

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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25 March 2012 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

For me going to Confession is always a bit of an effort! And yet Lent for me would not be complete without a confession of my sins. It is a humbling experience and it is understandable why many do not care for it. Does the seed like dying in the earth? Jesus meets the pain he feels in the prospect of the Cross. Both nature and Jesus teach us that dying to sin is the way forward to virtue. Humble honesty clears the way for new life in the Lord. The Lord who conquered death will raise up the repentant sinner in the grace of forgiveness.



In an extraordinary statement Jesus admits in the Second Reading from Hebrews that, "now is my soul troubled". We are told, "he learnt to obey through suffering". What do we learn from suffering? We might learn negative responses such as anger, despondency, bitterness, vengeance or hardness of heart. The example of Jesus lifted up on the cross draws us up to a higher plane and positive responses in humility, gentleness, compassion, prayerfulness and forgiveness.

What can one do after being wronged, mistreated, abused or hurt by somebody? If we respond with bitterness, we only add to the evil of the world. To be healed, it is necessary to move on. The Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion.

And so during these last two weeks of Lent, you might decide to be humble and allow the seed of sin to die so that you might rise with Christ to a new life.

We hear in the Gospel of some Greeks who approached Phillip and said "we should like to see Jesus". In the sacrament of reconciliation, we meet Jesus and encounter His face of compassion, love and forgiveness.

Our Penitential Service is on Saturday 31 March at 1100

Canon David Hopgood

Hymns: 1800: 212 196 (v5) 627 861 1000: 200 627 389 (v1,2,3,4 & 8) 1200: 865 934 748 861 1800: 212 196 (v5) 627 861

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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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2012

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| Palm Sunday 1 April | 1000 Mass 1200 Mass 1800 Mass |
| Holy Tuesday 3 April | 1100 Mass of the Oils |
| Maundy Thursday 5 April | 1930 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by 2100 Watching at the Altar of Repose |
| Good Friday 6 April | 1000 Stations of the Cross 1200 Children's Stations 1500 The Solemn Liturgy |
| Holy Saturday 7 April | 1600 Blessing of Easter Food 2000 Solemn Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter |
| Easter Sunday 8 April | 1000 Mass 1200 Mass 1700 Easter Vespers 1800 Mass |
| Easter Monday 9 April | 1000 Mass |

DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 26 March 2012

- **Ordination to the Priesthood of Robert Mercer by Bishop Alan Hopes:** 1100

Tuesday 27 March 2012

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

Thursday 29 March 2012

- **Portsmouth Catholic Schools Partnership:** 1300 Bishop's House
- **Way of the Cross in Malayalam:** 1730-1830

Friday 30 March 2012

- **Eucharistic Adoration:** 0800-1800 Abingdon Room
- **St Edmund's School End-of-Term Liturgy:** 1030
- **Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and Benediction:** 1800

Saturday 31 March 2012

- **Lent Penitential Service:** 1100
- **Meditation:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel

Please pray for our sick and our housebound who are unable to share the liturgy with us, their families and those who care for them:

Jerry Winsor Ann Jarczyk, Betty Copestreak, Antonetta Salerno, Carole Winsor, 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.

Please remember all our faithful departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Roy Humphries Winifred Hamilton Nora Smith Peggy Murray Sister Anne Smith Julia Molloy William Bernard Keily Violet Bullock Doris Newman Leslie Haydon Dorothy Thomas Vera McGowan Rose King Katie Pinhome Margaret Cosgrave

May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



LENT - REPENTANCE AND RECONCILIATION

The Church encourages the faithful to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent as a means of renewing ourselves spiritually in preparation for the renewal of our Baptismal promise at Easter. It is a time to reflect on our relationship with God and with the people around us and to put right our wounded relationships.

Sin is the hurting and breaking of our relationship with God and also with others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is primarily a Sacrament of healing, restoring our relationship with God, and with our fellow human beings, especially the people in our community. That is why Jesus told us, "So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering." (Mt 5: 23-24)

Each time we sin, we hurt not only individual persons but also the whole community. Take a simple but telling example. When we engage in gossip, we often not only spoil an individual's name, we contribute to the distrust and at times the tension in the community we share with that person. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest who represents Christ ("in personal Christi"), and as an ordained minister/representative of the Christian community, pronounces absolution of the contrite penitent's sins.

During this Lent, as you make your Confession, ponder in particular on how your daily living may be causing strained or hurt relationships to your family and those around you. As such, make special efforts, with God's graces towards healing them.

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We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:** £534.51 (including Standing Orders)

- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £1,175.26 (51% GA) including Standing Orders.

- **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,445.50 (72% GA) including Standing Orders.

- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,881.83 (58% GA) including Standing Orders. Clergy assistance: £482.75.

Pastoral Area Notices

PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY

Please make an effort to receive the sacrament of reconciliation at the Penitential Service in St John's Cathedral on *Saturday 31 March at 1100.*

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are 18 or older, have been baptised and received the Eucharist but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation 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. Contact the Parish Offices to register or fill in one of the forms at the exits of the churches after Mass and hand it to the Parish Priest.

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING

This will be held on Saturday 21 April from 0920-1130 in St John's Cathedral Discovery Centre. Anyone volunteering with children in the Church must have attended a training.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS

You are warmly invited to come along to watch a DVD on the life of Dorothy Day (1897-1980). Dorothy Day was a founder of the international Catholic Worker movement. Her life combined both prayer and action for social justice. Her cause for canonization is open in the Catholic Church. The venue is 24, Lion House, Lion Terrace on Thursday 29 March at 1830.

ASCENT GROUP

Monday 26 March 1415 in St Swithun's Church Hall. Guest Speaker - Glenys Lawreson from 'Canine Partners' who will speak on "Dogs for Wheel Chair Users". Will all Ascent Group members who have indicated their interest to go on the Park Place Outing on Thursday 17 May please bring their deposit or full payment to this Ascent Group Meeting to cover the formal booking cost for lunch at Park Place.

CAN YOU HELP AT QA HOSPITAL?

The Chaplaincy Department of NHS Trust is looking for volunteers by visiting 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

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Closing date for receipt of applications: 20 April 2012. 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

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

LENT REFLECTIONS

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

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 1900-2100

An evening of entertainment and information about the work of CAFOD in the slums of Nairobi, taking place at Oaklands Catholic School. No tickets, just a retiring collection.

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 Parish Office on 023 9282 6170.

Cathedral Parish Notices

LENTEN ALMS

This year our Lenten Alms are 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.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS IN MALAYALAM

The Stations of the Cross is being held in the Cathedral each Friday throughout Lent, after 1215 Mass and 1800 followed by Vespers and Benediction. There will be Stations of the Cross in Malayalam language on Friday 29 March from 1730-1830.

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.

YOGA CLASSES

A new ten-week course of Yoga classes suitable for all levels will start on Tuesday 17 April in the Cathedral Hall. Cost is £40.00.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

BETHANY GROUP

The next Bethany Group meeting will be held on Thursday 12 April at 0945 followed by the Coffee Morning at 1030 in the Discovery Centre Cafe. Please note this is a change from the regular first Thursday in the month because of Easter.

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Can you spend a short time with Jesus? Please join us at Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 0800-1800 and pray for the needs of the people of the world.

If you can spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday between 0800-1800 please ring Cicy Parambi on 0772 3049 406.

Man needs God, otherwise he remains without hope.

Pope Benedict XVI

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 it to the parish office or rotas@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a box containing lost property in the Verger's Office. If you have lost anything in the Cathedral recently, please see David Kennedy or one of the priests. Any items not claimed by Easter will be disposed of.

GIFT AID

Please consider Gift Aid for your Sunday offerings. It is of tremendous financial aid to the Parish.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

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| SATURDAY 24 MARCH First Mass of 5 th Sunday 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) |
| | 1015 | St Swithun | Sheila and David Curtis's Welfare (Groom) |
| | 1000 | St John's Cathedral | Eileen & Fred Plowman RIP |
| | 1100 | St Paul | Mary & Margaret Miller (PM) |
| | 1100 | Corpus Christi | People of the Parish |
| | 1200 | St John's Cathedral | Deirdre Conroy RIP |
| | 1600 | QA Hospital | George Wilson RIP (TG) |
| | 1600 | St Swithun | <i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i> |
| | 1800 | St Swithun | <i>Mass in Polish</i> |
| | MONDAY 26 MARCH THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD solemnity | 0915 | St Joseph |
| 1100 | | St John's Cathedral | Ordination to the Priesthood of Robert Mercer by Bishop Alan Hopes |
| 1130 | | St Swithun | Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion |
| TUESDAY 27 MARCH of the 5 th Week of Lent | 0915 | St Colman | Bridie Cooper (PM) |
| | 1215 | St John's Cathedral | Mary Teresa and George Walsh RIP F |
| | 1900 | St Swithun | Rita Vella RIP F |
| WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH of the 5 th Week of Lent | 0730 | St John's Cathedral | Bob McGowan INT |
| | 1130 | St Swithun | William John Geary RIP P |
| | 1200 | Corpus Christi | Peter & Vera Anderson F |
| | 1215 | St Colman | John Walters RIP (BW) |
| | 1215 | St John's Cathedral | Mary Angela Martin RIP F |
| THURSDAY 29 MARCH of the 5 th Week of Lent | 0930 | St Joseph | Bishop John Baptist Cahill P |
| | 1200 | Our Lady of Lourdes | WT Lawlor RIP & Family F |
| | 1215 | St John's Cathedral | Max Bischof RIP |
| | 1900 | St Paul | Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service |
| FRIDAY 30 MARCH of the 5 th Week of Lent | 0730 | St John's Cathedral | Deceased Benefactors F |
| | 0930 | Corpus Christi | Forgotten Dead |
| | 1130 | St Swithun | Margaret Darby RIP P |
| | 1215 | St Colman Church | John Joseph Cumming (CC) |
| | 1215 | St John's Cathedral | Seamus O'Neill RIP |
| | 1800 | St John's Cathedral | Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and Benediction |
| SATURDAY 31 MARCH Of the 5 th Week of Lent | 0900 | Corpus Christi | Thomas & Annie Gaughan RIP |
| | 0900 | St Swithun | William Joseph Geary RIP P |
| | 1215 | St John's Cathedral | Kay Cassey RIP |
| SATURDAY 31 MARCH First Mass of of Palm Sunday | 1800 | St Joseph | Frederick Croughan P |
| | | Our Lady of Lourdes | Charles Benny RIP P |
| | | St Colman | Special Intentions (FD) |
| | | St John's Cathedral | Margaret & Hugh Griffin RIP |
| SUNDAY 1 APRIL PALM SUNDAY of the Lord's Passion | 0830 | St Swithun | People of the Parish |
| | 0900 | St Joseph | People of the Parish |
| | 0915 | St Colman | Deceased Members of the Duncan Family (TD) |
| | 1000 | St John's Cathedral | People of the arosj |
| | 1015 | St Swithun | Edna Hanvey RIP (Groom) |
| | 1100 | Corpus Christi | Ruby & Jeff 40 Wedding Anniversary |
| | 1100 | St Paul | Jack Davis (PM) |
| | 1200 | St John's Cathedral | Mr & Mrs Pool and Alan INT |
| | 1600 | St Swithun | <i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i> |
| | 1600 | QA Hospital | Eugene Nellany (TG) |
| | 1800 | St John's Cathedral | Max Bischof RIP |

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Confession and Devotions

| | Reconciliation | Rosary | Eucharistic Adoration | Stations of the Cross followed by Evening Prayers and Benediction |
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| 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 | - |