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**Link for vacancies throughout the Diocese** <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

**Thirty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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The readings this weekend remind us of the importance of faith, sacrifice, humanity and trust in God in our lives. These themes help us reflect on our relationship with God and others and guide us in our daily actions.

Both the first reading and Mark's Gospel present us with two scenes of two widows whose generous and open heart and hands, inspired by faith, are set before us as a model for true Christian giving and living. In classic Judeo-Christian irony, two people considered the least and lowest in society become authentic teachers of true faith and generous behaviour. The link between the two widows is that they gave everything they had to live on, their last resort. Their giving of all was a sign of their absolute trust in God. Their giving was a sign of their faith. Their giving was their true realisation of themselves. Their giving was sacrificial and distinguished them in the midst of others. Having faith in God leads to unexpected blessings in the first reading when the poor widow is provided by God with unlimited flour and oil for herself and her son. If we have trust in God's plan for us He will send blessings so that we can overcome difficulties and sadness that we may experience in our lives.

The second reading continues from previous weekends with St Paul's letter to the Hebrews, the Jewish Christians of the early Church, encouraging them to stay strong in their faith. Christ entered heaven having sacrificed Himself to remove our sins. He will return to bring salvation to those who wait for Him. It emphasise that Jesus is our high priest and greater than any other priests. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect and final sacrifice, which means we do not need other sacrifices

In Mark's Gospel Jesus teaches in the Temple and challenges the religious leaders and their abuse of their power. He exposes their hypocrisy and self-serving motives, emphasising the importance of genuine devotion to God and care for others. He condemns the rich who give large donations that they can easily afford compared to the widow's donation. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6.30pm Vigil Mass Success in job application for Stephen Forster</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> St Cybi</b> Born about 483 in Cornwall, son of a "warrior prince", and the King of Cornwall. Went on plgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. Ordained a priest and then a bishop by St Hilary in France. On arrival back in Cornwall his father had died and he was in line for the throne which he declined. Went preaching with his followers and founded churches in Cornwall and Wales successfully but Ireland proved difficult. Travelled to north Wales. Monastery founded on Anglesey on the site of an old Roman Fort at Holyhead. There are two holy wells, one in Cornwall and one in Wales, named after Cybi. Bishop Cybi died on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 555 and was buried at his monastery.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November      Thirtieth - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>For the departed souls of the Tavro family</b>
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> St Martin of Tours</b> Born in 316 in Hungary to pagan parents. Followed his father's profession. Served in the Roman Cavalry. He was drawn to Christianity. Gave half his cloak to a beggar. Saw Christ in a dream wearing it. Became a soldier of Christ. Put in prison when he tried to leave the army having become the first conscientious objector. Released and became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers in France as a monk and hermit. Proclaimed Bishop of Tours by the people. He founded monastic communities, a seminary for training priests and travelled all over his diocese on a donkey. Destroyed pagan temples and shrines. Replaced them with churches. Known as "Hammer of the Pagans". Died 8 <sup>th</sup> November 297 aged 81.
<b>NO MASS</b> <b>6 pm: Meeting at St Edmund's Hall Caritas on Poverty in Pastoral Area</b>	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> . St Josaphat Kuntsevych</b> Born in 1580 in Ukraine. Talented young student who was brought up in Eastern Orthodox Church. Befriended John Rutsky. Both supported union with Western Catholicism in Rome. Became Polish Lithuanian monk who took name Josaphat. Met 2 Jesuits. Ordained a priest by Catholic bishop aged 29. Appointed abbot to replace John Rutsky who had reformed monastic life. Met some opposition due to his sympathy with Rome. Then Archbishop of Polotsk in Belarus. Supported by the people but not all his bishops who had anti-Roman attitudes. Josaphat was martyred by an angry mob trying to explain the union of the Roman Latin Rite and the Orthodox-Byzantine Rite of the Eastern Church.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> St Abbo of Fleury</b> Born about 945 near Orleans, France and brought up in a Benedictine monastery, Fleury Abbey in Normandy. Studied in Paris and Rheims. Wrote a mathematics book. Produced a simplification of calculating date of Easter. Academic of incredible ability over an amazing variety of subjects. Made abbot of an English monastery in Ramsey near Peterborough and headmaster of the Abbey school. He wrote a Latin grammar for his English students and account of the martyrdom of King Edmund of East Anglia. Returned to France. Abbot of Fleury Abbey. Versatile thinker and copious writer. Died trying to restore peace and discipline in a visit to a monastic community in Gascony. Killed in a fight between the monks and the refectory servers.

<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> St Laurence O'Toole</b> Born in 1128 in Ireland. Son of a chieftain in County Kildare. Aged 12 released by abbot from 2 years hostage by rival king. When peace was restored, Laurence wanted to stay in the monastery rather than join his father. Aged 26 was made Abbot of Glendalough. Reformer who wanted Irish Church to have stronger ties with Rome. Elected Archbishop of Dublin aged 34 at Synod of Clane. First Irishman as predecessors were from the Continent. Choice welcomed by local leaders which made his diocesan reforms easier to achieve. He was tireless in his preaching and celebration of the liturgy and generous to the poor. In 1158 the only English pope issued a Papal Bull giving England rule of Ireland. English forced took Ireland in 1170. King Henry II called it a Crusade to bring the Irish closer to Rome before the murder of Thomas Becket in 1171. Archbishop Laurence was the mediator between King Henry and Irish rulers. Went to England and achieved <i>The Treaty of Windsor</i> . Organised Synod of Cashel to accept Papal Bull and clerical celibacy. Attended Third Council of the Lateran in Rome. Respected and trusted by the Irish, English, Vikings, Normans and Rome and all who met him. Died 14 <sup>th</sup> November 1180 in Eu, France, aged 52.					
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November St Margaret of Scotland</b> Born in 1046 in Hungary to Prince Edward of England and Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her father, heir to the English throne, was in exile after the Danish Conquest. The family went to England in 1057 but her father died. Margaret, her mother, sister and brother entered the Anglo-Saxon court of her great uncle King Edward the Confessor. In 1066 her brother Edgar was heir to the throne but the powerful Harold Godwin was made King Harold II. Family fled to north to Northumbria at the Norman Conquest. Trying to return to the Continent a storm drove their ship to Scotland. They were given protection by King Malcolm III, a widower with two sons. Margaret eventually agreed to be his wife. Brought European and Anglo-Saxon culture to improve the Scottish royal court. Very happy pair who had eight children. She softened Malcolm's fiery nature and helped him become a virtuous King of Scotland. Worked to aid the poor and with example encouraged people to live a devout life. She had churches built and Iona Abbey restored after Viking raids. With her skills in reading and writing and promotion of the arts and education was known as "Pearl of Scotland".					
<b>6.30pm Vigil Mass Joanna Thompson RIP</b>	<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> St Edmund of Abingdon</b> Born in Abingdon, south of Oxford, in 1175. Educated there at monastic school. Studied theology, mathematics, philosophy and grammar at Oxford and Paris Universities. Became a lecturer at Oxford and then in Paris. Joined Augustine canons in Surrey. Ordained a priest and became Doctor of Divinity. 1214 returned to Oxford University and promoting the study of Aristotle in Christian theology. Gained a high reputation as lecturer and eloquent and effective preacher. Led austere life style. 1219 parish priest in Calne, Wiltshire and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral. Preached to support the "Sixth Crusade" in 1227. Made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1234. Disputes with King III but helped him make peace with barons. Died in France on his return journey from Rome on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 1240 just before his 65 <sup>th</sup> birthday					
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>					
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>						
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>						
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker	Fr Michael Cronin

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr Michael Cronin left hospital again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November having decided not to have any treatment**  
Fr Michael decided not to have complicated surgery to treat his lungs. Please remember him in your prayers.

**150 gift bags needed for the homeless by the Sunday Lunch in their sites in Woolston and Portswood**  
Each bag contains basic toiletries, seasonal treats as well as a hat, gloves and pair of socks and can be sponsored at £10 each. To help this Christmas appeal please contact Liz Challand [lizchalland@btinternet.com](mailto:lizchalland@btinternet.com) for more details. Hope you are able to donate to this desperately needed assistance. Very many thanks in anticipation.

**Pastoral Area Caritas Meeting on Local Poverty – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm at St Edmund's Hall**  
This meeting invites people from all the Southampton parishes to discuss what poverty looks like in our Pastoral area. Anyone who feels they would be able to aid the discussion, especially those that know the area well or have been involved in any type of outreach work, would be most welcome.

**Weekday Masses at SVP are cancelled till after Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov when Fr Thomas returns.**  
Weekday Masses at St Boniface are: Monday to Friday at 10 am each morning  
Holy Family: Monday and Thursday (in Latin) at 7.30 pm. Tuesday and Friday at 9.15 am

**Three slide sheets are available from Shelagh Moon for anyone working in a Nursing/Care Home 80736275**

**Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 1pm to 3 pm.. Come along with your friends for a chat.**

### Parish collection for last weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November

							Diocese of Bamenda		
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£77	£19.25	£159.16	£242.54	£51.98	£549.93	----	£96.30	112.65	<b>£758.88</b>