

13TH NOVEMBER 2022
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

"Your endurance will win you your lives "

Luke 21:19

Immaculate Conception Church

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ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT
www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 13 Nov	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday)	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Jennifer Holmes RIP Neal Cookson RIP
Mon 14 Nov	Feria	-	NO SERVICES	
Tues 15 Nov	St Albert the Great	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	John McDermot RIP
Wed 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon	10.00 am	Mass	Cecilia Makinde RIP
Thur 17 Nov	St Elizabeth of Hungary	10.00 am	Mass	-
Fri 18 Nov	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome	9.00 am 10.00 am	Rosary & Adoration Mass	-
Sat 19 Nov	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Bereavement Mass	For the deceased of our parish
Sun 20 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Zbigniew Wolas John & Ann Gabbot RIP



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm: 97:5-9

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

THIS SUNDAY - Please join us in the hall for refreshments **after 10.30 am Mass this weekend.**

TUESDAYS - Please join us in the hall on Tuesdays after Mass for coffee. A friendly welcome awaits you.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 26th November, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

We are collecting the following items.

Toys, Bottles (for the bottle tombola), Gifts, Raffle Prizes, Hand made festive goods, Items for a silent auction.

There will be boxes in the porch next Sunday for any donations.

If you would like to run your own stall please contact Annatasia to book a place.

PLANNED ROAD WORKS starting from Monday 7 November for approximately 6 weeks. This will require the closure of the junction of Mayfield Road and Thomas Lewis. Please bear this in mind if you would normally use this junction to travel to the church.

WELCOME TO DEACON GERARD DAILLY

Hopefully many of you will have met or come across Deacon Gerard who joined us last week at each of the weekend Masses. Like Fr Anthony, he has also come to us from St Peters Catholic parish in Winchester, and will be a support to Fr Anthony in helping to serve this parish.

So, a very warm welcome to you Deacon Gerard! We look forward to getting to know you and sharing with you our parish community life.

SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL

If you or a friend or relative are not able to get to Mass because of illness, frailty or disability, please do let us know, so that we can ensure you/they are offered a visit from Fr Anthony or one of our visiting group who can bring Holy Communion. If you are in hospital, do also remember that there is a hospital chaplaincy team available to visit/bring communion to you. They can be contacted at the hospital on the following number: 023 8120 8517 (always at the top of this newsletter)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK
 Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Discernment

“See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them!” [Luke 21:8](#)

What an interesting line. What does this mean? Who are the “many” that Jesus speaks of? Are they in our midst today?

It may not be helpful to try to point to this or that person or to this or that group of people in reference to the “many” who will come in Jesus’ name falsely. But it is helpful to speak to some general and guiding principles.

First, Jesus uses the word “deceived.” There will be many false prophets who will have the ability to deceive. They will portray themselves as messengers of the truth and dispensers of the will of God. Their words will be convincing and many will follow.

This tells us that not everyone “speaking in the name of God” is in fact speaking in the “name of God.” And even if many others are following, and they are very convincing, this is not proof that the person is a true prophet of the Lord.

How do we discern when someone is speaking from the heart of Jesus? Ultimately, this can only be done through a state of prayer. Being in a “state of prayer” means that our hearts are attuned to God’s voice. When God speaks through this or that person and our hearts are tuned into Him, we will simply know His voice as it is spoken through this or that person.

Conversely, when we are living in a state of true prayer and then someone speaks a false and deceiving message, something will not sit well with us. There will be a sense in the depths of our souls that something is not right. It will be a spiritual sense and this is a result of the healthy working of our conscience. There are external guides such as the revealed teaching of the Church and the counsel of other good Christians, but in the end we must allow God to speak within our consciences and follow His voice in this holy sanctuary.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not you daily seek out and hear God speaking to you in the depths of your conscience. Listen closely and attentively. Learn His voice and seek to hear Him speak through other people. And when the voice of others is in opposition to the voice speaking within your soul, remain faithful to God speaking within you. It is there, more than any other place, that He will lead you.

A reflection for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Saturday 19th November, 10 am

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls and we invite you to attend our annual Mass. All are very welcome. Please do come along to remember and pray for anyone close to you who has died. We especially invite those who have suffered bereavements over the past year. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

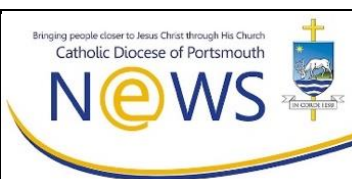
NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE DEAD

November is the month in which we remember the dead. During this time, we continue to pray for those who have gone before us in faith, that they might be embraced by God. We invite you to remember relatives and friends who have died by writing their names down on the purple paper slips at the front of the church or in the porch and leaving them in the basket in front of the Altar to be remembered and prayed for at Masses during this month of Holy Souls.

MASS INTENTIONS

You will find new Mass intention envelopes which have been made more accessible for you and easier to make any donation you are able to, in the church porch. Please remember however, that if you cannot afford to make a donation, you can still request a Mass intention using the envelope.

Do remember to let us know via these envelopes, if you have people you would like the parish to pray for - friends or family, sick, deceased, in difficulty or perhaps celebrating an occasion. We can then add them to the Mass Intentions list. If you would like to attend the Mass we can ensure it is on an available day which is convenient to you.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

Activities, events, news and job vacancies from around the Diocese, locally and further afield.

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue384?e=34c55ac6ce>

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:

- Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
- LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
- Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

The Diocesan website:

- <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact:

communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 13th November 2022 – No Second Collection

NEXT SUNDAY – No second collection

Any donations can be made in cash or by cheque via the collection baskets in the church or using our card payment machine in the church porch.

The Parish Bank Account details are:

Name: PRCDTR Immaculate Conception Church,
Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account No: 00887995

PARISH INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2022

Planned Giving	£419.00
Standing Orders	£3,601.00
Gift Aid envelopes	£205.00
Offertory income	1458.20
Dona Collection – parish	£219.36
Building Fund	£91.00
Gifts/Donations	£22.00
Sunday Coffee	£35.19
Cake Sale	£102.93
TOTAL	£6,153.68

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund	£15.50
Foreign Mission Sunday	£478.52
SVP	£261.25
CAFOD	£947.46
TOTAL	£1,702.73

BIG CHANGES COMING IN OUR PARISHES

Thank you for your contributions so far to the feedback on the consultation document ‘You shall be my Witness’, which outlines the proposals for the future structure of our diocese of Portsmouth. The proposed changes present us with some positive opportunities but also perhaps some risks and questions.

If you have not already done so, please do have a look at the proposal document available via the link below

https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses_V5_Website.pdf

Note that this is the full version which details the reasoning behind the changes and gives all the relevant statistics and details the structural changes in full from p55 onwards.

Summaries of the document are available in the church porch to take away.

The feedback form is available in the porch and at the following link:

https://www.immaculateconception.church/_files/ugd/850ccc_b9e5961cd46540a489e5b4f8aa50ffbb.pdf

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9.00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.
All are welcome.

THANK YOU FROM FIONA

Thank you all so much for your loving concern (Hesed) and prayers for my daughter Mari. She is making a good recovery from the last lot of surgery. We won't know the results for a couple of weeks so please don't let up on the prayers yet!

With thanks and love

Fiona

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in the church porch. World Gifts such as “super soup kitchens”, “trees for life”, or “water for a family” will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Homemade rich Christmas cakes for sale, ready for you to ice and decorate.

Large cake 23 cm - £20 Small cake 20 cm - £15
Please contact Lesley Newman on 07504455925 or
023 8047698

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT BASSETT GREEN COURT

Sadly, after many years and the two years of COVID, we have decided not to continue with this wonderful event. Half of our regulars have either passed away or are now in residential homes. We want to thank those parishioners of IC Church who gave up their time every year to make this event the success that it was or, who interrupted their Christmas Day to bring guests to and from the venue. You have been amazing! (Wendy Rowe (Swaythling Baptist) and Anne Dempsey (IC))

MARY'S MEALS – DOUBLE THE LOVE

Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to over two million children every school day, living in some of the world's poorest countries, helping these hungry children to remain in the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.

From 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. Donations can be made at the following link:
<https://donate.marysmeals.org/gb>

LOST SMALL PURSE

A small purse has been found in the hall. If you have lost one here, please come to the parish office where it is waiting for you!

HOMES FOR UKRAINE – Matching Service

Caritas have recently launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. If you have room in your home and heart to offer a room in your home, please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>. More details on the poster in the church porch.

MONTHLY NATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

“There have now been over ten **million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, in October 1967. With this terrible number of lives lost, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 17th November please consider going to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. (further info at www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL’S MESSIAH

O2Guildhall, Southampton

Saturday 10th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Performed by Southampton Philharmonic Choir and Southampton University Philharmonic Choir, together with The Hanover Band

Tickets are available online at o2guildhallsouthampton.co.uk

but you are also welcome to contact Mags (Moules) by email at boxoffice@southamptonphil.org who can give further information and facilitate ticket purchases for you, should you be interested.

REPAIR CAFE at St Denys Community Centre

Saturday 19 November, 10.30 till 13.00.

Bring along your items for repair...

electrical, mechanical, IT, jewelry, sewing....fixed for a small donation (to pay for hall hire). Delicious homemade cakes available whilst you wait.

JOB VACANCIES

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Caritas – Head of Charity

Salary up to £45k, depending on experience

Full details on this post plus other current vacancies within the diocese can be found on the noticeboard in the church porch or at the following link

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/current-vacancies>

Springhill Catholic Primary School

LSA working on a 1:1 basis with children

Permanent position. Closing date 21st November.

For full details can be found at the following link or by contacting the school.

<http://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

SOME WEEKLY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MASS.....

A quote from the Revelation of Christ to St Mechtilde:

“He who is in the habit of devoutly hearing holy Mass shall in death be consoled by the presence of the angels and saints, his advocates, who shall bravely defend him from all the snares of internal spirits”

