

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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6 May 2012 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Sometimes people ask, "Why should I go to Church? Why can't I just worship God in my own way? Surely religion is about my personal relationship with God!"

From the earliest times, following Jesus was never just a private, personal matter. Christians came together to live in community, to profess their faith in Jesus Christ, to witness to his Resurrection and live by his teaching. The profound reason for this is given to us by Christ Himself when he said, "**I am the vine and you are the branches**".

The vine and the branches are one. There is a mutual inter-dependence of branch and vine, and branch with branch. To say, I will follow Jesus, but not "go to Church", is to separate Jesus from the Church, to cut off the branches from the vine.

The first disciples of Jesus had seen Him, eaten with Him, and spoken with Him after His resurrection. As a consequence they had a deep sense of connectedness with Him, a connectedness from which they drew great strength. Jesus had chosen them. He had made them His friends, and sent them out to bear fruit, the fruit of love.

This weekend, we welcome so many of our young children who will make their First Holy Communion, a visible sign that they belong to the vine, and in receiving the Eucharist they draw strength, not only from Christ the vine, but from us, the branches. Let our word and example inspire these young people and their families, that they might appreciate the importance of gathering on a Sunday to be truly vine and branches growing together in our search to bear fruit in the world.

Canon David Hopgood

Parish Fête

Please keep the date Saturday 23 June free in your diary and in your mind. It is the day when we gather together to celebrate our Parish Fête, the proceeds of which will benefit the Cathedral and Sue Ryder charity.

Each week you will be asked to provide something in preparation for this great parish event!

Next week you are requested to bring cake ingredients such as dried fruits, self-raising flour, caster /icing sugar (and of course, you can bake one yourself and bring it the day before). So please bring some of these ingredients next week to Mass and drop them off in the sacristy.

Hymns 1800: 285 601 629 279 **1000:** 698 644 629 272 **1200:** 865 603 748 627 713 **1800:** 285 601 629 279

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 - QA Hospital Chaplaincy: 02392 286408

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

CATHEDRAL DIARY OF EVENTS

TODAY

- Welcomers at 1000 Mass will meet at 1100 in St John's Room
- Baptism Anointing: 1200 Mass
- First Holy Communion Mass: 1200
- Latin Vespers: 1700

TUESDAY 8 MAY

- Yoga Class (Week 4): 1830-2000 Cathedral Hall.

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

- Mothers' Prayer Group: 1030-1130 Bamenda Room.

THURSDAY 10 MAY

- Portsmouth Catholic Schools Partnership Meeting: 1300 Bishop's House
- Rehearsal First Holy Communion (for 13 May): 1630 Cathedral.

FRIDAY 11 MAY

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 0800-1800

SATURDAY 12 MAY

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

SUNDAY 13 MAY

- Mass of Blessing of Engagement Rings: 1000
- First Holy Communion Mass: 1200
- Sacrament of Baptism: 1400
- Taizé Prayer Evening: 1700 St John's Chapel

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VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES
WORD HOME PLENTY THROWN
FIRE BURNT GLORY DISCIPLES



**COMMUNION OF SAINTS
RELICS AND IMAGES OF SAINTS - (PART 2)**

As Christians, we believe that *Christ* who rose from His death opened the gates of heaven for us. Those who believed and lived holy lives are enjoying *eternal life* with God in heaven. These people form the Communion of Saints. When we ask them to *pray for us*, we are also affirming that there is *eternal victory* after death.

We all have *images*, e.g., photographs of living and deceased members of our family and friends. Likewise, as Christians, it is only natural that we wish to be reminded of those believers who lived *exemplary* Christian lives, and have them as our models and inspiration for our daily living.

The veneration of Saints began with the practice of *honouring martyrs* who died heroically for the faith in the persecution of the church in the early centuries of Christianity. Christians would *bury* the remains of martyrs and *care* for their graves as a mark of respect and remembrance.

A *system of symbols* also evolved to accompany the image of particular Saints to identify their attributes. For example, St Peter is depicted with keys in his hand symbolizing his authority in the Church; St Joseph is depicted as an old man with a lily in his hands symbolizing purity; and St Sebastian is portrayed with the arrows by which he was martyred.

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:

Kathleen Martin, Baby Jasmine Andrew, June Kempster, Bishop Michael, Paul Knowles, Jerry Winsor Ann Jarczyk, Betty Copesteak, 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:

Margaret Hourihan Margaret Wood John Gunn Joseph Doherty Ellen Dimanco Anna Hatton Marguerite Clark Gladys Farrell James Sawyer Hilda Walker

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

Pastoral Area Notices

CONFIRMATION 2012

Preparation sessions for the Confirmation programme will be held in the Cathedral Discovery Centre on the following Fridays from 1900-2000:

- 11 May
- 18-20 May Week-End Away Retreat

Rehearsal will be held on Saturday 26 May at 0930 in St John's Cathedral. The Sacrament will be conferred by the Bishop on Pentecost Sunday 27 May at 1430 Mass.

TAIZE-STYLE PRAYER EVENING

Come and experience a different, gentle form of prayer in St John's Chapel on Sunday 13 May at 1700. Taizé prayer is contemplative in character with simple chants, words from Scripture and silent pauses for reflection. All welcome.

ROSARY RALLY 2012

Please join the Confraternity of the Rosary in celebration to honour Our Lady for Reparation and World Peace on Saturday 19 May in the Cathedral. It opens with Mass at 1215 followed by recitation of the Rosary, Procession, Offering of Flowers and Petitions to Our Lady and concludes with Benediction and Enrolment into the Brown Scapular. Please stay for refreshments afterwards at 1500 in the Cathedral Centre.

CHARITY CONCERT HAMPSHIRE POLICE CHOIR
The above concert will take place on 12 May 2012. The concert starts at 1930, at St Colman's Church. Tickets cost £6.00. Please contact the parish office if you would like further details.

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH WORKING TOGETHER SURVEY

The final day to receive the survey is Sunday 13 May. Take a copy available at the entrance or complete it online from www.catholicportsmouth.org.uk or email to info@catholicportsmouth.org.uk

COURSES IN THE DIOCESE

(1) PARENTING TEENAGERS

A series of meetings for parents and carers of teenagers focussing upon:

- Enjoying parenthood
 - Understanding respectful communication
 - Creating a framework of encouragement.
- Wednesdays 9, 16, 23 & 30 May at Christ the King and St Colman Hall in Bitterne.

(2) LISTENING FOR LIFE

Listening for Life equips people to make a positive difference in the world through developing good attitudes and skills in listening. It is essential to attend both sessions at St Swithun Wells Primary School Chandler's Ford. Saturdays 12 & 26 May from 1000-1600.

To book for either of the above (and a range of other courses) Tel. 01329 835 583, visit portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH SUMMER FAIR AND PICNIC

A FREE, FUN and GREEN way to enjoy the day for all the family on Saturday 19 May from 1100-1700 in Victoria Park, Portsmouth. All are welcome to over 100 stalls, displays and demonstrations of green crafts and technology, kids action area, food zone, Information workshops and talks, free films, live entertainment throughout the day with local bands.

FIRST ANNUAL PFS GREEN FILM FESTIVAL

A spark for our community presented by Portsmouth Film Society on May 17-18-19 at the Omega Centre (Omega Road PO5 4LP) & Victoria Park. For details of programme visit: www.portsmouthfilmsociety.org.uk

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM

This will be celebrated on Saturday 12 May at 0800 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of St John's Cathedral. All welcome.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS

Hello! My name is Michal Szymaniec and I am the new President of the Catholic Society at the University of Portsmouth. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that there is a Catholic Society at the University and we welcome any potential members. Our email address is: catholic@upsu.net and we also have a Facebook group (University of Portsmouth Catholic Society)

We are having Brunch at Angela O'Donoghue's (the Catholic chaplain at the University) flat: meet us outside the Cathedral after 1200 Mass on Sun 13 May. On Thursday 10 May come along to Faith and Life at Angela's (24, Lion House, Lion Terrace, P01 3AB) as we eat cake and discuss: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10b) What does this mean for me or for us?

CAFOD 50th ANNIVERSARY WALK

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, CAFOD will be holding a circular walk (with prayer stops along the way) in Maidenhead/Cookham on Saturday 23 June. Length approx. 6 miles, starts with a special blessing from St Joseph's parish centre, at 1030. A great day out with spectacular views and picnic lunch (please bring food) and return at 1500. Sponsorship forms will be available for those who wish to raise money for CAFOD on the day.

GOLFERS' SUPPORT NEEDED

There are still a few places left for CAFOD Golf Day at Royal Winchester Golf Club on Tue 29 May for teams or single applications. To register for the above events please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385.

Cathedral Parish Notices

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

To our children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time during 1200 Mass. We welcome their families and friends to the Cathedral today.

To our infants/children with their parents who will receive anointing in preparation at 1200 Mass for their Baptism next Sunday.

We ask for your prayers for the children and their families.

THANK YOU

To Louise Stokes and her team of First Communion catechists in preparing the children throughout the year.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

If you are making your First Holy Communion on 13 May please be sure to come to the rehearsal on Thursday 10 May at 1630 here in the Cathedral.

PARISH DIARY

We are currently planning the parish diary for the period Sept 2012-July 2013. If any groups would like to secure dates and times please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The diary is a good way to ensure that events do not clash.

NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Sue Smy will be in the Cathedral Centre this Sunday between the 1000 and 1200 Masses to check all outstanding CRB forms. Please contact Sue if you are unable to bring your form on that day.

STARTING SCHOOL

If your child was born between 1.9.08 and 31.8.09 and you are thinking of sending your child to St. John's Cathedral Primary School you will need to collect a card today from the sacristy after Mass and have it stamped by the children's liturgy team, one of the priests, or Miss Hobbs the Headteacher each Sunday when you come to Mass. This card will then be your proof of church attendance when you apply for a place at the school next January.

APF RED MISSION BOXES

These are now due to be emptied. Please note that many boxes were not collected from last year. Please see Nora in the Hall after all Masses this weekend.

LATIN VESPERS

All are welcome to Latin Vespers today at 1700 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY 7 MAY

Please note Mass time is at 1000.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

Perhaps you or someone you know has recently returned to the Faith or is thinking of doing so? Four relaxed sessions exploring the Mass and other issues may be just what you are looking for?

Mondays - 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July from 1900-2000 (coffee at 1845) in the Abingdon Room. For more information please contact one of the priests.

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 commit to an Hour every Friday to this important ministry in the parish please speak to Cicy Parambi on 07772 3049 406.

"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

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

A group of mothers and grandmothers meet together to pray for their children and grandchildren. All women in the parish are welcome every Wednesday from 1030-1130 in the Bamenda Room, Cathedral Centre.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 5 MAY First Mass of 5th Sunday of Easter	1800	St Joseph	William Hill F
		St Colman	Ron Horsey (MH)
		Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6 MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8	0830	St Swithun	Joseph Aloysius Tait RIP F
	0900	St Joseph	Audrey O'Leary F
	0915	St Colman	Deceased Members of the Duncan Family (TD)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	In Thanksgiving for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	1015	St Swithun	Louise Oldham's Intentions (Sr Katie)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	Mary White (FM)
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Margaret Hourihan RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	Mary Ann White (CC)
	1700	St John's Cathedral	Latin Vespers
1800	St John's Cathedral	Private Intention	
MONDAY 7 MAY of the 5th Week of Easter	0800	St Colman	John Joseph Cummings (CC)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Bridie Zardner RIP
TUESDAY 8 MAY of the 5th Week of Easter	1215	St John's Cathedral	Pat and Sheila Feighery INT
	1900	St Swithun	Frederick Robinson RIP P
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY of the 5th Week of Easter	0730	St John's Cathedral	All Priests INT
	1130	St Swithun	Miss Clare de Hamel & Parents RIP F
	1200	Corpus Christi	Forgotten Dead
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Kate & Jonathan Bowshill In Thanksgiving 40 years of marriage
THURSDAY 10 MAY of the 5th Week of Easter	0930	St Joseph	Joseph Grech RIP
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Dec of Miss HE Simmond's Family P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Max Bischof RIP
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
FRIDAY 11 MAY of the 5th Week of Easter	0730	St John's Cathedral	Mary Crossman INT
	0800	St Colman	People of the Parish
	0930	Corpus Christi	Simon Farrel RIP
	1130	St Swithun	KHS for the Welfare of Christians in the Holy Land (DJ)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Agnes Sarah Gaylard RIP
SATURDAY 12 MAY of the 5th Week of Easter	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mass in Extraordinary Form
	0900	Corpus Christi	Rose, Joseph & Wendy RIP
	1100	St Swithun	Paul Martin RIP
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Mary Teresa Vidgen RIP F
SATURDAY 12 MAY First Mass of Sixth Sunday of Easter	1700	St Colman	Henry Weber (MH)
	1800	St Joseph	Mary Daly P
		Our Lady of Lourdes	Kathleen May Lee Scott RIP F
SUNDAY 13 MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	0900	St Joseph	Win & Frank O'Leary and Family F
	0915	St Colman	John Higgins RIP (DW)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
	1015	St Swithun	Bernadette and Gary's Intentions (Sr Katie)
	1100	St Paul	Private Intentions (Relatives & Friends, Alive & Deceased) (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Cesare Sartori and Giacinto Maganzini RIP
	1600	QA Hospital	Patrick Joseph Sullivan
	1800	St John's Cathedral	In Thanksgiving

Confession and Devotions

	Reconciliation	Rosary	Eucharistic Adoration	Evening Prayers and Benediction
St John's Cathedral	Saturday 1100 – 1200; 1630 – 1730	Tuesday & Thurs (following Mass 1215)	Friday 0800 – 1800 Saturday 1100 – 1200	First Friday of the month 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 Wed & Fri 1930-2030 Every day at times as advertised	-

We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- Corpus Christi with St Joseph: £456.35 (including Standing Orders)
- Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun: £913.80 (69% GA) including Standing Orders
- St Colman with St Paul: £1,075.55 (70% GA including Standing Orders)
- St John's Cathedral: £1,778.95 (53% GA) including Standing Orders

