



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

23 JANUARY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Canon PJ writes... Peter and Andrew left their nets at once and followed Jesus. James and John, at once, leaving their nets and their father, ... followed him. It was the beginning of a unique apprenticeship. Initially they observed. Then they worked alongside Him. In time, they were sent out on a brief mission without Him. They reflected together frequently, Jesus trying to ensure that they had got onto what He was on about. He wanted them to learn to rely on each other, to relate to each other and to communicate, without hidden agendas and without power plays. In calling them to follow him Jesus did not mean that they were to be clones of Himself. "Following him" meant something much deeper. First of all, He tried to share with them His own starting point.

After His Baptism, Jesus had been anointed by God's Spirit, that is: immersed in, soaked in, and overwhelmed by His experience of God's love for Him. (That is what the Spirit is: God's love made accessible.) That on-going, beautifully intimate, sense of God's closeness and of God's love became the source not only of Jesus' strength and single-mindedness, but also of His profound insight into what God essentially is and how God essentially relates to creation: God loves creatures. On this insight, Jesus based His own profound respect for every other person. He saw His mission to the world to be an extension of His own experience of His loving God. As John the Baptist had put it a little earlier in the narrative, Jesus would baptise the world with the Holy Spirit. Jesus sought to introduce the apostles Peter and Andrew, James and John, to the experience of the Spirit, of God's overwhelming love, by means of His own deep love for them – He made God's love three-dimensional. In initiating them into God's personal love for them – by giving them a concrete taste of it – he wanted them to share His own insight into the way things are with God.

Following from that, He wanted them to respect each other and every human person who crossed their paths – becoming thereby their neighbour. He showed them how He reached conclusions: exercising a genuine freedom in His respect for the scriptures, working from what He took to be its spirit rather than from a lazy adherence to the letter of the law. He hoped that, like himself, they would begin to discern how to live accordingly – loving even enemies, forgiving, bringing in from the edges all those usually excluded by a narrow and frightened society. Their wholehearted "yes" to Jesus' invitation to follow Him led them along paths they never dreamt of. They were sometimes slow learners and got the wrong message or no message at all. They were tempted to give up, and under pressure they momentarily disowned Him. But, consistent as always, He forgave, and they persisted. It's a lovely story. And in its own way, it is our story, too.



TODAY AND THIS WEEK



TODAY IS SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: declared by Pope Francis in His Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*. It is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God to promote greater love of the Bible in our faith and daily lives. There are resources to mark this day from the website of The God Who Speaks. www.godwhospeaks.uk



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COLLECTION CATHEDRAL: Today's second collection will be in support of our Cathedral. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. During the previous lockdowns and with some of the other additional precautionary measures taken, a 'Give as you Live' page was also created: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1> Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times, but please give generously to support our Cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: continues this week until 25 Jan. This year's theme is 'We Saw His Star in the East'. The Magi are seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures that come to pay homage to the Christ-child. Prayer resources can be found on the Churches Together website: www.ctbi.org.uk



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: will be celebrated today at 10:00 and 12:00 Masses for children from 5-9 years old to worship in a way that it is appropriate to their age range to understand the Gospel, helping them to pray. We are looking for more people to offer help with the Children's Liturgy. It is rewarding to help primary school children learn more about their faith.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC): Opening hours: Fri & Sun 10:00-13:00. Please pop into our shop as we have many new items at reasonable prices.



COVID-19 OMICRON VARIANT: Please continue to • wear warm clothing as the church must be ventilated. • use the hand sanitiser available. • If you are displaying any symptoms please stay at home and take a PCR test. • sign-in on the Track 'n' Trace slips • wear a face covering unless medically exempt.



BAPTISMS: Congratulations to those infants who are being baptised this weekend: Kasper Thomas and Finley Thomas. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



COLLECTION: Thank you for last Sunday's offerings of £1,434.86 G.A.56%. Gift aiding your donation would be a great help to the parish at no extra cost to you. Forms are available at the back of Cathedral.

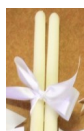
NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

PARISH FUNERALS: We pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Bischof RIP, who died over the Christmas break. Her funeral Mass will be held at 12.15 on Tue

1 Feb. Reception of the body into the church the evening before at 4.30 pm. Please also pray for Stephen Chung RIP. His funeral Mass will be held on Monday 31 Jan at 12:15. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



CANDLEMAS: Wed 2 Feb is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. There will be blessing of candles at the 12:15 Mass.



FEAST OF ST BLAISE AND THROAT BLESSING: on Thu 3 Feb the custom on the optional memorial of St Blaise, is to bless the throat of the faithful after the 12:15 Mass.

A COURSE ON THE MASS: Tuesdays from 19:00-20:30 for six (6) sessions starting on 15 February. Re-discover the Mass, exploring its liturgy in the light of our faith. It will take you step by step using Scripture, artwork, and breakout group activities. To register www.pffm.org.uk

FURTHER TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS: Mondays from 19:30-20:30 for five (5) sessions starting on 21 Feb. It will focus on the content of the Faith and how to pass it on, asking how to talk about God, Jesus, Salvation, the Human Person and the Church. Register at www.pffm.org.uk

RITE OF ELECTION: All are warmly invited to join Bishop Philip here at the Cathedral on Saturday 5 March at 11:00, to celebrate the Rite of Election and the call to continuing conversion.

OTHER NEWS

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 18-22 July 2022. You are invited to join Bishop Philip whether as pilgrim or as a youth helper. Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La Solitude. lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 23-30 Sept 2022 departing from Gatwick. Half board £630 single room supplement if required. Full support from Marian Pilgrimages www.marian-uk.com Contact hauschild287@btinternet.com or 07810 3103 16 for a booking form /more info.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention, please use one of the Mass Intentions envelopes available from Our Lady's Chapel, telephone or email the Parish Office. If you would like a particular date, please try to book it well in advance.

NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: needed for St John's Cathedral Primary School. School governors are responsible for overseeing the work of the school, its curriculum, its finances, its premises, and the progress of its pupils. A background in any of these areas is helpful but is certainly not essential. Training would be provided. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Larry on his email lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ADORATION: Do you have 1 hour to spare every week with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Tel. 023 9200 8810.



There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm;
there is one God who is Fa - ther of all.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

ALL MASSES ARE PUBLIC AND VIA LIVE STREAMING

at <https://portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass>

Sun 23 Jan 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 18:00 Helen Hayes RIP
- 08:00 Olga Chapman RIP (*Mass in EF*)
- 10:00 Flora Furtado RIP
- 12:00 Rosalie Foo RIP
- 18:00 Private Intention

Mon 24 Jan St Francis de Sales, Bishop, memorial

- 12:15 Antony Pereira RIP

Tue 25 Jan THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, feast

- 12:15 Eugene Kacouti RIP

Wed 26 Jan St Timothy & St Titus, Bishops, memorial

- 12:15 Pamela Quick RIP FM

Thu 27 Jan St Angela Merici, Foundress, op mem

- 12:15 Evelyn Clarke RIP FM

Fri 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, memorial

- 12:15 Norman Taylor RIP

Sat 29 Jan Our Lady on Saturday or: Feria

- 12:15 Nanti RIP
- 18:00 James Francis Casey RIP FM



Prayer
Requests

Pope Francis encourages us to pray for true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

- ◆ Those who have died recently especially Flora Furtado, Janet Bischof, Stephen Chung RIP
- For the unity of all Christians during this week of Christian Unity celebrations.
- Our children, catechists, and families for fruitful First Communion / Confirmation programmes.

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CONFESSIONS: Available here most Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 and 17:00-17:45; also on Sundays for 30mins before Mass when a priest is available.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday from 10:00—16:00.

ROSARY: Monday-Friday after 12:15 Mass.

OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Lourdes, Eastney

18:00 (Sat)

St Swithun's, Southsea

08:30, 10:15, 13:00

Corpus Christi, North

End:11:00

St Joseph's, Copnor

18:00 (Sat), 09:00

St Colman's, Cosham

18:00 (Sat), 09:15

St Paul's, Paulsgrove, 11:00

QA Hospital, 1600

St Agatha's (Ordinariate),

Market Way 11:00

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the lamps have been donated for:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

Andrew and Peter Hodkinson Int

Flora Furtado RIP

Janet Bischof RIP

Our Lady Chapel:

Nisha Soares Int

Venetia Chapman Int

Rosalie Rutherford RIP

To have a lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones, contact the Office.

