



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th August 2025 AD

Year C (Psalter Week 1)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's Gospel contains a stark warning from Jesus. We cannot think that being a "Roman Catholic" makes us better than others or gives us automatic entry into heaven. Faith is not "a tick-box exercise". Jesus says that others may find their way into God's kingdom before us—it is not for us to judge who is worthy. Because of our Baptism and Confirmation and our reception of the Most Holy Sacrament, we are called to set ourselves higher standards and to seek to enter the kingdom by the narrow door.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 — *They shall bring all your brothers from all nations*  
Responsorial Psalm: **Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.** (Psalm 117)  
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 — *The Lord disciplines the one He loves*  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father except by me..  
**Alleluia!** (John 14:6)  
Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30 — *People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God*  
Communion Antiphon: **The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O LORD;**  
**You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.** (Psalm 103:13-15)

Day	Time	Service	Intention
<b>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 24th August	10:00am 10:30am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	Marianna Hrecinue and all People of the Parish
Tuesday <b>Feria</b> 26th August	10:00am 7:15pm	Rosary Pastoral Meeting	
Wednesday <b>St Monica</b> 27th August	10:00am	Mass at St Michael's, Leigh Park	
Thursday <b>St Augustine of Hippo, bishop, doctor</b> 28th August	10:00am 10:30am	Adoration Mass	Vera Higgins
Friday <b>The Passion of St John-the-Baptist</b> 29th August	10:30am	Mass	James Conley RIP
Saturday <b>Feria</b> 30th August	6:00pm	Vigil Mass at St Michael's, Leigh Park	
<b>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 31st August	10:00am 10:30am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	The Roche Family and all People of the Parish

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Dominic Cosgrave, David Reilly, Maureen Cronin, Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Helen Whiting, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahoney.

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:** Leslie Young

**And those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Stella Casley (Sun) William Humphrey (Wed)

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.  
This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.

## NOTICES:



St Patrick's Church celebrates **100 years** on Manor Road inviting worshippers to meet Jesus since 1925. Our centenary celebrations will continue on **Sunday 21st September** with a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by The Rt Rev Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth at 10:30am.



**Sacrament of Confirmation for Young People 2026.** In the Michaelmas Term, we are beginning the journey for those that would like to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, next Summer. This is open to **all young people that are in year 8 and above** from September 2025. We are beginning with the exciting, new Youth Alpha series. Following this, there will be an opportunity to enrol in early January for further faith-based interactive sessions to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Bishop Philip will be Confirming our young people with the Holy Spirit at the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville, on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 7:00pm.** If you would like to receive more information about this opportunity, please email: [confirmation@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk](mailto:confirmation@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk). Please provide candidate's name, age and a parent's e mail address and phone number.



We now have a new **Pastoral Area website** on which news from all our parishes can be found. Please use the link: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/> to access the site.



**The Catholic Women's League** is having a summer break; we wish to thank all the Parish and friends and neighbours for their support at our fundraising events, especially Bingo. We will continue to provide coffee after Mass on our allotted Sunday in August and **restart all activities in September**. There continues to be a plentiful supply of cards for all occasions available from the Repository along with small gifts and the ever popular 'crosses in pockets' for £1 each, ideal to slip in an envelope with a card. New Sunday Missals can also be purchased from the Repository, price £17. **Enjoy the holidays.**



**We need more readers, to proclaim the Holy Scripture during mass.** This is a very important ministry open to all people of any age. Please speak to Clare if you are able to volunteer. We also need more people to help with the writing of intercessions (the prayers at mass). A training session will take place for all volunteers at **11:00am on Saturday 6th September**. This is for both new volunteers and for existing readers/intercessors. Please give your name to Clare Hill.



The next collection for **Hayling Holiday Lunches** will be on **Sunday 14th September**. We will also be having a special **Harvest Festival** collection on **Sunday 19th October**. Sarah Smith from HHL has sent the following message to St Patrick's congregation: *We should like to thank you for your monthly food collections for Hayling Holiday Lunches and for the generous financial gifts we have received from your church. We are in the middle of our summer holiday deliveries which use a substantial amount of food so everything is so welcome and the financial donations go towards our purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables and our trips to the cash and carry. Thank you for the part that you are playing in helping these families.*

As part of the new parish of "Jesus, Prince of Peace" a small group has got together to discuss working together supporting those in need and supporting **Justice, Peace and Social Action**. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 2nd September** and **Ss Thomas' Church, Emsworth** at **5:00pm**. For further information please see the leaflet at the back of Church.



Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

