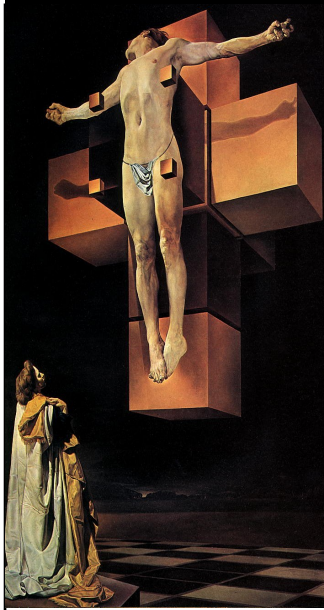




St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

15 SEPT 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME



**"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me."
(Mark 8:34)**

Jesus never waters down the demands He is making of us followers. It is not surprising that, elsewhere in the Gospels, we hear some of His listeners saying at one point: "This is hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Or that, when Jesus is arrested, St. Peter will deny that he even knows Jesus. Following Jesus is tough, and even the greatest saints have lost their nerve at times. Fortunately, our God is supremely forgiving, knows how weak we are, and – by His Holy Spirit – helps us. To ask and accept that help, though, we must first admit how much we need it.

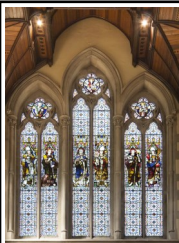
We all enjoy a sense of belonging, consolation, and purpose; and Jesus gives us these things in a way the world can never give; without counting the cost and eternally. But he also calls us to humility, complete honesty, compassion, generosity (even outside our families) and self-sacrifice - things we have less of a natural appetite for. To live in such a way (i.e. to follow Jesus) is hard, but not as hard as trying to be a half-hearted follower, where part of us knows that He is the Truth, and yet part of us shies away from the steepness of the path. To live like that is demoralising and ultimately impossible. We are either following Him or not. The good news is that, even if the world calls us fools, if we do trust Him and love Him, and thus follow Him, we will know the reality of His friendship even in this life, for He will truly carry our crosses with us.

Fr. Thomas Hiney

DRAFT MISSION PLAN AND ONE PARISH



Recently a draft mission plan for the Portsmouth Pastoral Area (PA) was submitted to the bishop. It envisages the PA becoming one parish by 1 Sept 2026. Scan this QR code to see a copy of the plan and a link to a feedback form. Alternatively, please use a feedback form which you can find at the cathedral exits.



WEST WINDOW

Donations to date and a receipt from our insurers bring the total amount raised to date to **£79,991**. Thank you.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Please use this QR code to donate to the cathedral parish.



HEATING SYSTEM

Donations of **£14,417** have been received to date. One of the boilers for the cathedral is broken and the other is at the end of its useful life.

Sunday 15 September Parish Mass Books, readings begin on page 132.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS. Please join us for tea and coffee today after 10:00 Mass in the Cathedral Hall.

If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to the clergy. You are most welcome.

TODAY IS EVANGELII GAUDIUM OR HOME MISSION SUNDAY. The theme this year is *'Growing as Missionary Disciples'*. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization, which provides resources in support of parish evangelisation. You may also donate online: **Home Mission Sunday Second Collection | Give as you Live Donate.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 10:00 & 12:00 MASSES: takes place today for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Year 3 can attend until they start their First Communion classes in October.

CATHEDRAL SHOP (CDC) Now open again from **Wed -Fri 10:00-13:30** and **Sun 09:30 -13:00**. It is situated to the right as you come in from the carpark. Come and see what's on offer.

InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP: meets this Tuesday from 10:30-13:00 in the CDC. InSight is a drop-in for those who feel isolated or who experience mental ill health.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO A MASS TIME THIS WEEK: Mass on **Wednesday 18 September** will be at an earlier time of **09:00** instead of 12:15. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

LECTIO DIVINA: meets on **Thursdays at 18:30** in the CDC to pray the readings of the next Sunday's Mass. All welcome especially those who read at Mass.

THANKSGIVING: There will be a Mass in honour of the first Filipino-Chinese saint, San Lorenzo Ruiz, here on **Sat 21 Sept at 14:00**. All are welcome for a celebration of Filipino culture.



COLLECTIONS:

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory:

- **£2,086.14** (cash: £1,040.14 and planned giving of 1,046).
- Catholic Education Service: **£339.05**
- Please consider switching to a monthly standing order.
- Our bank details are: **Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account No: 0088 3884 A/C Name: CDP St John's Cathedral.**

NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: next weekend, the Bishops of England & Wales oblige us to count the number of people at Mass each autumn for four consecutive Sundays.



ALTAR SERVERS' INDUCTION: Sun 22 Sept at 11:00 in the cathedral which includes a basic training open to anyone who is currently an Altar Server or is interested in becoming one. See Anjolie after Mass.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM ON 24 SEPT: has been elevated to a Feast in England & Wales, for the first time this year. Give thanks with a novena from 15 September.

A MOTHERS' RETREAT DAY: Saturday 28 Sept from 09:30 – 16:00 at St Joseph's House of Prayer, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst SO40 7DU. Donation of £20 towards shared lunch and costs. Babes in arms are welcome. Contact: catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:

Parents should register now for the 2024/2025 FHC journey. This is for children in Year 3 (aged 7) or

above of registered parishioners. The child needs already to be attending Mass with their parents. Please complete an enrolment form from the back of the church. Closing date is on **Sunday 29 September**.

CAFOD FAST DAY APPEAL: 28/29 Sept: Our CAFOD reps will make an appeal at all Masses to help young people like Daniel from Congo to learn new carpentry skills at a CAFOD-funded training programme to support his family.



Fast, pray and give

FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 4 October. The request is to eat simply by giving up a meal, or just having a bowl of soup, and donate to CAFOD instead.

ST EDMUND'S SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING: Sat 5 Oct between **09:00 – 13:00** for Year 6 pupils and parents. We hope you will come to get an insight into life at St Edmund's.

THE FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Although both devotions involve receiving Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays and five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, this will be a reoccurring event in the parish.

- Starting **Friday 4 Oct** and every first Friday following, Deacon Zac will lead the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary from 4:00 – 5:00 concluding with Benediction and Evening Prayer from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.
- Starting **Saturday 5 Oct** and every first Saturday following, the clergy

will host the First Saturday devotions of Reparation as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. It begins at 10:45 with Rosary and Confessions then a 15-minute Scriptural Meditation. The Angelus will be prayed at 12:00 noon followed by Holy Mass at 12:15pm.

Further details on the First Saturday devotions are on the leaflets at the back of the cathedral or contact Antonia Moffat on email: antonia4161@gmail.com.

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS: Saturday 19 Oct from 10:30 – 14:00 at St Bede's Church Hall, Basingstoke. If you are a reader at Mass, regularly or occasionally, this day is for YOU. Register by email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you would either like a lift, or to offer a lift, please can you let Esme know on esmeshaw7@gmail.com.

PUBLIC TALK ON 'THE MARONITE CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND': Sun 20 Oct at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bournemouth from 15:00 – 17:00. The event will explore the rich history of Maronite Christianity focusing on Aramaic liturgies and the language spoken by Christ. Speakers, joining in person and via live video link from the Holy Land, will provide insights into the Maronites' status in the region. Tickets at £7 or £10 per family from ticketsource.co.uk.

OTHER NEWS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? For those who are interested in becoming a Catholic or wish to explore the Catholic faith, course will commence this autumn.

PARISH FOODBANK: Our parish St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference is grateful for donations of non-perishable items for the foodbank. Please leave them in the sacristy after Mass.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass

Sun: 15 Sept 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH SUN IN ORD TIME

18:00 (Sat) Salvador Gomes RIP

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

10:00 Charles Nwoao Int

12:00 Sarah Bridget Steer RIP

18:00 Stephanie Hetley RIP

Mon: 16 Sept Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, mem

07:00 John and Eleanor Rolfo RIP

12:15 Redene and Shane Khera Int

Tue: 17 Sept St Hildegard of Bingen op mem

12:15 In Thanksgiving Int

Wed: 18 Sept FERIA [24th Week in Ordinary Time]

09:00 Redentor Nonato RIP

Thu: 19 Sept St Januarius OR St Theodore of Canterbury

07:00 Holy Souls Int

12:15 Christopher John Kirby RIP

Fri: 20 Sept St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, mem

12:15 Amaka Jennifer Ochuba Corlette Int

Sat: 21 Sept St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, feast

12:15 In Thanksgiving int

PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Take my hand, O Blessed Mother

Hold me firmly lest I fall

I grow nervous while walking and Humbly on thee call

Guide me over every crossing

Watch me when I'm on the stairs

Let me know that you are beside me

Listen to my fervent prayers

Bring me to my destination

Safely along the way

Bless my every undertaking

And my duties for the day

And when evening creeps upon me

I'll never fear to be alone

Once again, O blessed Mother

Take my hand and lead me home

Amen.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 and 17:00-17:45; also on Sundays for 30mins before Mass when a priest is available. **ROSARY:** recited every Monday-Friday after 12:15 Mass.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the lamps have been donated for:

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

Roger Pearsale RIP

Jasmine Eden RIP

Sylvia Bisset Int

Private Intention

St Patrick's Chapel:

Clare and Nick Int

Luke Eden Int

Helen Townsend RIP

Our Lady Chapel:

Ruth Griffiths Int

Milo Eden Int

Terry Butler RIP



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis encourages us to pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

- For those who have died recently especially Michael Knight. May he rest in peace.
- For Fr Thomas and Deacon Ryan, as they begin their ministry with us.

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