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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year, 15th October 2023

The Wedding Feast

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The Peasant Wedding, painted by Pieter Breughel the Elder 1525-1569

Scripture readings **Isaiah 5:1-7** God wishes to bestow blessings upon all nations, not only Israel: we see this in the beautiful image of the banquet.

Philippians 4:12-14.19-20 St Paul thanks the Philippians for their support but says that his real strength comes from the Lord.

Matthew 22:1-14 Isaiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus: through him all God's people are invited to the banquet of the Kingdom.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on young people next year. An exciting preparation programme starts after half term; classes are on Sunday afternoons from 4 - 6 pm, mainly at Sacred Heart. They feature food, film, faith and fun. Candidates are encouraged to bring hopes, fears, questions, doubts, aspirations & spiritual experience! The Sacrament is for young people who will be at least 13 during this academic year. Please write personally to Fr Jeremy Garratt, 356 London Rd, Waterlooville PO7 7SR, in your own handwriting, explaining that you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and why it is important to you. Please include your postal address when writing. The deadline has been extended to the close of the school day on Friday 20th October. Please get your application in as soon as possible.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

14th October Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Mass Margaret Judge (AJ)

15th October 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Darragh Lawler RIP

Monday 16th October

St John Henry Newman

10 am Requiem Mass Andrew Hanlon RIP
Rosary after Mass

Tuesday 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch

12.15 pm Chapter Mass: St John's Cathedral

Wednesday 18th October St Luke

9 am Mass at Oaklands School with Year 7
10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 19th October Feria

No Mass today

Friday 20th October Feria

10 am Mass for the intentions of Harriet

Saturday 21st October

Our Lady on Saturday

10.30 am – 3.30 pm Prayer and Reflection

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Vigil Mass intentions of the Parish

22nd October Mission Sunday

29th of Ordinary Time

Fr James Lewis celebrates Mass. Canon Gerard celebrates at Horndean and Hayling Island.
10 am Mass Michael Ezeani & Chinaza and baptism of Hollie Lugia.

The Tea and Chat Group meet at 2 pm on Thursday 26th October. A warm welcome invites you to a nice cup of tea and cream cake, with a quiz, raffle, singsong in great company.

We pray for all those who are unwell, mourning or anxious at this time. You are welcome to pray the Rosary together after Monday 10 am Mass in October, or, if there is no Mass, at 10 am.

St Luke's Day Mass

7.30 pm Wednesday 18th October in St John's Cathedral. Fr James Lewis celebrates. Portsmouth Catholic Medical Association invites all healthcare workers.

St. Thomas More's Catholic Primary School Open Morning

Thursday 19th October from 9.30 am

No appointment is required. We would love to welcome as many parents as possible to see the school in action, and especially those parents with a child due to start school next September.

Who do you say that I am?

Come and respond in prayer to Jesus' question. Next Saturday, 21st October, you are invited to pray and reflect at St Michael's with music, witness, reflection, images of Jesus and Adoration. Lunch & refreshments are provided. Please sign up with your name, phone number & dietary requirements at office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk or on the sheet in the Welcome Area.

World Mission Sunday is on 22nd

October. The Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity and collects funds to support Catholic communities across the world in poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is *Hearts on fire, feet on the move* (Luke 24). Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for *Everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone*. Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/>

Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please. Thank you.

