe to a publication or a club? "Buy one, get one free..." or "10% discount if you subscribe for 12 months...". There are always strings attached and we have to choose whether or not to pay for something we were not planning on buying to get something else free.



God is not like that: God gives and he gives freely – with no strings attached! God is the one who saves us, he is the one who reaches out into our lives. He does this because he "loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life..." as St John tells us in our Gospel today. God gives: he gives his Son, and through the gift of faith in him which he offers to everyone, we can also receive his salvation. This giving by God is an offer to everyone: he saves us, dying on the Cross for us and he gives us the gift of faith to believe in him if we choose to accept his gift.

When we accept God's gift of salvation and his gift of faith not only do we receive what he is giving us but our faith also becomes visible to others. St John describes this as living by the truth and coming out into the light. It is in this way, in the practical day-to-day living out of our faith, that we too can help others to see the faith we have and help them to be open to God's own offer of the gift of faith to them. In practising our faith we help to give the truth and the light of faith to others.

How do I respond to God's free gift of his Son and the faith that he has given me? How does this affect the way I live my life and does my faith help to give faith to others?

Fr Phillip Harris

PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT

24 March - St Swithun's Church 1000

31 March - St John's Cathedral 1100

Hymns: 1800: 794 196 (v4) 747 753 1000: 851 747 753 1200: 846 849 747 794 1800: 794 196 (v4) 747 753

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

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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

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

Forthcoming Events

Monday 19 May 2012

- **CWL (Catholic Women's League) Monthly Meeting:** 1330-1530 Cathedral Centre. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Tuesday 20 March 2012

- **Hatha Yoga (Week 10):** 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre Hall
 - **Mass in Extraordinary Form:** 1900 Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Wednesday 21 March 2012

- **Fraternal Lunch Meeting:** 1300 Cathedral Discovery Centre.

Thursday 22 March 2012

- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** 1900-2045 Abingdon Room.
 - **Emmaus Group:** 1900 St John's Room.

Friday 23 March 2012

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 0800-1800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 - **Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction:** 1800
 - **Confirmation Information Evening:** 1900 Cathedral.

Saturday 24 March 2012

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

Tuesday 27 March 2012

- **Portsmouth Grammar School Gala Concert:** 1930 Cathedral.



LENT – THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In preparation for Holy Week, when we reflect on and commemorate the final days of Jesus' earthly life and His Passion, Cross and Resurrection, it is a yearly religious practice for many of us to attend the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, in Latin Via Crucis; also called the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows, arose out of the pilgrimages to the Holy Land in the Middle Ages. During the crusades in the 11th and 12th centuries, it became popular for Christians to journey to the biblical places of Jesus' life, and in particular, to follow the path that Jesus took as He carried the cross from Jerusalem to Calvary. After the Muslims recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages became too dangerous and Christians took to reproducing the holy places in their own lands so that they could journey with Jesus in His suffering, at least in spirit.

The early way of the cross varied anywhere from 5 to 20 stations and was held out-doors. It was only in the 18th century that the Pope fixed the number at 14 stations and allowed the station of the cross inside churches. From the 1960s, it became popular to add a 15th station to meditate on the Resurrection of Our Lord.

In praying the Stations either individually or as part of a community, we journey with Jesus reflecting on how Jesus felt as He carried the Cross. We relate His Passion and suffering to our own lives and learn from Him how to carry our own crosses and challenges in our daily living.

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

Jerry Winsler, Ann Jarczyk, 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.

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

Robert Edward Carpenter Nicola Gledhill William Mason Kathleen O'Brien Megan Barrett Ivor Mulholland Patricia Mary Rencourt Robert Newsome Arthur Thorne Rose Cotton Josephine Hammersley John Yung Hok Peter Kerton Thi Huu Ngo Brian Oram Niamh Fahey George Hatton Daniel Synnott Charles Boyle

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

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We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:** £787.11 (including Standing Orders)

- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £994.15 (63% GA) including Standing Orders.

- **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,063.00 (65% GA) including Standing Orders.

- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,924.34 (53% GA) including Standing Orders.

Pastoral Area Notices

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

There will be a retiring collection to assist our retired priests after all Masses this weekend.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY

Please make an effort to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at the Penitential Services in the City's Catholic Churches in the next few weeks:

Saturday 24 March at 1000 in St Swithun's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea
Saturday 31 March at 1100 in St John's Cathedral.

STUDENTS OF PORTSMOUTH UNIVERSITY

CathSoc invites you to come along for Lenten prayers. We will meet up at 1830 on Thursday 22 March outside the Nuffield Center. Contact: Catholic.upsu.net

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.

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM

This will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 20 March at 1900.

FR PETER'S PRAYER GROUP

Please note that there will be no prayer meeting on Friday 23 March. The next date is to be confirmed.

HEALING SERVICE AND DAY FOR WOMEN AT THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

- A service of healing and wholeness

The School has a reputation for their healing ministry. Come and join them in prayer and receive healing on Wednesday 21 March at 1945.

- **A study day for women 'Stepping Out - Stepping Up'** will be led by the well-known writer Jennifer Rees on Saturday 24 March from 1000-1530.

To book ring 01243 371 766 or online www.catholic-bible-school.org Nutbourne House, Farm Lane, Nubourne, West Sussex PO18 8SD

PASTORAL TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL VISITORS

The Chaplaincy Department of the Portsmouth Hospitals Trust is running this popular course again after Easter for those who want to develop skills for visiting the sick or people with other pastoral needs in the community or in hospital.

The course will last for 14 weeks, consisting of 10 teaching sessions of 2¼ hours on Wednesday afternoons and four weeks practical experience. Cost is £60. For details and application form please contact the Chaplaincy Dept on 023 9228 6408 or susan.bishop@porthosp.nhs.uk

CAN YOU HELP AT QA HOSPITAL?

The Chaplaincy Department of NHS Trust is looking for volunteers to visit patients on the wards and assist patients in attending Chapel on Sunday mornings and care for them during the service. Please contact 023 9228 6408 or susan.bishop@porthosp.nhs.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: 19 and 26 March.

LETTER ON MARRIAGE

At Masses this weekend, we can take 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 the 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, to assist Catholics in making their own response to the consultation.

WANTED URGENTLY

- A lady who can do knitting. Please contact Sally on 023 9282 6702 or 0775 8747 711.

- 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.

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 1900-2100

An evening of entertainment and information about the work of CAFOD in the slums of Nairobi, will take place at Oaklands Catholic School. All are welcome; there are not tickets, just a retiring collection.

Cathedral Parish Notices

LENTEN ALMS

This year our Lenten Alms is for the mission **Missio**. We are joining with our Cathedral Primary School of St John's in collecting for schools in Malawi who are desperately poor; desk and chairs are a luxury for many children, a classroom is the shade under a tree. This year **Mission Together** has launched a new challenge to build better schools and classrooms.

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.

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.

SUMMER FETE

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 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 each Sunday.

THE EMMAUS GROUP

We extend an invitation to those received into the Church over the last seven years to come to a gathering on Thursday 22 March at 1900 for 1930, starting in St John's Room.

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.

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 rotas@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk.

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 the Co-ordinator, Cicy Parambi on 0772 3049 406.

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

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. Places will be allocated shortly.

LOST PROPERTY

The Verger's Office has a lot of lost properties. Please note that items not claimed after Easter will be disposed of.

GIFT AID

Please consider Gift Aid for your Sunday offerings. It is of tremendous financial aid to the Parish. For more details please ring Joe McGannon on 023 9269 2080.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 17 MARCH First Mass of 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)
	1600	St Swithun	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
1800	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish	
MONDAY 19 MARCH ST JOSEPH, Solemnity	0915	St Joseph's	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	1100	St Colman	Funeral Mass of Edward Holmes RIP
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Lilian Matilda Mabel Sleep RIP F
TUESDAY 20 MARCH of the 4 th Week of Lent	1200	Corpus Christi	Funeral Mass of Patricia MacKay RIP
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Lawrence Anthony Pearce RIP F
	1400	St Colman	Funeral Mass of Mick Woodgate RIP
	1900	St Swithun	Mary Flury RIP
	1900	St John's Cathedral	Mass in Extraordinary Form
WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH of the 4 th Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	Sandra Ponponne INT
	1200	Corpus Christi	Tereza & Nazareno Muscat RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Fr Simon's Intentions
	1215	St Colman	George Czoch (AC)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Joseph Salerno RIP
THURSDAY 22 MARCH of the 4 th Week of Lent	0930	St Joseph	Priests of SJ Living & Dead F
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	May Josephine Young RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Grace Pratten RIP
	1215	St Colman	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
FRIDAY 23 MARCH of the 4 th Week of Lent	0730	St John's Cathedral	
	0930	Corpus Christi	Allesandro Salvetti P
	1130	St Swithun	The Groom & Collins Families F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Kirsty Baker RIP
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction
SATURDAY 24 MARCH Of the 4 th Week of Lent	0900	Corpus Christi	Forgotten Dead
	0900	St Swithun	Carmela Galea RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention
SATURDAY 24 MARCH First Mass of of the 5 th Week of Lent	1800	St Joseph	William Daly P
		Our Lady of Lourdes	Jim Madigan RIP - 40th Anniversary
		St Colman	Mass of Thanksgiving (FD)
		St John's Cathedral	Roy Humphries RIP
SUNDAY 25 MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	0900	St Joseph	Joseph & Annie Old P
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (BH)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Eileen & Fred Plowman RIP
	1015	St Swithun	Sheila and David Curtis's Welfare (Groom)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	Mary & Margaret Miller (PM)
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Deirdre Conroy RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	George Wilson RIP (TG)
	1600	St Swithun	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
	1800	St Swithun	Mass in Polish
	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	-