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**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 12th February 2023**

**Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Matthew 5: 17-37**

Today’s readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instruction or teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom had He made His covenant. The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. “If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you.” In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God’s saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today’s Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and divorce.

Yours

Fr. Tomy

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| **Mass times Feast Days** | | | | |
| **6pm: Confessions**  **6.30pm Vigil Mass** | **Saturday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes.** The name given to 18 apparitions in 1858 to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old poor girl in Lourdes, France, in the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains. Bernadette, due to illness, was only 4ft 7ins tall and, according to Bernadette, the apparition was no taller or older than her, despite all the depictions being a taller older lady. At the time of the birth of Jesus, mothers were traditionally only about 14 to 15 years old. Bernadette was told she was the *Immaculate Conception* which convinced the clergy the vision was genuine as Bernadette had no understanding of what that meant. Water from the spring that started in February1858 at the shrine is used by pilgrims hoping for a cure of illness and in honour of the Immaculate Conception**.**  **4th Anniversary Thomas Mathew** | | | |
| **9.30 am** | **Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  **Pio and Philo de Souza 40th Wedding Anniversary** | | | |
| **First Communion Training from 16:45 t0 17:45**  **6.30 pm** | **Monday 13th St Modomac O’Neil of Ossory** Born about 500 in the royal O’Neil family in Ireland. With no seminaries in Ireland at the time, he travelled over to Wales to be trained for the priesthood by St David. He was the beekeeper for the monastery and took great care of them, speaking to the bees every day. The bees swarmed around his head as though replying to him. When he returned to Ireland a swarm of bees followed him onto the boat. He introduced them as a new strain of bees into Ireland. Became a parish priest and founded other churches and parishes. Made Bishop of Ossory. | | | |
| **10 am** | **Tuesday 14th St Valentine** 3rd century priest in Rome. Great preacher who converted very many to Christianity. Roman Emperor Claudius II then banned marriage for men in Rome as he desperately needed more recruits for his army and felt men with no family ties would be better soldiers. Valentine opposed him and secretly carried out marriages. When he was arrested by a pagan judge, he cured his blind daughter to prove his religion was greater. The judge, his family and 44 of his household converted to Christianity and Valentine was released. He was arrested again and found guilty by Emperor Claudius. The daughter of his jailor had been converted and secretly married by Valentine. She smuggled in gifts of food for him. Before he was taken for execution, Valentine left a good bye note of thanks for her “from your Valentine”. He was martyred by being beheaded by the sword.  **Thanksgiving Albrit & Jobrin** | | | |
| **SVP Social event 1 to 3 pm**  **All welcome**  **6.30 pm** | **Wednesday 15th St Claude La Colombière** Born 1641 in France. Studied theology in Paris. Then ordained a priest and returned to the school of his youth as a teacher for 3 years with great preaching skills. Joined a preaching team of Jesuits based in Avignon and developed a special devotion to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus.* Became superior of Jesuit house in Burgandy. Was a confessor to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque who became a special friend. Then went to England as the chaplain to the Duchess of York, Mary of Modena from Italy, in St James Palace during the reign of King Charles II who had a Catholic wife. Mary was the wife of his brother, the future King James II of England, King James VI of Scotland. Claude was accused of a “Popish Plot” to kill King Charles and became very ill in prison. He was found guilty of treason. Saved by the King of France. Died 3 years later in France. | | | |
| **10 am** | **Thursday 16th St Juliana of Nicomedia** Daughter of pagan parents near Constantinople at the end of the 3rd century. Betrothed in childhood to a Senator who was a pagan. Juliana became a Christian and refused to marry. Severely tortured to change her mind and reject her new faith during the persecution of Christians by Roman Emperor Maximian Herculius. Eventually beheaded. Her body was taken to Italy and buried near Naples. Venerated as a saint in Eastern and Western Churches. | | | |
| **No Mass**  **9 hours Adoration from 9pm to 5am**  **Mass at 4 am** | **Friday 17th St Finan of Lindisfarne**. Born at the beginning of the 7th century in Ireland. Was a monk on the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. Became the second Bishop of Lindisfarne in 651, on the death of the first Bishop of Lindisfarne, the holy and noble St Aidan. Finan was well educated and eloquent in his preaching. He was gently persuasive in converting pagans. Three regional kings were converted by him. King Oswy of Northumbria, King Sigebert of Essex and King Peada of Mercia. He appointed bishops for Essex and Mercia. Founded monasteries including Whitby Abbey. | | | |
| **6pm: Confessions**  **6.30pm Vigil Mass** | **Saturday 18th St Colman of Lindisfarne** Born 605 in Ireland. Was a monk on the island of Iona of the west coast of Scotland.. Made the third Bishop of Lindisfarne in 661, after the death of Bishop Finan. Lindisfarne is on an island situated off the north east coast of England. All three bishops of Lindisfarne, Aidan, Finan and now Colman, had been monks on Iona. Bishop Colman participated in the Synod of Whitby to decide between the Celtic rite for liturgy and the calculation of the date of Easter used in Lindisfarne and the north of England, and the Roman rite used in the south. When it was decided that the Roman rite should be used throughout England, Bishop Colman left the island of Lindisfarne in664 with most of the monks and the relics of St Aidan, to the Scottish island of Iona. After three years, went to Ireland and founded 2 monasteries – one for the Irish monks on the island of Inishbofin off the west coast and one for the English monks at Mayo Monastery, north of Galway. | | | |
| **9.30 am** | **Sunday 19th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| **PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION** | | | | |
| **NOTES:** **If you wish to wear a mask, please bring your own mask** | | | | |
| **Your prayers are needed for the following people** | | | | | |
| Diana Stimson | | Sue Chandler | Hazel Sale | Joe Heatley | |
| Kay Duggan | |  |  |  | |

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next SVP Social. 1 - 3pm Wednesday 15th February**

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay the whole time, a few minutes or two hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

**8 hours of adoration starting Friday evening at 9pm on 17th February ending with Mass**

On the third Friday of the month, we are having the 8 hours of adoration starting at 9pm and ending with Mass at about 4 am. The next session will be Friday 17th March from 9 pm to 5 am.

**First Holy Communion Training:** Every Monday from 16:45 to 17:45

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| **Parish collection for last Sunday 5th February** | **SPECIAL COLLECTION** |

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| **Envelopes**  **Including Gift Aid** | **Loose plate** | **Monthly direct debits,**  **standing orders & bank transfers**  **including Gift Aid** | **Without Gift Aid** | **TOTAL**  **TO PARISH** | **Racial Justice**  **Including**  **Gift Aid** | **Loose plate** | **TOTAL**  **Including**  **SPECIAL COLLECTION** |
| £90.00 | £173.76 | £300.23 | £68.13 | **£632.12** | £59.00 | £40.10 | **£731.22** |

**If you have a standing order for your offertory contributions, the change of legal status of the Diocese has no impact on your present arrangement.**

**Parish collections:** Gift Aid generates further funds if you are a tax payer as the government refunds to the parish some of the tax you have paid. Monthly direct debits also give the parish a regular income. If you wish to discuss this please contact [svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](about:blank) and you will be put in touch with the person who can answer your questions.

**Family Retreat being organised by Catholic Mothers of Southampton** **on Saturday 11th March**

A Catholic Family Day of Reflection is being organised by Miriam Ludgate of the Catholic Mothers of Southampton on Saturday 11th March at St Dominic’s Priory in Sway, New Forest from 10am to 2pm

This day is aimed at families with children up to the age of 7.  Suggested donation £20

For more information or to book a space for your family, email [catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com](about:blank)

**JOB VACANCIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE**

**Advert for Head of Andover Foodbank**

The Andover Foodbank helps those in crisis across the Test Valley. It does this by providing emergency food boxes and other items in partnership with local agencies and charities.

We’re looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take on the role of Head of Andover Foodbank. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to be part of a local charitable operation with significant social impact. You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people.

The position is part-time, 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday based around the opening hours of 9:00-13:00. Flexibility in hours is required. You will need to undertake a DBS check.

Please see link to job description for more information: [Head of Andover Foodbank Job Description](about:blank)

Application Form: [Application Form - Head of Andover Foodbank](about:blank)

To apply, please complete the [application form](about:blank) and send it, together with a current CV to [office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk](about:blank) **by 17:00 on 17 February 2023**. Interviews will be held on 24 February 2023 or in week commencing 27 February 2023.

**Advert for Volunteer Manager of Andover Foodbank**

The Andover Foodbank helps those in crisis across the Test Valley. It does this by providing emergency food boxes and other items in partnership with local agencies and charities.

We’re looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take on the role of Volunteer Manager. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to be part of a local charitable operation with significant social impact. You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people.

The position is part-time, 12 hours per week, Monday to Friday within the opening hours of 9:00-13:00. Flexibility in hours is required. You will need to undertake a DBS check.

Please see job description for more information: [Volunteer Manager - job description.doc](about:blank)

Application Form: [Application Form - Volunteer Manager](about:blank)

To apply, please complete the [application form](about:blank) and send it, together with a current CV to [office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk](about:blank) **by 17:00 on 17 February 2023**. Interviews will be held on 24 February 2023 or in week 27 February 2023.

# Advert for Music Team Leader at St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Parish, Winchester

Part time: 21 hours per week, including weekends and major feasts (for Masses)  
Contract type: Eighteen months, fixed term contract Salary: Competitive. Further details on enquiry.

St Peter’s is a busy and thriving city centre church, one of 4 churches in the Catholic parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs (Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge). It has a tradition of music, which in the past has included an adult SATB choir and a Youth Choir, contemporary music groups, and several volunteer organists and cantors.

We are now seeking an experienced pastoral musician to build and grow a strong music team at St Peter’s, while also developing existing volunteer music leaders in their own roles and skills.

The successful candidate will

* Ensure that the Music team can provide suitable music for all weekend Masses at St Peter’s (Saturday 17:30, Sunday 10:30 and 17:30, and Sunday 08:00 as required), and on major feasts;
* Lead, or preferably arrange for the leading of choirs and music groups that exist or may develop;
* Recruit and develop more volunteers: performers (singers, accompanists, instrumental players) and support roles (administration; music tech);
* Retain, and strengthen the commitment and confidence of those currently serving;
* Encourage more diverse involvement (age, nationality, musical styles, Mass communities).

We are looking for someone who, through their own musical performing and directing, is able to inspire others to join the team. Even more important than their own musical skills, will be their passion and enthusiasm to recruit, develop, support and grow others: new and existing talent – so that our music ministry can operate more sustainably, and over time grow in size and capability, to support the parish’s vision to bring others closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy.

Their success will be judged by the team they have built, more than the music they have performed.

To achieve this, they will

* Develop relationships with the clergy and the people in the parish, to gain support and assistance for their work in raising the profile of music in the parish;
* Be open to feedback about their own work and that of the whole music team, as they seek to fulfil the vision for music in the parish;
* Liaise with music teams at the other churches in the parish, to encourage collaboration (especially at major feasts), and to provide support, while respecting a degree of autonomy for these teams;
* Set a personal example, through their own life of prayer and their attitude of service.

We welcome applications from anyone with an active Christian faith, though candidates will be expected to demonstrate a readiness to engage with the Catholic Church’s teaching and directives regarding music and liturgy. For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](about:blank)

To request an informal discussion about the role, please contact the Parish Office by  
Email: [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](about:blank), or by Telephone: 01962 852804

Closing date for applications: **Thursday 16th February 2023, 12 Noon**

Interview date to be confirmed in early March 2023

**Education Administrator**

The Catholic Academies and Schools Office (CASO) are seeking to appoint an Education Administrator for 30 hours a week 9.00 – 4.00pm term time only (39 weeks).

CASO provides support and advice on all matters to do with the Catholic life of our 70 schools and academies. This ranges from the recruitment of school leaders, governors, and directors to the training and on-going support for teachers and leaders, as well as liaison with all statutory bodies involved with our schools. You would act as the first point of contact for our schools. No two days are ever the same.

The post holder will be responsible for managing; the recruitment process for foundation governors and directors, the arrangements for all courses and events, and the casoportsmouth website, as well as general administrative support for the team. Training will be provided for all the processes involved in the role.

We are looking for an organised, approachable, self-motivated individual with excellent administrative and communication skills. You will be working with a small friendly team located within the larger administrative department of the diocese, in recently refurbished offices with free parking in the heart of the city.

This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants variety in their work and the flexibility of not working during the school holidays.

Hours: Permanent (following a 6 month probationary period)

30 hours per week (9.00am – 4.00pm). Term time only (39 weeks per year)

Place of work: St Edmund’s House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HQ

Salary: £12,296 per annum depending on skills and experience.

**Closing date for applications: 9.00am on Thursday 23rd February 2023**

Start date: to be agreed as soon as possible

For a Job Description and details of how to apply or to arrange an informal chat about the role please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Head of Fundraising**

Full time role, based in PortsmouthSalary: £50,000-£55,000 per annum

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is spread across five counties on England’s South Coast, and the Channel Islands. Working from our 87 parishes and over 130 churches we are the local Church for the whole of Hampshire, Berkshire, the Isle of Wight, Jersey, and the Bailiwick of Guernsey as well as the Southern Part of Oxfordshire and the Eastern part of Dorset.

Due to some restructuring, an exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese as Head of Fundraising.

We are looking for an ambitious, confident, inspiring, and collaborative leader with substantial experience in fundraising and marketing in the Charitable sector, to enable develop our fundraising strategy so that all the good work the Church does in its parishes and outreach programmes are sustainable and well supported and enabled to grow and flourish.

You will have a strong track record in the planning and delivery of a cycle of routine planned giving as well as initiating and supporting high-profile campaigns.

You will be fully conversant with the methods and applications to manage donor relationships.

You will work closely with our professional fundraisers who are currently engaged in a major campaign in support of our clergy and parishes.

A part of this vital role is securing large grants from trusts and foundations and developing strong relationships with partners and major donors. Your written and presentation skills will be outstanding.

You will be fully committed to the Diocese vision of “Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His church”, and you will be conversant and sympathetic to the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

If you think you meet the requirements of the role and are excited about the opportunity to serve the church using your experience and skills, we would be delighted to hear from you.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For an informal discussion, please contact Heather Hauschild COO: hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please apply with CV and a written submission 350- 500 words on why you believe you meet the person specification. Applications to be submitted to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Deadline for completed applications: Friday 24 February 2023**

Interviews will be held in February dates to be notified. Please note you will be asked to meet key stakeholders individually before a presentation and panel interview.