



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE AND BLESSED MARGARET POLE CHURCH  
SOUTHBOURNE-ON-SEA**



Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, Charity No. 1199568

**NEWSLETTER Second Sunday in Lent Year C 2025**

		<b>Mass intentions</b>	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:30 am 11:00 am	Maura Irwin People of the Parish	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> Year C (Cycle 1) Psalter week 2
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	Mary Gorman & Anthony Cantwell R.I.P.	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	Francis Lord R.I.P.	St. Joseph (Solemnity)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9:30 am	Mairead Brown R.I.P.	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	9:30 am 11:00 am	Hary & Mary Marriott R.I.P. People of the Parish	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> Year C (Cycle 1) Psalter week 3

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS** - All welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Sunday 9:30 Mass. For safeguarding purposes parents are reminded that children need to be signed in before Mass starts; thank-you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** The First Holy Communion children are doing their preparation this Sunday. As in previous years, the first few rows of pews will be reserved for the children and their families. Thank you for your cooperation

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Thank-you to the **Children's' Choir** for singing at Mass last Sunday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** During Lent we shall have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm. Will readers kindly sign up to lead these sessions- two readers per date.

**LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP.** My Dear Parishioners. As you will now know, Fr. Kevin Hoiles, your esteemed parish priest, will be retiring from ministry later this month. Over these last years, he has suffered from ill health and yet he has valiantly continued to serve as your parish priest. I wish hereby to express immense gratitude to him for his many years of service as a priest of our Diocese and especially for his work here in Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne. Let us pray that the Lord will grant him better health and strength in his retirement as well as some well-deserved rest. Fr. Kevin will continue his work as a priest but without the burdens of office. I know he will also help out as he is able and when his health permits. Meanwhile, I am pleased to announce that Fr. Alexander McAllister, a Salvatorian priest, has agreed to act as the temporary priest in charge of the parish until September. Fr. Alex comes with a wealth of experience and I know you will make him welcome. I am grateful to him for this, and I also thank Mgr. John Nelson of Corpus Christi Boscombe, who during this time will act as your canonical Parish Priest. I want to thank you for your vibrant witness to Christ and His Church, under the patronage of Our Lady Queen of Peace. May She help us with Her powerful intercession during this time. With the assurance of my prayers and best wishes, In Corde Iesu, +Philip. Bishop of Portsmouth

**ADVANCE NOTE - CHANGE OF MASS TIME SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.** That Sunday will be the last Sunday Mass with Fr. Kevin and there will be one Mass only, this will be at **10.30 am**

**CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK** is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](https://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey), where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March

**CAFOD** offers daily prayers and reflections for the Lenten journey. The daily emails start on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Day. [Sign up for the emails](#) You can also text *CAFODLENT* to 70085 to donate £10

**VACANCY** St Peter's School are looking for a Chaplain – Full time/ Part time considered (please state in your application the FTE you are applying for) Start date – 1st September 2025. Further information <https://www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/blog/?pid=6&nid=4&storyid=747> The closing date for applications is by 8.00am on Thursday 20th March 2025. Interview date Tuesday 25th March 2025.

**CHRISTCHURCH SINGERS** invite you to *Come and Sing* Matthew Coleridge's Requiem on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at St Ambrose Church, Westbourne. 10am (registration) – 4pm. £20 (score and refreshments) bring your own lunch and drink. [Register online](#) or contact [christchurchsingers23@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchsingers23@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT PETITION** – TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition (in the Narthex) which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL** Please see the poster in the narthex (church porch).

