



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

26 November 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, *solemnity*



This past year we had the rare opportunity to witness the coronation of a monarch – King Charles III. Although, we might have been caught up with all the pomp and circumstances of this event, the essence of the whole ceremony was one of service.

Archbishop Justin Welby reminded those present, “The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, was anointed not to be served, but to serve, He created the unchangeable of good authority, that with the privilege of power comes the duty to service. Service

is love in action. We see active love in our care for the most vulnerable, the way we nurture and encourage the young, in the conservation of the natural world...each of us is called by God to serve. Whatever that looks like in our lives, each of us can choose God’s way today.”

As Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to service, and how we have served one another is how we shall be judged when the King of the Universe arrives to take his seat on his throne of glory.

We may ask ourselves this Sunday, how can we be of service to each other? How can I share my talents and time with others? Our faith is not restricted to coming to Church on Sundays, but extends beyond - to do good to others, especially those in need or rejected, and to recognise the presence of Christ in our neighbour.

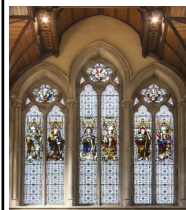
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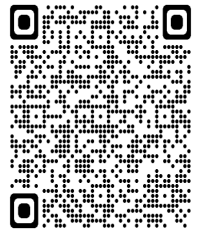
Please scan this QR Code to donate to the cathedral parish.

Your donations will support the mission and ministry of our parish. Thank you.



WEST WINDOW

We hope that the restored window will be reinstalled in early December. The project will cost over £100,000. Donations of **£35,109** have been received to date. Text **WINDOW** to **70560** to donate £10 or use the QR code.



*This parish livestreams Masses and other events.
Please see notices in the cathedral for further details.*

Sunday 26 November: Parish Mass Books, readings begin on page 158.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK



TODAY IS THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING AND YOUTH SUNDAY:

A day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that "*Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!*" This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023, and there are several World Youth Day resources available here: worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023.

ADELANTE! until Tuesday, we have an unusual visitor in St Patrick's Chapel – the *Adelante* Gallery. Bracknell parishioner Hugh Gibbons made it to mark the official sainthood of Oscar Romero, based on his call to "go forward": *Adelante!* But it mainly celebrates Unofficial Saints - people of all sorts helping others' lives go forward in some way. On Tuesday, it goes to St Edmund's School. Full info at www.just1.org.uk/adelantegallery.



NEW! ADVENT FAMILY DAY 2023-

2024: Sat 2 Dec in the CDC for those in Year 3 or above to help prepare for Christmas. There is an opportunity to visit Mary's house and Joseph's bedroom. A highlight of this day is the opportunity to create an Advent Wreath which families take away. Book an hour slot between 09:30 – 16:30 on 023 9200 8810. Are you ready for the journey to prepare for Jesus' birth?

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL: 2/3 Dec at all Masses. Brendan Metcalfe will speak about the work of the Friends of the Holy Land and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, West Bank, Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan.

He will give an update of support provided during the current conflict. There will be a retiring collection. Visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.



ADVENT: begins on **Sunday 3 Dec** and is the start of a new liturgical year.



INDUCTION FOR NEW SERVERS: New altar servers who are **not adults** are invited to a brief practice and induction at **11:30 on Sunday 3 December**.

ADVENT VESPERS 3 DECEMBER: We welcome everyone on **Sun 3 Dec at 16:00** for a celebration of readings and carols in preparation for Christmas followed by refreshments in the hall. A great event to bring friends and family along to, even if they are not churchgoers. All welcome



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VOUCHER SCHEME FOR THE HOMELESS:

As in previous years we will be supporting the Churches Homeless Action Group to help the homeless and vulnerable families with the cost of living crisis in our city. Christmas gift vouchers (£5) from supermarkets may be enclosed in an unsealed Christmas card and left in the purple buckets which will be available at the exits of the **Cathedral on the weekends of 3/4 December and 10/11 December**.



BAPTISM: Congratulations and welcome to baby Nathan Vrenna, who was baptized here at the weekend.



THE CAFOD CHRISTMAS

WORLD GIFTS: If you want to give someone a gift for Christmas, which will also

benefit others, then take a World Gifts Leaflet from the church exits. Purchasing the Winter Survival Kit from the catalogue or website this Christmas can support communities experiencing the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as the weather gets colder.

TABLETOP AND CAKE SALE: raised £280.28 towards parish maintenance. Many thanks to Mary, Makushla and team, those who contributed items to the sale and all those who bought things.



REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Shirley White who died at her home on Sun 19 Nov. Her funeral Mass will be announced later. Please pray also for her family and friends.

YOUTH CLUB: will run every second Friday of the month (term time) from 18:30-20:00 and is open to all children from 13-17 years in the CDC. The club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts, cooking activities, trips, excursions and much more. For more info email jerrin.varghese@port.ac.uk.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Please inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to be remembered and prayed for during the month of November. The book is kept in front of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. In it, the names of all parishioners who have died during the year are recorded.

COLLECTIONS:

- Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collections: £1,799.42 (cash £1,002.02 and planned giving of £797).
- Please consider using the contact-less machine near the west door of the Cathedral to donate or do please consider switching to a **monthly**

standing order.

- Our bank details are: Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account No: 0088 3884 Please make cheques payable to **CDP St John's Cathedral.**

REPOSITORY: Opening hours are **Sunday morning 09:30-13:30 and Wed-Fri 10:00 – 13:30.** On sale now and newly stocked with Christmas cards, Advent calendars and 2024 diaries as well as sympathy cards, candles, and rosaries. Pop in and see us!



BIBLE STUDY: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. If you are interested to explore Mark's gospel in discussion and reading together, please email Paul on psfreaty@gmail.com.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: Your donation will provide urgent humanitarian assistance to those affected and in need. Call 0303 303 3030 or cafod.org.uk/ipc.

OTHER NEWS

CATHEDRAL HEATING SYSTEM: One boiler remains broken. A new boiler costs **£23,000**. Thank you for the donations received to date of **£7,290**.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN AT CHRISTMAS: We are now taking bookings for guests and volunteers (drivers) for this event. Please email Janet on janet.laws@btopenworld.com.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Friday 8 December. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15. All welcome.



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: Please pray for Diego Hoyos who will be ordained as Deacon for the Diocese of Portsmouth by Bishop Philip here on **Friday 8 Dec at 18:00.**

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

Sun: 26 NOV 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, solemnity

18:00 (Sat) Emmy Dineen RIP

08:00 People of the Parish (*Latin Mass*)

10:00 Mary Yap RIP

12:00 Tony Said RIP

18:00 Peter Yaacob, Mary Chia and Teddy Yaacob RIP

Mon: 27 Nov Feria [34th Week in Ord Time]

07:00 Edwards, Mooney, Finn, Coakley Families RIP and Holy Souls

12:15 John and Susan Forer RIP

Tue: 28 Nov Feria [34th Week in Ord Time]

12:15 Carmelite Order & Sisters of Ware FM

Wed: 29 Nov Feria [34th Week in Ord Time]

12:15 Nell Diskin RIP

Thu: 30 Nov ST ANDREW, Apostle, feast

07:00 Mariyam Vareed & Papachan Kayala

12:15 Siji Tony and Tony Kochappan RIP

Fri: 1 Dec Feria [34th Week in Ord Time]

12:15 Paddy Kiloran RIP

Sat: 2 Dec Our Lady on Saturday or Feria

12:15 Winnie Wood Int

HOLY LAND PRAYER

This prayer was prayed by the Bishops of the Holy Land at their annual meeting held in 2017.



O God of our ancestors, you gave us the earth to make our home so that all peoples may live together in harmony. We have allowed our sad divisions to grow, causing discord and fear of one another. We have scarred the land through our pride. May we learn from the past and remember all those who have suffered, all those who have lost their lives. Open our eyes to see that while we suffer, we may also inflict suffering on others; that in trying to protect ourselves we may be leaving less space for trust. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Prayer Requests

- Pope Francis asks the faithful to 'Pray to the Lord that He will bless me,' saying, 'Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit.'
- For those who have died recently especially Shirley White. May she rest in peace.
- For all those named in our Book of Remembrance and all who have died this year.

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CONFESSIONS: Available here most Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 and 17:00-17:45.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday from 10:00—16:00. **ROSARY:** recited every Monday-Friday after 12:15 Mass. All welcome.

SANCTUARY LAMPS *This week the lamps have been donated for:*

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

Madeleine Tyler Int

Our Lady Chapel:

Rosa Int

Dougie Waterman RIP

St Patrick's Chapel:

Darren and Eddie Kelly RIP

