## CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. SWITHUN'S

# NEWSLETTER



# **10 NOVEMBER 2024**

## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**REFLECTION FROM FR. ANTHONY.** Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. In a special way, we pray for those who gave their lives to defend the freedom and rights we enjoy today. We also pray for an end of war throughout the world we are experiencing at this time - especially in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Russia, and Ukraine. War always brings destruction on many levels, and there is no place for the killing of innocent life. So let us pray today that all wars may come to an end, that diplomacy will bring upon justice, reconciliation, and peace and that we may treat all people with dignity and respect, as we are all children of God at the end of the day.

### SHARING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.

Starting in Advent, we will reintroduce the possibility of the faithful receiving communion under both species - the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ. Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. We are very grateful for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion we have in the parish, but we are always looking for more assistance. If you would like to share your time during Mass to share the Body and Blood of Christ with the faithful, please get in contact with Fr. Anthony.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME.** This will start shortly in the pastoral area of Portsmouth. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Anthony before 22 November to register your child's details.

**VOCATIONS.** Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



**GOSPEL.** Mark 12:38-44. 'This poor widow has put in more than all.'

BIBLE STUDY. Starting on Wednesday 4 December, the parish will be hosting a Bible Study group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm onwards. We will focus on the Gospel of Luke. For more information, please contact the parish office.

standing Catholic tradition to have the eucharist offered for a particular intention, for the living and the dead. We do this because our faith is centred on the celebraton of the eucharist, the source of our life in Christ. Of course, Mass is free, but it is customary to make a donation in a form of Mass stipend or offering to support the presider. In the UK, the suggested amount is £5.00 but it is customary to give £10.00. If you would like to arrange a Mass offering, please contact the office.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 9 November - DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes (Vigil Mass) Faithfully departed of the parish

#### Sunday 10 November - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *People of the parish* 10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Remembrance Sunday Mass* 

Monday 11 November - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
No Mass

Tuesday 12 November - ST. JOSAPHAT

9.00am - St. Swithun's - Catherine Doyle RIP

Wednesday 13 November - 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - St. Swithun's - Anne Dolan RIP

Thursday 14 November - 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - St. Swithun's - John Murphy

Friday 15 November - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

10.00am - St. Swithun's - Students and staff of St. Swithun's School

Saturday 16 November - ST. EDMUND ABINGDON

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Diocese of Portsmouth*6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes (Vigil Mass) *Faithfully departed of the*parish

Sunday 17 November - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Jane McLunchie* 10.15am - St. Swithun's - *People of the parish* 



**OFFERTORY.** The Parish bank account details are as follows:

**Lloyds Bank Account name:** CDP Our Lady of Lourdes' and St Swithun

Church

**Sort code:** 30-93-04

Parish Account no: 01730453

#### PARISH CONFESSION TIMES.

Saturday morning after Mass at 9.45am at St Swithun's, and 5.15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Other times are available.

## YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved since you first joined the Parish? Do we have your current email address? Have you added to your family? Help us to keep our database up to date. Thank you!

**BAPTISM.** If you are looking to have your baby baptised, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk or email the office if he is unavailable.

PARISH SICK LIST. Do you know of someone who is ill and would like Holy Communion at home? If so, please let Fr. Anthony Fyk know once you have gained the person's permission to pass on their details. Thank you for your support.

**VOLUNTEERING.** If you could help us in any way, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk.

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