

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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5 February 2012 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Children's Liturgy

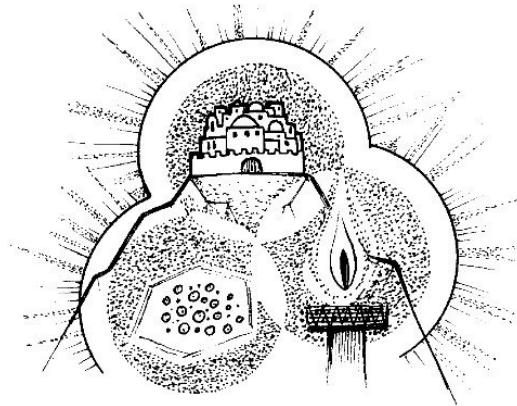
A very important part of our Sunday morning Mass in the Cathedral is when our children are called forward and process into the Cathedral Centre for their own Liturgy of the Word. It is important because this is quality time for the children to hear God's Word in more accessible language. Their liturgy consists of listening to God's Word, sometimes singing, sometimes colouring in something, but always learning about God and the Church.

For many years we have had a few very dedicated parents who have gone on a rota so that this might take place. We need new people to help spread the load and take on this important ministry in the life of the parish.

To help with Children's Liturgy, you do not have to be a parent and you could be of any age. The aim is to help our children grow in their understanding of the Mass.

If you volunteer you will be given help, assistance and training when necessary. It is not an onerous task and the more people who volunteer, the less often you will have to go on the rota. If you would like to know more about this ministry then please speak to one of the existing catechist, or to myself or Fr Phillip. I consider this ministry most important for our parish community and I hope and pray that many will come forward and volunteer to help build up God's kingdom in this way.

Canon David Hopgood



Hymns: 1800: 886 502 623 852 **1000:** 475 433 966 **1200:** 475 432 623 713 **1800:** 886 502 623 852

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

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*

DIARY OF EVENTS

Today

- **Baptism Preparation Mass and Meeting:** 1000 and afterwards in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.
- **Children's Mass:** 1200

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 7 February 2012

- **Hatha Yoga (Week 5):** 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre Hall.

Wednesday 8 February 2012

- **Visit to the Cathedral of St Georges' School Southampton Year 7:** 1200 Cathedral and Centre.

Thursday 9 February 2012

- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** 1900-2030 Abingdon Room.

Friday 10 February 2012

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 0800-1800 Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Saturday 11 February 2012

- **Meditation Group:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel

Sunday 12 February 2012

- **Baptism Anointing:** 1200 Mass
- **First Communion Preparation Session:** 1130 Abingdon Room followed by 1200 Mass.
- **Taizé-Style Prayer Evening:** 1700 St John's Chapel

Please pray for our sick and our housebound, their families and those who care for them:

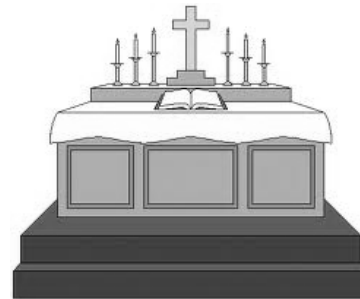
Bishop Crispian Hollis, Betty Copesteak, Antonetta Salerno, Carole Winsler, Sean Ahern, David Powell, Maria Makins, Mario Oakes, Gordon Lyons, Eva Sonnen, Steward Russell, Mary Langridge, Christine Millham, Maria Enright, Anne Crowe, John Foster, Anne Harkin, Ann Lound, Laurie Jenkins, Willow Scotney-Williams, 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.

For those who have died recently: Dominic & Robert Poole, Angela Doyle RIP

As well as for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen Broomfield Gerald Whitelock John Wilkens Joan Hatherley Marguerite Smitherman Sonia Warren Reginald Holland Kathleen Joyce Pinhorne Harold Walker Eileen Bennett Ian Hanvey Joseph Anthony Boyle Florence Benneworth Samuel Grubb Richard Hanby Ellen Everett James Lynch Winifred Creasey Valerie Henderson John Robert Doyle Mary Baker Robert Warren

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



THE CATHOLIC ALTAR (PART 1)

The Catholic altar is both a **sacrificial altar**, and a **table** for a communal meal. In Jesus' time, altars where animal sacrifices took place as atonement for sin were common under Jewish norms and traditions. The passion of Christ was the ultimate sacrifice, to atone for the sin of mankind. Therefore, **Christ's sacrifice** is enacted each Mass at an altar. The altar is also a table because we are all "**called to the Lord's supper.**"

The sense of the Catholic altar as a table calls to mind the last supper and the tables round which the early Christians celebrated the Eucharist, as well as the fact that we as a faithful community are sharing in the saving meal. The Christian altar is one of the earliest elements of the liturgy. In the first years **when Christianity was illegal**, the Eucharist was typically celebrated in the homes of the faithful.

The altar could have been the **dinner table** in the home or the **wooden chest** in which a bishop would carry needed materials for celebrating the Eucharist from place to place.

(Ref: The Catholic Encyclopedia, Catholic customs and Traditions, How to Read a Church, and the General Instruction on the Roman Missal)

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We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:**
 - **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £886.42 (69% GA) including Standing Orders.
 - **St Colman with St Paul:** £1,354.83 (64% GA) including Standing Orders.
 - **St John's Cathedral:** £1,923.24 (57% GA) including Standing Orders.
- Aid to Church in Need: £1,334.81

Pastoral Area Notices

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

This obligatory collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This Council meets about every seven weeks. It comprises two representatives from each of the city parishes. Last week we met and discussed the following:

- A recent audit was done on music and liturgy in our parishes and a meeting was held to see where we could work closer together in giving support to each other.
- We discussed the possibility of having a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in a year's time. We agreed to have a day pilgrimage, hopefully on a Saturday in summer to Aylesford. More information will follow on this.
- We discussed the possibility of having a questionnaire for our parishes on Sunday Mass, times and other matters of interest.

CONFIRMATION 2012

If you are in school year 8 or above and would like to prepare for Confirmation please collect an application form from your church after Mass today and return it to the priest upon completion. Then come to the Introductory Evening for Parents and Candidates on Friday 23 March at 1900 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Preparation for candidates will begin immediately after Easter.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

This weekend sees the year's first issue of *Portsmouth People*, our diocesan magazine. Be sure to collect your free copy.

MASS OF HEALING, PRAISE & WORSHIP

With Fr Ronnie Mitchell at St Joseph's, Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst on Monday 6 February at 1915.

RETREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS (20s and 30s)

The theme is 'Lord, let my prayer rise before you'. Dates: 10-12 February 2012 at Salford. Cost: any donation. The weekend will provide an opportunity for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young catholic adults. For more information please check with your parish office.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

All our Senior Citizens are invited to a party at St Edmund's Catholic School on Thursday 9 February 1400-1600. There will be food, drink, entertainment and raffle prizes/gifts. The party is hosted by Year 8 and 10 pupils at the school. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend, and have not already done so.

TAIZÉ-STYLE PRAYER EVENING

Come and experience a different, gentle form of prayer in St John's Chapel next Sunday 12 February at 1700. Taizé prayer is contemplative in character with simple chants, words from Scripture and silent pauses for reflection. All welcome.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING

St Colman's with St Paul's parish is very privileged to have four children selected to go to Lourdes with the HCPT Pilgrimage this Easter. The cost is £740 for each child so we are trying to raise some money to support them. There will be a special Tea Party and Sale and Raffle on Sunday 19 February from 1500-1700. Please come and support our efforts and see the video of the Pilgrimage.

QUIET SPACE

Time is set aside in St Paul's Church on a Friday afternoon from 1400 onwards for prayer and quiet meditation. Please do come along and spend some time with the Lord.

LENT QUIET DAY FINDING GOD IN THE DESERT

Following the pattern of Christ's preparation in the wilderness for His Life's Ministry, you are invited to spend time in being still and quiet in the presence of your God. This is a day for reflection and an opportunity to be inwardly nourished. Contact Wisdom House Centre Romsey SO51 8EL. Tel 01794 830 206 Email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk Website: www.wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

ST MARY'S COLLEGE SOUTHAMPTON

St Mary's Catholic College in Southampton will celebrate its 90th Anniversary this year with a Reunion Dinner on Friday 5 October and Celebration Ball on Saturday, 6 October at the Novotel in Southampton. Past pupils and friends interested in knowing more about the celebrations should register their e-mail address with Mark Owen (023 8026 6129) or smcreunion@sky.com.

BOOK GROUP

We are a small informal group meeting each fortnight on Wednesday evenings for discussion, fellowship, prayer, tea, cake and sometimes a glass of wine! We are starting a new book - 'Having a Mary Spirit' by Joanna Weaver - on Wed 8 February. If you would like to join us please call Jessie on 07810 165072.

PRAYING WITH OTHERS

Following the success of recent Healing Masses, Fr Ronnie Mitchell has offered to run a training programme for anyone wishing to learn more about 'praying with others'. This will be at St Joseph's, Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 &DU for three consecutive Tuesday's beginning on 21 February at 1930. A group of 9 or 10 people is needed.

Cathedral Parish Notices

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In the interests of economy we are updating our email contact list. If you are able and willing to receive the newsletter and other announcements electronically, please either print your email address clearly on the sheets provided at the exits to the cathedral, or (better still) subscribe on the net from the cathedral website; www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Please note: *The Cathedral undertakes to use the data collected solely and only for its own email outs (e.g. Newsletter). All information/data received will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and not relayed, transmitted, or communicated in any other way - either directly or indirectly - to a third party.*

CATHEDRAL SUMMER FAYRE HELP NEEDED!

A small group of volunteers is needed to organise and run this year's Summer Fayre. If you would like to be involved please speak to Father David.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Next Sunday there will be an opportunity for all married couples at our Sunday Masses to receive a blessing on their union. This might be an opportunity to bring spouses along!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

This Thursday 9 Feb members of the Catholic Society invites you to come skating at Gosport Ice Rink. Cost: £12-14 for transport and admission. For further details: Angela.ODonoghue@port.ac.uk

CATHEDRAL BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Cathedral Bereavement Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 0945 in St John's Room and afterwards at 1030 in the Coffee Shop. Anyone who is feeling the isolation or suffering from bereavement is invited to come along and share friendship and company with like-minded people.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, please see the Verger or a priest.

SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

St Edmund's School Year 10 Hospitality students will organise this year's Senior Citizens' Party on Thursday 9 February from 1400-1600. All Senior Citizens of all parishes are invited. It is always an enjoyable occasion and there will again be food, drink, entertainment and activities. If you would like to attend please put your name on the list provided after Mass today. It's your last chance!

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to make a commitment to Jesus to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday between 0800-1800.

So do not be discouraged at finding prayer difficult. Prayer is not about having heavenly sensations. It is standing in poverty before the One who loves us.

Ian Petit, OSB

PARENTS GROUP

The Parents Group meets on Thursdays in the Abingdon Room from 1000-1130. The Group enables parents and carers to meet up and get to know each other while the children play. All welcome.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY FIRST MASS OF FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	1800	St Joseph	Henry Hosford
		St Colman	Henry Webber (MH)
		Our Lady of Lourdes	The Good Estate of Anne Kehoe RIP P
		St John's Cathedral	Harry Rose RIP
SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Job 7:1-4,7-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39	0830	St Swithun	Miss Clare de Hamel & Parents (RIP) F
	0900	St Joseph	Joan Pidgley F
	0915	St Colman	Duncan Family Members (TD)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Judith Gidado INT
	1015	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	Mary Ann White (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1200	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
	1600	QA Hospital	
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Joy and Cicy Parambi INT (Wedding Anniversary)
MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY St Paul Miki & Companions, <i>Martyrs, memorial</i>	0915	St Joseph	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	1215	St Colman	Mick & Sue Woodgate (TD)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Maureen Fitzsimmons RIP F
TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY Feria	0915	St Paul	Kathleen Cooper RIP (FM)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Kathleen Sharman RIP
	1900	St Joseph's Convent	Ellen Smith P
	1900	St Swithun	Helen Chatfield RIP F
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY St Jerome Emiliani, Founder, <i>Op mem or St Josephine</i> Bakhita, Religious, op mem <i>or Feria</i>	0730	St John's Cathedral	Chris McGeltigan RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Dec members of Barrett Family F
	1200	Corpus Christi	Andrew Lee F
	1215	St Colman	Nora Quinn RIP (JQ)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Vocations (Catenians) F
THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY Feria	0930	St Joseph	William Haslam P
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Lucy Kingman RIP P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Sadek Family F
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY St Scholastica, <i>Virgin, memorial</i>	0730	St John's Cathedral	Helen Dyer RIP F
	0930	Corpus Christi	Patrick John Louge P
	1130	St Swithun	Mike and Heather Sparkes 50th Wedding Anniversary
	1215	St Colman	Private Intentions (Priests, Nuns, Religious & Two Parishes, Alive & Deceased) (CC)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Requiem Mass for Dominic & Robert Poole RIP
SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY Our Lady of Lourdes, op mem Feria	0930	Corpus Christi	Private Intentions (GC)
	1100	St Swithun	Dec of Bennett and Terry Families P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Sr Stephen Sleep F
SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY FIRST MASS OF SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	1800	St Joseph	John Broderick P
		St Colman	Holy Souls (CC)
		Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
		St John's Cathedral	Mila Alacapa RIP
SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45	0830	St Swithun	Eric Joseph Taplin RIP F
	0900	St Joseph	People of the Parish
	0915	St Colman	Joan Hudson RIP (BH)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Aileen Mary Frances Payne RIP F
	1015	St Swithun	Mike and Heather Sparkes 50th Wedding Anniversary (Groom)
	1100	St Paul	Private Intentions (Priests, Nuns, Religious, Two Parishes, Alive & Deceased) (CC)
	1100	Corpus Christi	John & Margaret Bignall RIP F
	1200	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Guy Goodson RIP

F: Foundation – P: Perpetual

Confession and Devotions

	Reconciliation	Rosary	Eucharistic Adoration	Evening Prayer 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 times as advertised	-