



St John's Cathedral,  
Portsmouth

# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

11 November 2018— 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## "DIED HAND IN HAND"

This weekend we commemorate the centenary of the Great War. Although the evils of war are to be avoided at all cost, still within this darkness the light of God's love can be found. In a country that had not long before persecuted the Catholic faith, France would witness acts of wonderful charity by the Church at this time. "Eighty- seven Catholic priests and 127 nuns have been awarded the Legion of Honour by the French Government for the services rendered to troops in the field of action". So says the *Times* (December 4<sup>th</sup>) within four months of the outbreak of the war of 1914. This story is from the *Daily Chronicle* of October 31<sup>st</sup> 1914:

In the hall of a great railway terminus in Paris a number of wounded were laid out on the straw waiting to be taken to a hospital. Eight of them were very badly hurt, and some of them were evidently not long for this world. One of them seemed to be very uneasy. A nurse went up to him and offered to rearrange his bandages. His reply was "I want a confessor very badly". "Is there a priest here?" asked the nurse. Just then another soldier lying mortally wounded said "Madame, I am a priest, please carry me to him". The nurse hesitated as the soldier was suffering from a horrible shell-wound, and the least movement gave him excruciating pain. But again the feeble voice quietly said, "You are of the faith, and you know the price of a soul. What is one more hour of life compared with that?" And the soldier raised himself by a supreme effort to go to the side of his comrade. "But his effort was in vain. He had to be carried. The confession did not take long, and the strength of the soldier-priest was ebbing rapidly away. When the time came to give him absolution he made a sign to the nurse, "help me to give the sign of the Cross", he said. The nurse held up his arm while it was being done. Death followed quickly for the soldier-priest and his penitent. They died hand in hand, while the nurse and the ambulance men fell on their knees on each side of them.



As we give thanks to those countless individuals who gave such examples of love in a supposed hopeless time, may their witness to God's love inspire us to do that same in our time.

**Fr Phil Carroll**

## TODAY & THIS WEEK



### **REMEMBRANCE DAY:**

This year marks the centenary of the ending of the First World War. Today Fr PJ will represent the Cathedral at

the annual Service of Remembrance at the Guildhall steps at 1100 for the two minutes' silence, procession & parade.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To James and Patience Ugbo on their 25th wedding anniversary today. They will receive a blessing at 1000 Mass today.

**SUNDAY NIGHT EXTRA:** here today from 1900-2045 for those aged 11-18. There will be a discussion on Saints, time to hang out with friends, enjoy food and will end with a time of prayer.

**CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC):** Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300.

**0730 EARLY MORNING MASS:** is cancelled tomorrow, Monday 12 Nov.

**InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP:** Tues 10:30-13:00 in the CDC for those who feel isolated or experience mental ill health.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE REMEMBRANCE:** here on Wed 14 Nov at 1930 for those who have died during the year. Arranged by Lee Fletcher Funeral this service takes place each year in Nov.

**ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL FEAST DAY MASS:** Fri 16 Nov at 0915 and 1400.

**COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £1,988.50(incl SO) Gift Aid 47%. Bamenda £722.50 GA 19%

## NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES:**

Tuesday 13 Nov at 16:30 in Chaplaincy. Fr Tim Byron explores with us our relationship with social media as people of faith.

- Sun 18 Nov at 1330 in Angela's flat for Students' Brunch plus "Who is your favourite Saint?" On Tue 27 Nov there will be a celebration of Mass at 1830 in the Chaplaincy followed by refreshments. All students and staff welcome.

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:** Sat 17 Nov from 1330-1530 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. If you have not already attended one this is an essential training for volunteers involved with children. Please let Soraya know you are able to attend on 02392 836511.

**SAINT OSCAR ROMERO:** A Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonisation of Archbishop Romero will be celebrated here on Sat 24 Nov at 1400 by Bishop Philip. It will be followed by a keynote address in the CDC about the life and works of St Oscar Romero. All welcome.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY MASS:** here on Sun 25 Nov at 1800 celebrated by Bishop Philip. The Bishop invites young adults (16-35) to join him afterwards in the CDC for a diocesan social gathering and interesting talks. For additional information, e-mail [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**MISSIO RED BOXES:** Holders here at the Cathedral are requested to bring their boxes to Nora in CDC for counting during Nov. Thank you for your continued support.

## REMEMBRANCE OF THE HOLY SOULS:

Throughout November we particularly remember the Holy Souls. If you would like to have your deceased family members remembered in the Masses please write their names on the Intention Slips and put them into the envelopes provided. Dates are being allocated throughout this year and next.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

**OPEN MORNING:** Wed 14 Nov at 0915. To book a place contact 023 92661818.

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN AT CHRISTMAS:

We are now taking bookings for guests and volunteers (drivers) for this very happy event. Please call Bobbie Cozens on 07713160471 or [cozensbe@googlemail.com](mailto:cozensbe@googlemail.com) and the Parish Office on 023 9282 6170 for full information. Come and join us and make your Christmas special.

**ADVENT CHORAL VESPERS:** here on Sun 2 Dec at 1600. Do come and enjoy the beauty of singing from our Choir as a perfect introduction to the Christmas season. There will also be sung Vespers in the Cathedral at 1800 during all Fridays of Advent concluding with Benediction. All are 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 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 1/2 and 8/9 Dec.

## OTHER NEWS



## APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OPEN CHURCH PROJECT:

Four (4) Mondays at St Swithun's Church from 7 Jan – 3 Mar 2019. Churches of different denomination in Portsmouth will open their door on a different day each week to those sleeping on the streets with the support of Caritas. Our night is Monday from 7 Jan for four weeks. Volunteers would feed and host homeless people overnight. Sign-up forms are available for these jobs: cooking and spending time with homeless guests during the evening (approx. 8); watching through the night (2 men, 2 women); waking up and providing tea and toast for breakfast; clearing up (3-4 people). Each guest will be referred to the project by the Society of St James, a charity that works with the homeless. There's a Training evening at St Jude's Church, Southsea PO5 3EL on Wed 28 Nov at 1700. For further details contact [Lisa:butler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lisa:butler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and or call 0744 4714 835.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Our oldest parishioner Pam Rundell is 100 years old on Mon 12 November.

Our Bishop Philip is 63 on Wed 14 November. We wish them both a happy birthday and remember them in our prayers.

## CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,

*week beginning 11 November 2018*

**Sun: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*see Parish Mass Book, p 154*

18:00 (Sat) Houghton Family FM

08:00 Tom Lee RIP (Extra-Ordinary Form)

10:00 James and Patience Ugbo (25th Wedding Ann)

12:00 In Thanksgiving Int

18:00 Thanksgiving for parish support/ prayers

**Mon: St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial**

07:30 **No Mass today**

12:15 Pam Rundell Int (100th birthday)

**Tue: Feria**

12:15 Private Intention

**Wed: Feria**

07:30 Catherine Coakley RIP FM

12:15 Bishop Philip Egan Int (63rd birthday)

**Thu: St Albert the Great, Religious, Bishop**

12:15 Pauline May RIP

**Fri: ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop**

07:30 Purita Mogol RIP

12:15 Con Noonan RIP

**Sat: St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

12:15 Elson Carvalho RIP

**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:** Friday from 08:00-18:00.

**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, 16:00*

*St Agatha's (Ordinariate), 11:00*

### SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

#### St Edmund (16 Nov)

In 1222 he got the job of being treasurer to Salisbury Cathedral, then being built. He evidently did it well and in 1233 was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. He was good at this too. His scripture commentaries were widely read and he helped keep England united when the king fell out with powerful barons. He died on 16 Nov 1240 at Soissy, France on his way to see the pope. He is patron of our Diocese because he was born here, in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.



### Prayer Requests

- All who died in the First and Second World Wars and in the conflicts since; for an end to war throughout the world.
- For our deceased parishioners, especially those who have died this year.
- The Pope's prayer intention is that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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