

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Swithun

Our Lady of Lourdes Bransbury Road, Eastney, PO4 9JY - **St Swithun** 105 Waverley Road, Southsea, PO5 2PL

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Thomson – tel. 02392 828305 southseaparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Pastoral Assistant: Sr Marie Elise tel: 0774 7728 734

Parish Secretary: Mrs Clare Shore – Office Hours 9am–3pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am–12 noon Friday

5 February 2012 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2012 - If you are in school year 8 or above and would like to prepare for Confirmation please collect an application form from Fr Simon 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 with Confirmation itself being on Pentecost Sunday 27th May at St. John's Cathedral.

ST. EDMUND'S SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY – This coming Thursday 9 February from 2pm to 4pm at St Edmund's School, Arundel Street. Final numbers are needed today! Please see Fr Simon after Mass if you wish to attend.

BBC SONGS OF PRAISE IS COMING TO PORTSMOUTH – The recordings will take place at St Mary's Church, Fratton Road on 29th February, 13th and 14th March. If you would like to sing in the combined choir or just attend in the congregation then you will need a free ticket. For further details please see the Notice Boards. Ticket applications must be with the Parish Office before midday on Friday 17th February.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE this weekend after all Masses. NB. Gift Aiders! You will find a second collection envelope in your pack.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PATRONAL FEAST – Next Saturday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and to mark the patronal feast of one of our churches refreshments will be served following the 6pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please stay on after Mass and perhaps meet some new people!

ADVENT COLLECTION FOR ETHIOPIA – The total of £2310 which was raised during Advent for Ethiopia has been shared out equally between Fr Paulo, Fr Ramon and Fr Gabriel for their work in Ethiopia. A letter from the Verona Fathers is on the Notice Board thanking us for the money for Fr Paulo and Fr Ramon.

ST SWITHUN'S SHOOL – Fairtrade Coffee Morning – Tuesday 28th February at 9.15am. All welcome.

READERS AT ST SWITHUN'S – Please pick up a Readers Rota from the Sacristy.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE – Please take a copy of the February/March edition of our Diocesan magazine with news from around the Diocese.

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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 for the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun

Tuesday 7th February

- Parents and Toddlers and Baby Group: 0915-1115 - St Swithun's Hall
- Cubs Meet: 1800-2000 St Swithun's Scout Hut

Wednesday 8th February

- Mother's Prayer Group, 10.30am Parish Room – Our Lady of Lourdes
- Beavers Meet: 1700-1830 St Swithun's Scout Hut
- Explorer Scouts Meet: 1900-2100 St Swithun's Scout Hut

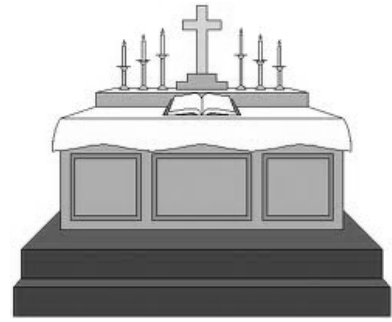
Thursday 9th February

- Scouts Meet: 1900-2100 St Swithun's Scout Hut

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Bishop Crispian Hollis, Barbara Mulligan, Ernest Parker, Van Do, Ray and Bess Fisher, Stan Groom and Fr Patrick Fitzgerald, White Father (former Parishioner).

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Kennedy, John Oxton, Albert William English, William Henry Donkin, Kath Scott, William George Hunter, Eileen Patricia Milford, Christopher Alexander MacDonald, John Waller, Judith Mackay, Hilda Kathleen Vincent, Elizabeth Duxbury, Jane Hammond, William Jarrot, James Joseph Brennan, Winifred Mary Ault, Bidy Powell, Edith Maria Maxwell, Sara Agnes, Catherine Chapman, Joseph Zammit, Elsie Bagley, Kathleen Sharman, Dorothy Waudby, Yvonne Violet "Sally" Nunn, Sophie Murray, Helen Chatfield, Catherine Stokes, Reginald Walter Carter, Sarah Allchorn, Cynthia Melita Tobin, Donald Tyson Harrison, Kathleen Holland, Jean Martin, Lily May Clark, Jack Hobbs, Samuel James Simpson, Michael James Cormack, John Griffin Best, Johanna Street, Edith Keenan, Eileen Bernardette Devenish, John Rivers Collins, Mary Grace Ford, Arthur Daniel Cornick, Winifred Frances Betsworth, Sidney Alfred Strong and Catherine Turnbull.

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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WORSHIP FESTIVAL WHEAT
 BETHSAIDA SINGLE SOUL
 VOICE THUNDER ANGEL
 SENTENCE PRINCE DEATH



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.

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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.

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.

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 7DU for three consecutive Tuesday's beginning on 21 February at 1930. A group of 9 or 10 people is needed.

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

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 <i>Feria</i>	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 <i>Feria</i>	0730	St John's Cathedral	Chris McGettigan 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 <i>Feria</i>	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	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	-