

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

St Colman St Colman's Avenue, Cosham, PO6 2JJ – **St Paul** Allaway Avenue, PO6 4DG – tel. 02392 376151

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5 February 2012 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Children's Liturgy

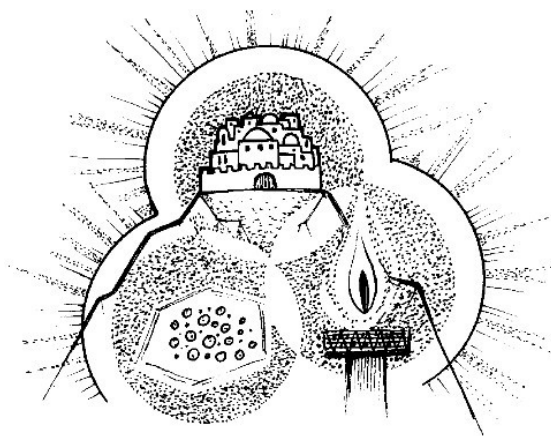
A very important part of our Sunday morning Mass in our churches is when our children are called forward and process into the church hall for their own Liturgy of the Word. It is important because this is quality time for the children to hear God's Word in more accessible language. Their liturgy consists 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 catechists, Irene Taylor or Kathryn Barker or myself. 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.

Fr Joe McNerney



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 – PA: Sr Marie Elise Tel. 0774 7728 734

Parish Secretary: Mrs Clare Shore – Office Hours: 0900 – 1500 Tue-Wed-Thu

St John's Cathedral Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, PO1 3HG – tel 02392 826170

Canon David Hopgood dean@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk – Fr Phillip Harris priest@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

PA: Sister Rita, FMDM tel. 023 9296 0376 – Parish Secretary: Mrs Lily Peach – Office Hours: 0900-1400 Mon-Fri

Youth Ministry Coordinator/PA: Miss Mary-Anne Field – tel 023 9283 6524 – youth@catholicportsmouth.org.uk

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

Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Bill Hudson, Mick Woodgate, Jane-Anne, Rebecca Muscat, Zoe, Chris, Nuala & Gerald Hyde, Maureen Parkinson, David Scarborough, Suzanne, Alan Neilson, Theresa Smith, Sheila McKenzie, Bridie Cooper, Sandra dela Chaise, Rona McClements, Alan Bradley, Matthew Pragnell, Andrew & Pam Dent, Stan Groom, Maisie Hider, Louise Taylor, Sajji Kurian, Carmen Hanly, Sylvia Bragg, Mary Miller, Edith Harris, Thomas Gray, Val Bishop, Lewis McCart, Sue Goldsmith, Pat Blake, Rose Thompson, Mrs Crae, Olivia Heath, William Copley, Vi Fay, Rita Likely, Moira Abbott, Moira Cunningham, Stuart Smeech, Chelsie Jones, Eileen Goldsmith, Lena Golton, Len Hunt, Fred D'Souza, Christine Pearce, Verity Reece, P J Mulherin, Fr Stoyle, Doreen Mary Hale, and all those who are sick at this time.

Weekly Diary

Sunday 5 February

- Kerala Group Mass: 1530 St Paul's Church

Monday 6 February

- UCM: 1930 St Colman's Church Hall

Tuesday 7 February

- Practice of Rite of Sending Forth: 1930 St Paul's Church

Wednesday 8 February

- Baptism and FHC Sessions: 1800 St Paul's School Hall

- Gospel Sharing: 1930 St Colman's Church Hall

Thursday 9 February

- Little Owls: 0900 St Paul's Church Hall

Friday 10 February

- Mother's Prayers: 1030 St Paul's Church

- Quiet Space: 1400 St Paul's Church

Upcoming

Sunday 19th February

- Lourdes Fundraising: 1500 St Colman's Church Hall

Friday 24th February

- Fr Peter Glas Prayer Group: 1900 St Paul's Church

PASTORAL TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Are you a practising catholic committed to the good and growth of our parish and its pastoral area? Are you able to work collaboratively with our parish priest and other team members? Are you able to listen to others and value differences? Can you commit to participating fully in the meetings of our Pastoral Team, on a Tuesday evening, every six weeks? Our Pastoral Team needs more members. If you would like to become a member please contact the parish office by 24th of February. Nominations will be considered on the 28th of February and those selected, will be contacted.

Prayer before Mass

Father we give thanks that today you call us to worship. You know the needs we have as we come to your house. Grant that while here we may find comfort for sorrow, guidance for problems, light in darkness and strength when we are weak. Grant that as we leave we may never forget your Son Jesus but know His presence in our own homes. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Response to the Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

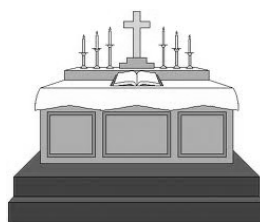
THANK YOU

Mick Woodgate would like to say a big thank you for all the cards, prayers and good wishes he has received. Mick will keep you all in his prayers.

We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph: tbc**
- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun: £886.42(69 % GA) inc SO**
- **St Colman with St Paul: £1,354.83 inc SO (64% GA)**
- **St John's Cathedral: £1,923.24inc SO (57% GA)**
- **Last Weekend: Catholic Education Service £232.26**

Thank you for your continued support.



THE CATHOLIC ALTAR (PART 1)

The Catholic altar is both a **sacrificial altar**, and a **table** for a communal meal. In biblical times, altars were places for animal sacrifices and took place as atonement for sins which were common under Jewish norms and traditions. The passion of Christ was the ultimate sacrifice, to atone for the sin of humankind. Therefore, **Christ's sacrifice** is re-presented at each Mass on the altar. The altar is also a table because we are all "**called to the Lord's supper.**"

The Mass therefore is both sacrifice and meal. It is first of all a sacrifice which is presented as a meal. 'The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied.' Psalm 22: 26

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 a **family table** in the home or the **wooden chest** in which a bishop would carry what was needed for celebrating the Eucharist.

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

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.

Parish Notices

UCM

Our UCM's next meeting is Monday 6th of February, 1930 in St Colman's Church Hall.

LITTLE OWLS

Our Parent and Toddler Group will be meeting again on Thursday 9th February.

CONTACT YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will meet again on Wednesday 22nd February.

MOTHER' PRAYERS

The next Mother's Prayers will take place on Friday 10th of February at 1030, St Paul's Church. Sue and Pat welcome mothers and grandmothers.

SNOW HELPERS

If anyone would consider assisting in times of snow and ice, to help clear the paths at both churches, could you please give your name into the parish office and we will contact you when the need arises.

ADORATION

Watchers are **urgently** needed for Tuesday's 5-6pm and Friday's 4-5pm.

BBC SONGS OF PRAISE

Our parishioners have been invited to Songs of Praise television recordings from St Mary's Church, Portsea. Admission is by ticket only. If you would like to attend please let the parish office know by **Tues 14th of February**. Dates for recording are: Combined Choir Rehearsal: Wed 29th Feb 1830-21:30 - choir singers only. Tues 13th Mar 1900-2200 and Wed 14th Mar 18:30-2230 - all parishioners.

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS & VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING

The above training will take place on Saturday 3rd (Child Protection) and 10th of March (Vulnerable Adults) at St Colman's Hall, 10am to 12.30pm. All those whose ministries involve working with children and adults, need to attend, if you have not already done so. Please contact Irene Taylor by email: irenetaylor2004@hotmail.com or Soroya at the Diocesan Office on 02392 816396 if you wish to attend.

GOSPEL SHARING

This will take place on Wednesday 8th of February at 1930, St Colman's Church Hall. We will be focusing on Mark 1:40-45. Jesus heals a man with Leprosy. Copies of the notes and questions are available at the back of both churches.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Whilst all monies are gratefully received, unfortunately we are unable to bank foreign currency. Please ensure your generous donations do not contain any foreign coins when placing your donation in the baskets.

LENT REFLECTIONS

Our Lent Reflection evenings will take place at St Paul's Church Hall at 7.30pm on Monday's during Lent. Please do put the following dates in your diary: 27th of Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of March. Transport to and from the church is available if needed. Please contact the parish office.

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

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| 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</i> or St Josephine Bakhita, Religious, op mem or Feria | 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 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

| | Reconciliation | Rosary | Eucharistic Adoration | Evening Prayer and Benediction |
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| St John's Cathedral | Saturday 1100 – 1200; 1630 – 1730 | Tuesday & Thurs (1215 following Mass) | Friday 0800 – 1800 Saturday 1100 – 1200 | First Friday of the month and all Fridays in Advent 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 | - |