



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

12 August 2018— 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Just recently, I have been reading about the life of Saint Padre Pio. Padre Pio was born in Pietreclina, a small country town located in Southern Italy. His family were very faithful followers of God, attending Mass daily, praying the rosary each evening and fasting three times a week. They were known as the “God-is-everything-people.”

From a young age, Pio was deeply devoted to Jesus and at the age of 5, consecrated his life to God. As an adult, Pio commented on how he often had many deep conversations with Jesus, Mary and his guardian angel who would appear to him. He said, “Doesn’t Everybody.” At the age of 15, Pio took the habit of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. In 1907, he took his final vows, and in 1910 was ordained to the priesthood, aged 23.

A month after his ordination, while praying in the Piana Romana, Jesus and Mary appeared to Pio and gave him the wounds of Christ, the stigmata. Pio reacted by asking the Lord to “take away the annoyance” adding “I do want to suffer, even die of suffering, but all in secret.” For a while the wounds went away but later returned and remained with him for the next 50 years.

Pio was gifted with many other charisms including prophecy and bilocation (the phenomenon of being in two places at once.) He also produced many miracles which he always attributed to God. Although Pio wanted to suffer in silence, God had different plans. God used Pio, especially the gift of his stigmata, to give people hope as they began to rebuild their lives after the war. Although he could be very harsh and direct, especially in the confessional, where people could leave very disheartened, very often after going away and thinking about their sins, they realised he was correct and began to change their lives. Pio was a man who wanted to remain in the shadows, but God took him from the shadows and used him to spread his word and bring many to conversion.

God has also given us many gifts and talents, maybe not in the same way as Padre Pio, but we also receive these gifts for our salvation and to make him known throughout the world. Like Pio, we may be tempted to shy away from our gifts, may be due to fear, or it may be that we prefer to remain in the background. But if we are really called to share our gifts, imagine the impact God can have on those lives around us. But like Pio, we must always remember that we must attribute our gifts to God.

Fr Ansel D’Mello

TODAY & THIS WEEK

HOLIDAYS: We welcome all our visitors to the city and cathedral. If you are visiting the parish, you are most welcome. Tea and coffee is served in the Hall after 1000 Mass.

0730 MASS: Please note the 0730 Mass is suspended during August.

CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE (CDC)

During August open Tues-Sat 1100-1430 and Sun 0930-1300 situated to the right as you come in from the carpark. Come and see what's on offer. It will be closed from Mon 20 Aug—Sun 1 Sept.

InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH

SUPPORT GROUP: Tues 1030-1300 in the CDC for those who feel isolated or experience mental ill health.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY: is on 15 August. It is a holyday of obligation. Our Masses to celebrate it will be:

- 14 Aug: 1930 Vigil
- 15 Aug: 1215 only

ADORATION: every Friday from 0800-1800 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel can only remain open for prayer with the help of regular adorers who volunteer to cover one hour slots. If you can help with this valuable ministry by taking one of these slots please contact the Parish Office 023 9282 6170.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for last Sunday's offertory of £2,472.05 (incl SO) Gift Aid 52%. If you are a UK tax-payer then you can gift-aid whatever you give to the parish. This allows the parish to gain an extra 20% of your offering at no extra cost to yourself. To gift-aid your offering please fill in one of the forms at the back of church.

LOOKING AHEAD

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: Tue 14 Aug at 1800 for parents who have already booked a child for baptism.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: here on Sat 18 Aug led by Marian Fathers. Begins at 1100 with Praise & Worship, Enthronement, First Talk followed by Mass at 1215; then Second Talk, Hour of Mercy, Benediction, Confessions, Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and the Relic of St Faustina. Ends at 1630. Bring your friends and family.

NAVE FLOORS: The annual waxing of the nave floors will be done in the week beginning 20 August. The south side of the nave and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be out of bounds on 20-21 Aug; the north side of the nave and the Lady Chapel on 22-23 Aug. Thank you for your patience.

RIDE AND STRIDE: will take place on Sat 8 Sept. We need walkers, runners and cyclists to raise money through sponsorship for the upkeep and maintenance of Hampshire's Historic Churches. 50% of all money raised will be returned to our Cathedral. If you would like to take part, please add your name to the Riders & Striders list. We also need meeters and greeters from 1000-1800. If you can offer 2 hours to welcome people from other churches and offer them refreshments please put your name on the list. Please encourage family and friends to join us on a fun day out and raise money for our cathedral and the Historic Churches Trust which supports it. Further details from Nick Fox nickfox1336@hotmail.co.uk

OTHER NEWS

DAVID SHAW RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of David who died recently. May he rest in peace. His body will be received into the church at 1600 on Thu 16 Aug. His funeral Mass will be on Fri 17 Aug at 1215 followed by burial at Milton cemetery. Please pray for Esmé and their families.

'COME AWAY AND REST A WHILE'

An invitation to all involved in the ministry of hospitality i.e. ushers and welcomers, church and brass cleaners, flower arrangers, Sunday morning teas and coffee volunteers and those who help at other church events to come to a day of recollection. This will be held on Saturday 6 Oct from 1030-1530 at Park Place Pastoral Centre. For more details please contact Sr Maura at the Parish Office on 023 9282 6170.

A DAY WITH MARY: We are again holding 'A Day with Mary' here in the Cathedral on Sat 13 Oct from 0930 to 1600. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Adoration and Benediction, Hymns and periods of rest with refreshments. The sacrament of penance will be available. All welcome.

'JOURNEY IN FAITH FOR RCIA' a concise programme: will be starting on Thu 4 Oct from 1930-2100 in the Cathedral Hall. This is for those who have expressed interest in becoming a Catholic and have completed an application form. If you know of anyone who is interested and would like to find out more, please contact Sister



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PARISH ALTAR SERVERS PERMISSION

FORM: If your child is an altar server and under the age of 18, please could you fill in a parental consent form giving them permission to serve in the Cathedral.

The parish uses all forms of news and digital media to make our services accessible. In order to adequately do this we need to be free to take appropriate photographs and make appropriate audio and video recordings which can be broadcast, live streamed and used in the news media, on our website and in social media. All photography and recordings are organised in line with the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. In signing this agreement, you are consenting to the taking of photographs and audio or video recording for the above purposes. If you have any concerns regarding the safety and well-being of your child while he/she is involved in Church activities, please contact Sue Smy, *Safeguarding Representative*, Tel: 023 9273 0885.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE Weekend 29-30 Sept 2018. A joyful and faith-filled event for young and old at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, So'ton SO16 3DQ. Main Speakers: Gina & Geoff Poulter, Gio & David Payne, Matt & Lucy Gwyn. Separate streams for children and young people, lively worship,

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE,
week beginning 12 August 2018

Sun: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

see Parish Mass Book, p 117

1800 (Sat) Krzysztof Weglarski RIP

0800 Holy Souls (Extra-Ordinary Form)

1000 Kay Cronin RIP

1200 Diego da Costa RIP

1800 People of the Parish

Mon: St Pontian, Pope, & St Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

1215 Celia Goodwin RIP

Tue: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, mem

1215 Alan Eudes RIP

1930 Vigil Mass of Assumption of BVM

Wed: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM, solemnity

1215 Jeanne Webb Int

Thu: St Stephen, King of Hungary

1215 Eileen O'Brien RIP

Fri: Feria

1215 Funeral Mass of David Shaw RIP

Sat: Our Lady on Saturday

1215 Private Intention

CONFESSIONS: Available here most Saturdays from 1100-1200 and 1700-1745; also on Sundays for 30mins before Mass when a priest is available.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday from 0800-1800.

ROSARY: Monday—Friday after 1215 Mass.

OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Lourdes, Eastney

1800 (Sat)

St Swithun's, Southsea

0830, 1015, 1300

*Corpus Christi, North End:*1100

St Joseph's, Copnor

1800 (Sat), 0900

St Colman's, Cosham

1800 (Sat), 0930

St Paul's, Paulsgrove, 1100

QA Hospital, 1600

St Agatha's (Ordinariate), 1100

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE was born in Poland in 1894 and at aged 10 had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She offered him a white or a red crown, representing purity and martyrdom. He chose both, a foreshadowing of his life to come. In 1910, he joined the Conventual Franciscan Order. In 1941 he was arrested by the Nazis and taken to Auschwitz. There he offered his life for another prisoner. He died on 14 Aug 1941, with an injection of carbolic acid. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1982.



Prayer Requests

• The Pope's intention for August that any decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

• For those who have died especially David Shaw RIP.

◆ Our housebound parishioners and all who are sick and unwell at this time.

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