



SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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Third Sunday of Lent



Fr. Jeremy writes...

In the early centuries of the Church, Lent was only three Sundays long and was specifically ordered towards the baptism of new converts to the faith who had undergone a catechumenate (period of instruction) of anything from one to three years. They will have celebrated the Rite of Election at the cathedral before embarking on Lent, after which they will have been known as 'the Elect'. The Elect would then undergo an intense period of preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. This preparation would focus on the three great Johannine readings that form the Gospels for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent today. As noted above, these three Sundays were once the extent of Lent; it was only later that the Temptations and the Transfiguration Gospels were added on Sundays one and two, and Lent extended to five weeks. It was only once these Sundays were added that the concept of Lent lasting forty days was adopted in line with Jesus' period in the desert and the forty years of wandering of the Israelites in the desert before reaching the Promised Land.

The three great Gospels of John for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays are, respectively, the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind and the Raising of Lazarus. These stories were used for catechesis of the Elect to tease out the fuller meaning of their Baptism. Nowadays, these Gospels are only read in Year A unless there are candidates for Baptism, in which case they can substitute the other Gospels appointed for Years B and C. Since we have candidates for Baptism this year, we will be using the Gospels of Year A both at Sacred Heart and St Edmunds. Additionally, at Sacred Heart, we will also use the other Year A readings that precede the Gospel. This week we focus on the beautiful story of the encounter between Jesus and the Woman at the well, from which many lessons can be gleaned...

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	SACRED HEART MASS INTENTION
Saturday 22 March Of the 2 nd Week of Lent Vigil 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	10am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Mass Stations of the Cross & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Jesus Youth Dolores Payne, RIP
Sunday 23 March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Jim Sharkey, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 24 March Of the 3 rd Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Holy Souls
Tuesday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, solemnity	6pm 7pm	Adoration & Confession HPA Station Mass	St Edmund St Edmund	
Wednesday 26 March Of the 3 rd Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls Jeanette Carolan, RIP
Thursday 27 March Of the 3 rd Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 9.15am 10am	Adoration Mass Stations of the Cross Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	Holy Souls
Friday 28 March Of the 3 rd Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls Diane Craig, Intention
Saturday 29 March Of the 3 rd Week of Lent Vigil FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30-10am 10am 10.30-11am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Confession Stations of the Cross & Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Rosemarie Regan, RIP
Sunday 30 March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Muriel Coyle, RIP Pope Francis, Wellbeing
Monday 31 March Of the 4 th Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Holy Souls
Tuesday 1 April Of the 4 th Week of Lent	6pm 7pm 6.45-8pm	Adoration & Confession HPA Station Mass Rosary Group	St Michael & All Angels St Michael & All Angels Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 2 April Of the 4 th Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Thursday 3 April Of the 4 th Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 9.15am 10am 1pm	Adoration Mass Stations of the Cross Mass Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart	Holy Souls Catherine Spurr, RIP
Friday 4 April Of the 4 th Week of Lent	7am 7.30am 9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls Dolores Payne, RIP
Saturday 5 April Of the 4 th Week of Lent Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30-10am 10am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Confession Mass Stations of the Cross and Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 People of the parish
Sunday 6 April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Jerome Govere, RIP Hodges family, Intention

Rosary in Havant Pastoral Area

Monday: St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park after 10am Mass.

Tuesday: St. Patrick's, Hayling Island at 10am before Mass.

Tuesday: Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle, Waterlooville, 6.45-8.15pm ***Not Tuesday 25 March.**

Monday to Wednesday: St. Thomas More's school chapel, Bedhampton, 8.15am.

Tuesday to Thursday: St. Thomas More's school chapel, Bedhampton, 3pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Third Thursday of every month: St Josephs & St Thomas' at St. Joseph's church, Havant at 3pm.

Preparation for this Sunday's Mass - Hymns

For those attending the 10.30am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, if you would like to familiarise yourself with the hymns in advance of the service please follow the links below:

- Offertory – Speak O Lord www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH1Wn4fTiBs
- Communion – Here is love vast as the ocean www.youtube.com/watch?v=crRs75ZX_nA
- Communion – Just as I am www.youtube.com/watch?v=enJ8JzW_A48
- Recessional – The Servant King www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrQiLEO4D5s

Sacred Heart Lent Programme 2025

Lent is a season in the Church's calendar when we're invited, for 40 days, to find time for prayer and fasting. It's an opportunity for spiritual growth as we prepare to commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and the celebration of his resurrection at Easter. These 6 weeks mirror the amount of time that Jesus spent in the desert to fast and pray.

At Sunday Mass the following differences are observed to mark the change of season:

- the entrance procession is silent
- we kneel for the Penitential Rite
- the penitential rite is the triple trope formula
- there is no Gloria
- there are no Alleluias
- the Mass prayers are recited on a monotone
- the Apostles' Creed substitutes the usual Nicene Creed
- one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation is used
- We use the English Plainchant settings from the Missal for the Holy, holy and Lamb of God
- there is an extra Prayer Over the People after Communion.

There are **no floral arrangements** as it is a penitential season.

There are **no Baptisms** as it is a season of preparation for Baptism.

Fr. Jeremy and Fr. James will be celebrating an extra **Mass at 7.30am** Monday to Friday excluding Tuesday (please check newsletter on a weekly basis). If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, occasion, private intention or thanksgiving during this time please contact Lisa at the Presbytery to arrange. Mass Offering envelopes can be found in the narthex.

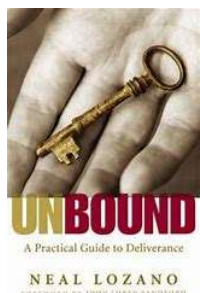
HAVANT PASTORAL AREA STATION MASSES (Tuesdays)

6pm – Adoration & Confession	25 March at St. Edmund
7pm – Mass	1 April at St. Michael & All Angels
8pm - Supper	8 April at St. Patrick

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturdays of Lent @ 5pm

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.



Lent Book and Station Masses

This Lent, our shared book for our Pastoral Area is UNBOUND, by Neil Lozano. It's chapters will form the background and reflection for each of the Station Masses on Tuesdays in Lent.

'As a teacher on deliverance, Neal Lozano knows that many believers struggle with the same sin areas time after time. Yet victory can be as simple as tapping into the potent power of the gospel. By focusing on Jesus and his work, rather than on the intimidating aspects of evil spirits, readers can reset their mindset about their spiritual struggles'. (Amazon review)

Unbound is available from Amazon for £9.54 as a new paperback (from £5.64 used). It is free on Kindle Unlimited and Audiobook as a trial. Other suppliers are available!

Neal Lozano (born 1949) is a non-fiction author who has run a deliverance ministry for over 35 years. He currently serves as a senior coordinator of the House of God's Light, an interdenominational Christian community which he has pastored for thirty years.

For those who have read the book, there will be an opportunity for Individual Ministry on Palm Sunday weekend – Details to follow.



BIG LENT Community Walk

Saturday 22nd March 11am-12.30pm

Father in heaven
Lead us as pilgrims on this journey
alongside our brothers and sisters.
As we respond to your call
Light up our lives with Your love
so we may be signs of hope. Amen

Please join us to support CAFOD together with this short walk, prayers and donations

Starting at St Joseph's Havant or St Michael's Leigh Park and meet in the middle

Sign up contact mihompson@cafod.co.uk



Passover Celebration at St. Joseph Church. Havant

Monday 14 April, 6.30pm for 7pm. A choice of lamb or fish meal with 2 glasses of wine. All welcome. Tickets from Vicky in the parish office office@rchavant.com £20/Adult and £5/Children.

Flowers for Easter

If you would like to make a donation to help beautify the church for Easter, please use the basket in the narthex. Every little helps. Your continued support is always gratefully appreciated. Thank you.



Please pray for those who need our prayers...

We pray for those who are ill in mind and body. May they find comfort and hope in the tender love of Jesus. We also pray for those who care for them, that they may be blessed with the gifts of gentleness and patience.

Pope concelebrates Mass in Gemelli Hospital



In a photo of Pope Francis taken from behind him, he is seated in a wheelchair, wearing a cassock and stole after concelebrating Mass. The photo shows him looking at the crucifix on the altar of the chapel on the tenth floor of the hospital where he has gone to pray every day since his medical condition has shown slight improvements. This is the first photo of Pope Francis since he was admitted to Rome's Gemelli Hospital on 14th February. The Holy See Press Office distributed the photo on Sunday evening 16th March.

For a number of days now, journalists and the public in general had been asking for a photo of the Pope. The last ones seen came over a month ago when at his Santa Marta residence prior to his hospitalization the Pope received members of Spain's Gaudium et Spes Foundation. Since then, nobody apart from the doctors treating him and his closest collaborators had been able to see the Pope. His voice was heard, however, in the audio clip played on 6th March during the Rosary in Saint Peter's Square, where he blessed the faithful and thanked those who have prayed for him during this time of illness.

[Image and article: Vatican Press Office / CBCEW]

Thank you so much!

Both Fr. Jeremy and Fr. James celebrated 'big birthdays' last week and they were overwhelmed by the show of affection from the parish. They would like to thank everyone who gifted them with cards, presents and good wishes. Maybe 'big birthdays' aren't quite so bad, when you're surrounded by the love and support of a caring community.



Centenary Celebrations begin on Hayling Island

[Taken from the latest edition of the Portsmouth E-News]

St Patrick's Hayling Island began their Centenary celebrations last night with Mass for St Patrick's Day. Dean of St Wilfrid Deanery, South East Hampshire and Coordinating Pastor of Havant Pastoral Area, Mgr. Canon Jeremy Garratt, preached this fascinating homily.

Pictured (left to right) Fr Józef Gruszkiewicz, Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt, Fr Mark Whiting (Parish Priest), Deacon Craig Aburn and Fr Andrew Wagstaff with Seminarian Farvin Gonsalves and the serving team.



People of my generation remember a time in the English Church when the majority of our clergy came from Ireland. In 1956 there were 3772 seminarians training in Ireland to become diocesan clergy, by contrast, now there are fewer than 20. In the 1950s there were many more priests in Ireland than required to supply the country's needs. Most parishes already had at least three priests and it often took up to 40 years for a curate to become a parish priest. Consequently, each year hundreds of newly ordained were exported to other countries, including England where we struggled to produce indigenous priests for our own country's mission.

One explanation for this might be that, if the majority of bishops here were like our own bishop of Portsmouth, William Cotter, they simply refused to take English students for the Portsmouth Diocese. Cotter would only accept Irish candidates, and he would do the rounds of the Irish seminaries each year head-hunting his future clergy for Portsmouth. There is a well-established rumour that he would then send all those he chose to be interviewed and vetted by his mother, who ran a shop in Cloyne, before accepting them. She was, thus, the precursor of the selection conference.

I mention this because the decision to name the newly commissioned Catholic Church on Hayling Island in 1925 after St Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, would have been made by the same Bishop Cotter. There is also a connection with my own parish of Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, in that it was Bishop Cotter who made the wise decision to bring over a cohort of religious sisters from Ireland to minister to the poor ladies of the street in Portsmouth, a typical port city with the attendant problems. The sisters also ministered to women disowned by their families after becoming pregnant out of wedlock, as well as orphaned children.

The sisters were successful in running a farm and a laundry which became renowned for the quality of its work. The laundry earned the sisters enough money to begin building a church which was consecrated by Bishop Cotter in 1923. Cotter engaged a pair of architect brothers who were making a name for themselves as innovative designers of Catholic churches around the country. They were James Henry and Wilfrid Clarence Mangan, an architect's practice based in Preston. Under Bishop Cotter and his successors they were commissioned to design and build a number of churches in the Diocese of Portsmouth including English Martyrs, Reading, St Saviour's, Totland, St Patrick's, Romsey, Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton, St Joseph's, Newbury and, locally, Sacred Heart, St Colman's and our own St Patrick's. Thus it was that, having completed the Waterlooville commission, the Mangans began work on St Patrick's in 1924. The land for the church had been bought from a local resident in 1914 when what is now the main aisle of the church was built as a small chapel. The present high altar also dates from this period. The Mangans built their churches in distinctive Italian style, possibly to make a statement in contrast to the typical Anglican parish church and to express their loyalty to Rome. The use of skilled Italian bricklayers and suppliers of Italian marble is evidenced in both Sacred Heart and St Patrick's in the decorative plasterwork around the nave, columns and other features in scagliola, a kind of coloured faux marble, in mosaic work and in the use of terrazzo.

When completed in 1925, since Hayling was then part of Havant parish, the church was handed over to its parish priest, Canon Bailey. The church was designed to seat 130 people and cost £12,000 to build. In 1927, Hayling became a parish in its own right and its first parish priest was Fr James McGuckin who stayed initially at a convent on the sea front, also called St Patrick's, where the sisters ran a sanatorium for children. It later became the cathedral choir school and has since been demolished. The stations of the cross installed in St Patrick's in 1991, came from the convent which closed in the 1960s. Also in the 1960s, Fr Edward Casey organised the building of the two transepts, effectively enlarging the capacity of the church from 130 to 350 at a cost of £26,000. Possibly owing to a debt, the church was not consecrated until 1984. The presbytery was added in 1973 and the church hall built in 1979.

As always when we look back over the history of our churches and parishes, we are moved, impressed and sometimes astonished by the energy and commitment of our forebears and their evangelical determination to put the Catholic Church once more on the map of England's green and pleasant land. There was still an animus when I was growing up against Roman Catholics who were seen as like some foreign infiltrator owing more allegiance to Rome than to the crown. If you were a full-blooded Englishman, you wouldn't want your daughter marrying one.

At the time St Patrick's was built, it was scarcely a hundred years since Catholics in this country had been emancipated from the many strictures to which they had been subjected by law since the English Reformation. At times during that period, Catholics could not own land or travel more than five miles from their homes; they were excluded from political life and could not hold any public office. They could not build churches and were, at times, restricted from assembling. Mass was held in pubs or the homes of wealthy recusant families. It is small wonder that suspicion and prejudice against Catholics was still found a century later and the building of churches like St Patrick's was a significant statement that 'we're back'!

Opposition to the work of God and the word of the Lord is nothing new, as the seventy-two discovered who were sent out by Jesus in the Gospel as a kind of rehearsal for their future mission. They were not always welcomed and were regarded with suspicion by some, rejected by others, though greeted with open arms by many. A similar fate befell Patrick who, as a teenager in Roman Britain, was kidnapped by a raiding party and taken to Ireland where he was beaten and brutally treated. In his suffering and loneliness, he turned to Jesus for strength and help and found comfort. Escaping and returning to his home, he received a task from God which must have made his heart heavy: he was to return to Ireland and teach the people about Christ and his message of salvation. Like the seventy-two in the Gospel and many missionaries later, Patrick was again brutally treated by many and suffered much. But he managed to teach the willing about the love of God, famously using simple props like the shamrock to put across complex ideas. To quote the reading from Acts we have just heard, when Patrick preached: *...they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life, believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.*

As those many Irish priests of my youth remind us, we are heirs to Patrick's legacy and have received the faith from the descendants of those who sat at his feet and felt their lives changed for ever by the words of life that flowed from his mouth and by the Spirit of God which filled him. Today we give thanks not just for St Patrick, nor just for one hundred years of this church but for the faith of all those who have worshipped here and have lived out and handed on the faith to the next generation, priests and people alike. In celebrating this centenary we honour them and their legacy and we look forward, in our turn, to handing on the faith to generations yet to come. As the psalm today proclaims, 'For [the Lord's] mercy has prevailed over us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.' St Patrick, pray for us.

Rosary with Bishop Philip

Over ten years ago Bishop Philip sent everyone in the Diocese of Portsmouth his Rosary CD. The recording is of the Bishop praying the Rosary with students from St Peter's School, Bournemouth, and includes all the Mysteries of the Rosary. If you no longer have yours, or no longer use CDs, it's available free in digital format. Goto: www.soundcloud.com/user-598098600/sets/holy-rosary-with-bishop-philip-egan for use in your car or around the home to download to your phone, computer, or other digital device.

The Rosary developed in the High Middle Ages period and is a wonderful prayer for us to say, praying to Our Lord for protection from all danger, sickness and evil. If you need help in saying the Rosary, goto www.mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/the-holy-rosary-2024 for a simple explanation. There are many intentions to pray for, especially for the Holy Father, for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

News from Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College and St Peter's Catholic Primary School regarding leadership arrangements for September 2025 – August 2026

As many of you will be aware, Mr Matthew Quinn is retiring as the Headteacher of Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College in Waterlooville at the end of this academic year. To ensure ongoing high-quality Catholic education, Oaklands Local Governing Body is delighted to announce that Mr Richard Cunningham (currently Headteacher of St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Waterlooville) will become the Interim Executive Headteacher of Oaklands, whilst retaining his position at St Peter's in the capacity of Executive Headteacher, for a period of 12 months. Mr Quinn will remain in his role as CEO of the Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust.



Thank you for your prayers and support during this time of transition.

Dr Elizabeth Cluett, Chair of Governors, Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College

Mrs Liz Holford, Chair of Governors, St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Mr Marc Evans, Chair of Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust

News from St. Peter's School...

Richard Cunningham, Headteacher writes...

This week at St Peter's saw the pupils of Reception Year host their first Celebration of the Word (Liturgy) in school. Of course, this is not the first time they have welcomed families into school, as Year R put on incredible Nativity plays in December. Fr James joined the pupils in class before the Celebration of the Word, and was present in the hall when lots of parents, carers, grandparents and little brothers and sisters joined in a worship based upon how to meet the challenges of Lent. Fr James showed us pictures he took in the desert on a recent stop-over in the Middle East, helping the children to understand how Jesus made space to hear God's voice before starting his ministry. All 60 pupils in Year R were wonderful in leading the celebration through prayer, and singing two wonderful praise songs with actions thrown in, showing off to their families just how far they have come in their first six months at St Peter's.

St Thomas More's School Foundation Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Foundation Governor at St. Thomas More's Catholic Primary School in Bedhampton. Although this is a voluntary post it is immensely satisfying and rewarding and you will be part of a Governing Body of twelve like minded individuals, seven of whom will be practising Catholics appointed by the Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth as Foundation Governors. There is much more information available about the role of a Foundation Governor from the schools section of the Diocesan website (<https://www.casoportsouth.org.uk/recruiting-governors-2/>) and you can find further information about St. Thomas More's Catholic Primary School on the school's website. (<https://www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk/>).

If you would like an informal conversation with Mr. Sendall, Headteacher or Paul Baker, Chair of Governors, you would be most welcome to contact either of them via the school by email at adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk or by telephone on 023 9247 5909.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Catherine Spurr, Tom Combeer, Jean Lowe and Vivien Buckley who have died recently. Please remember in your prayers their family and friends at this very sad time. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Calling All Teens! - The NEXUS Experience

Every 3rd Sunday of the month we will be hosting a special **Youth-Led Mass** at Sacred Heart at 6.30pm with songs and music loved by our young people. This will be followed by fellowship and fun for Years 10-13 ending with night prayer and depart at 9pm. See the poster later in the newsletter for further details.

*Please note: Not on Easter Sunday! Next get-together will be on Sunday 18 May, when it is hoped to visit Southsea. We'll need to know ahead of time if you would like to join us – please email Fr. James on jlewis@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Think & Drink

Join us for a new initiative embracing faith, fellowship and fun for young adults (18+). Gathering in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church after the 6.30pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month and walking across to the Woodpecker Pub on London Road.

Alpha Courses Spring 2025 – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

St Patrick's, Hayling Island on Monday evenings from 7- 9 pm

St Colman's, Cosham on Wednesday nights (from 19 March) from 7-9 pm

The sessions will be for 11 weeks. Each evening begins with a delicious hot meal and opportunities for developing new friendships. This is followed by an engaging presentation on the Christian faith and the opportunity, in small groups, to share your thoughts and raise questions in a supportive and non-judgemental environment. If you haven't done Alpha before and feel this could be a good opportunity for you, please contact:

St Patrick's Hayling Island alpha.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Colman's, Cosham alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk



Team Clean!

Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. This happens on a Monday morning between 09.00-10.00 hours. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.

The Tuesday Club

First and third Tuesdays of each month 2-4pm. If you have never attended before but fancy turning up for a cuppa and a chat, just come along. Any questions – please give Trish a call on 07947 611699.

The Union of Catholic Mothers

The ladies meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month @ 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome – just pop along!

St. Patrick's, Hayling Island – 100th Anniversary this year!

John Meacham from St. Patrick's writes...

St Patrick's Church on Hayling Island is celebrating its hundredth birthday in July. There is going to be a celebration of this over the weekend of July 12th/13th. As part of this an art exhibition is going to be held in part of the church. We are asking for entries on the theme of '*Glimpses of the Transcendental*'. Really anything which is pointing beyond the material to the sublime. The idea is to make it as open as possible to Christians and non-believers. Please see the poster displayed in the church lobby. There are some letters of invitation including entry forms available for anyone interested.

Knit & Natter

First Saturday of each month from 4-5pm in the church narthex. Everyone is welcome. Just bring along your wool and knitting needles. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Why not stay for Guided Adoration and Praise & Worship which will begin at 5pm!

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Mass Intentions

You can email Lisa at the presbytery regarding Mass Offerings and indeed any questions or queries about booking Masses on intentions@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk Suggested donation £10.

Havant Pastoral Area Webpage

Our local webpage, covering the worshipping communities of the Havant Pastoral Area, can be found here: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/ The page features a calendar of Masses throughout the whole Pastoral Area for the current month, regularly revised as necessary. There is also a schedule of events across the Pastoral Area as well as a page for each community. A link to the livestream channel can be found on the Sacred Heart page under the Dona link button.

Our Newsletter

All news items and forthcoming events to the parish secretary office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk by 2.30pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit any articles prior to publication due to space. Articles may not be published immediately and may be held in reserve for future use. If you would like to receive a copy via email please contact Sue.

Payments to Sacred Heart

If you would like to make a donation to the parish there are several ways to do this:

- *Cheque made payable to 'CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart'*
- *'Donate with Dona' button on our Webpage*
- *Online payments in church using the Dona machine [by the Sacristy]*
- *BACS: Lloyds bank account 01861043, sort code 309304, CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart*

Please consider - Gift Aiding your donation

As a charity we can get tax relief which allows us to reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer. Claiming Gift Aid on donations made by parishioners means we can claim from the government 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you! Please consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration form today. There are forms available in the narthex or on request by emailing Yvonne on accounts@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Ongoing Catechesis

• Certificate in Catechesis

The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph in Lymington are offering a 2-year Certificate in Catechesis to equip parish catechists, parents, and grandparents to transmit the Catholic faith to others. This Certificate is approved by the Bishop's Conference, and offers a formation developed from the 2020 Directory for Catechesis, relevant to the pastoral context we face in our parishes. It is delivered **online in weekly sessions** with notes, recordings, and presentations made available to the students. It is comprehensive in its overview of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and in its practical application to all forms of catechesis. **2 in-person days** are offered each year to build up the students community and fellowship in faith. To begin your studies in September 2025 use this link www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate

• Formation for Extraordinary Ministers

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation, will be running further formation days, one for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion which will include a session on taking Holy Communion to

the sick and housebound on **Saturday 3rd May** and another for Readers which will include a session on Lectio Divina on **Saturday 18th October**.

There will also be a day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy on **Saturday 7th June**, further details to follow. Click on the picture for a poster with further details. The sessions will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke. Anyone interested is encouraged to register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Job Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Looking for a new opportunity?

Please visit <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

We are looking for dedicated professionals who understand church life to take on these exciting and challenging roles to support the work of the Diocese and our Ten-Year Mission Plan.

Our **COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** will have strong presentation and writing skills and extensive experience in media relations, public consultations, and advising on key issues.

See the full job description here: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/JD-Communications-manager-120325.pdf

Our **FUNDRAISING MANAGER** will play a key role in supporting parishes in their local fundraising, including identifying and securing grant applications. We are looking for someone who is well organised, has strong people skills and a proven track record of delivering significant fundraising programmes and managing all aspects of fundraising support. See the full job description here: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/JD-Fundraising-manager-120325.pdf

Please contact hr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register interest in either of these roles.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447.



Pre-loved Clothes Sale

Saturday 5 April @ 2-4pm at Sacred Heart Church
356 London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR

Clothing for everyone: women, men, children and infants
Pay whatever you can afford! This is not a fundraising event -
all donations received go back in the local community
for anyone in need.

A plea for lady's clothing size 20+ or baby and children clothes! Please bring them along on Tuesdays, when Nina will be around to kindly organise them for the next clothes sale. Thank you.

Calling young people in Years 10-13



You are invited to...

NEXUS

6.30pm Youth Led Mass

7.30pm Food, fellowship and FUN!

8.30pm Night Prayer

9.00pm Home

3rd Sunday of the month

Starting on Sunday 19th January

Sacred Heart Church,
385 London Road
Waterlooville

Please email if you are coming and if you have any dietary requirements.
jlewis@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Southern Region

Southampton • Fawley • Portsmouth • Poole • Shoreham
Weymouth • Portland • Isle of Wight • Channel Islands

EASTER EGG APPEAL

Can you help us give an Easter egg to Seafarers this Easter?



Stella Maris Chaplains and Volunteer Ship Visitors will be visiting ships in our Southern ports during Holy Week and after Easter, and expect to bring this great celebration to many hundreds of seafarers who remain confined to their ships at this time, without the prospect of taking shore leave or visiting a church.

Together with faith materials, we would like to offer Easter Eggs and chocolates, the international symbol of celebration of this Solemnity of Solemnities, and would greatly appreciate the support of your parish/school/group in our Stella Maris Easter Egg appeal.

We need to prepare now. Can you help us by donating Easter eggs and chocolates?

Please contact your Stella Maris Southern Region Port Chaplains, Charles or Gregory, using contact details below, to arrange collection or delivery.

Your gift may be the only gift a seafarer receives this Easter.

Stella Maris Southern Region, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton. SO14 2AH. Tel. 02380 636 499

Chaplain: Mr Luke Phillips Tel. 07843 739 579 Email: luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org

Chaplain: Mr Gregory Hogan Tel. 07963 345 618 Email: gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org

STELLA MARIS SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS AROUND THE WORLD

National Office, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BK. Tel. 020 7901 1931 Email: info@stellamarismail.org www.stellamaris.org.uk
Registered charity in England and Wales no. 1060823. Registered charity in Scotland no. SC243085. Registered company no. 3320118

Quiz Night

at
Sacred Heart Church Hall
London Road, Waterlooville
Saturday 5th April 2025
7pm for 7:30pm start

Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of
St. Edmund and Sacred Heart Parishes

Tickets £6 per person
Available from
Trevor Nee at St. Edmunds
Dorothy Pople at Sacred Heart

Please bring your own
Drinks, Glasses and Nibbles

Let's support

Rowans
Hospice

Rowans Denmead Fundraising Support Group



Invite you to a

BARGAIN BUMPER SALE

Jigsaws, Toys, Gifts, Crafts & Nearly New Goods

Saturday April 26th 2025

9am until 12 noon at

DENMEAD MEMORIAL HALL,
Hambledon Road.

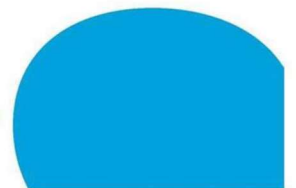
For more details or to book a table to sell your crafts:

please contact: 07947611699

Patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

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Contact Sacred Heart...

Administrative Lead:

Susan Siou

office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

023 9226 2289

Monday 10am-12.30pm,

Tuesday-Thursday 10am-3pm

Parish Centre Coordinator:

Angela McLaughlin

023 9226 9348

parishcentre@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Accounting & Gift Aid:

Yvonne Hands

accounts@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Pastoral Area Alpha:

Pauline Snook

alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

EMHC Coordinator:

Joy Hastilow

Until a diocesan email address can be organised for Joy, please use this email:

specialministerssacredheart@gmail.com

Mass Offerings, Invoicing & Housekeeping:

Lisa Wingrove-Cross

Intentions@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

023 9226 2289

Monday 10am-3pm,

Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm

Parish Safeguarding Representative:

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Pam Hales

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Altar Servers:

Jim Hordell

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Parish Health & Safety Representative:

[C/O The Presbytery for the time being](#)

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Sacred Heart & St Peter the Apostle



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