

16TH OCTOBER 2022

TWENTY NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

“God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.”

Luke 18:1-8

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 16 Oct	TWENTY NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Fr Paul Spellman RIP Ian Warwick RIP
Mon 17 Oct	St Ingatius of Antioch	-	NO SERVICES	-
Tues 18 Oct	St Luke	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	-
Wed 19 Oct	Ss John de Brebeur, Isaac Jogues & Companions	6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Mass	Gretta Andrews RIP
Thur 20 Oct	Feria	10.30 am	FUNERAL – Ann Read RIP	-
Fri 21 Oct	Feria	9.00 am 10.00 am	Rosary & Adoration Mass	-
Sat 22 Oct	St John Paul II	10.00 am	Mass	-
Sun 23 Oct	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Kathleen White RIP Francois Houedikin RIP



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm: 120

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 26th November, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

There will be cake stalls, bric-a-brac, refreshments, Christmas gifts, crafts etc. If you would like to set up/run a stall of your own please let Anastasia know or contact the parish office. Help with baking cakes, serving refreshments and managing various stalls would be very much appreciated. Proceeds will go to general parish funds and our parish emergency relief fund. There will be a meeting date advertised soon for anyone able to help.

FR ANTONY'S BELATED FAREWELL PARTY

2pm Saturday 22nd October

Following the postponement of Fr Antony's Farewell party just before he left, another date has now been planned as above and we hope as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend. We will be starting in the church at 2 pm, followed by a presentation of a gift to him, plus food and drink served from the hall afterwards.

Please confirm with Anastasia after Masses during the next two weekends if you are able to make a contribution to some food – sweet or savoury – to share.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

South Stoneham Cemetery, **Sunday 30th October**, meeting at 12.15 pm at Fr Lynch's grave for the Rosary. (Note, this date is weather permitting!)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Weds and Thurs 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Persistence in Prayer

“...because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” [Luke 18:5](#)

This passage is from the story of the Persistent Widow. She kept coming to a judge, who cared little about doing the right thing, and persistently begged him for a good judgment. Finally he gave in so as to get her to leave him alone.

Jesus used this story to teach a lesson about the necessity “to pray always without becoming weary” ([Luke 18:1](#)). It’s interesting that the image of the judge is one “who neither feared God nor respected any human being” ([Luke 18:2](#)). But Jesus uses this image of an unjust judge to reveal the power of persistence and to reveal the depths of God’s mercy.

First, we learn that this woman never gave up. So with us, we must never cease to lose hope in prayer. We must pray always, constantly and persistently. It’s not that prayer changes God; rather, prayer changes us and disposes us to receive the immeasurable graces from God.

Second, we learn that if an uncaring judge will eventually give a good decision, then so much more will the merciful and all-loving God pour forth His good judgments in our lives when we trust Him. There should be no doubt in our lives that God can do all good things for us if we but let Him.

Reflect, today, upon how persistent you are in your prayer. The prayer you must seek to live is primarily a prayer of total trust and abandonment to God. You do not change God’s mind by begging Him. Rather, your prayer must be so persistent that it opens you to the will of God and allows His grace to flow in accord with His perfect will.

*A reflection for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com*

MASS INTENTIONS Do remember to let us know 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.

STUDENT WELCOME EVENT

Friday 11th November, 7 pm In the Church Hall

All students - new and continuing - are invited to our annual student welcome event with food and refreshments. Please email the parish office if you would like to come so that we have some idea of numbers. Come along and meet other students and find out more about your parish!

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 16th October – No second collection

NEXT SUNDAY – World Missions

See notice below

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

“RED BOX” THANK YOU APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Rev Philip Amek MHM to give the Red Box five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all our Parishioners who already give to the Pope’s official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain’s own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Boxes.

Missio ignites God’s love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

If you do not currently have a Red Box, please consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to gradually fill, to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information, make a donation or setup a Direct Debit on-line at missio.org.uk

RECENTLY DIED

Ann Read RIP

Died on 29 September at home in Bitterne, aged 85 yrs. Her Funeral will be held this Thursday 20th October at 10.30 am. All welcome to attend this Requiem Mass.

MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE WORKERS SOCIAL EVENING

Friday 28th October, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

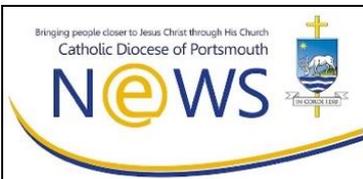
A light supper and social meeting for anyone working in nursing, medical, health & social care roles who would like the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners. Open to students and others who work in the sector.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like further information please contact Mary Gobbi at worship@immaculateconception.church

HOST NEEDED FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILY

Mum & two teenage sons, both boys now in local schools. If you are interested in helping and would like to find out more, please contact Barbara Hodge at b_hodge@btinternet.com.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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

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- 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

You are invited to a **CAFOD SOUP LUNCH**

St Edmunds Church Hall

Tuesday, 25th October, starting at 11.30 am

Jointly organised by St Edmunds and Christ the King parishes. Offers of help are greatly welcomed. Please contact Deirdre Fairman at fairmans@ntlworld.com if you can help. Hope to see you there supporting our brothers and sisters in East Africa.

All donations given will go towards

The Family Fast Day appeal

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENINGS

Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and Portchester.
3rd Fridays of the Month - 7.30pm

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High" Psalm 92:1*

Come and join us for our new monthly parish enterprise. An evening of praise and worship at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham on the third Friday, starting Friday 21st October at 7.30pm.

We will sing praise of God, hear from God's Word, spend time in Adoration and prayer together.

It is a community event and open to all. After our evening in the church, we will head into the hall for some refreshments and hospitality – everyone is welcome.

Directions; Easy access to the church from the M27. St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road. PO14 1ND Car Park

What3words location is [///brings.swanky.watchdogs](https://www.what3words.com/brings.swanky.watchdogs)
Hall: What3words location is [///punctured.chapels.crop](https://www.what3words.com/punctured.chapels.crop)

Come as you are, and set your hearts, minds and souls on things above as we praise the Lord of Lords.

For more details tel:01329 318 869 or email farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



The largest youth gathering of Catholics

Flame will take place at:

Wembley Arena

Saturday 4th March 2023.

All young people from year 9 upwards are WELCOME! There will be loud music, bright lights, and moments of stillness.

Quote from Bishop Philip:

I have attended every Flame Youth gathering that has been held and each has proven to be an awesome and inspiring experience. If you or someone you know is in Year 9 or above, at College or Uni, or a young adult in our Diocese I would like you/them to join me at the gathering.

Get together a few friends and join this fantastic day out.

A coach will leave Portsmouth Cathedral for the Arena and seats on the coach may be purchased via the Diocese, currently available at an **early bird price of £24 until 31st October 2022.**

Diocesan hoodies are also available to purchase and wear at the event.

To take part in this awesome experience and find out more contact:

youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CARITAS NEWS

Welcome UK course



Caritas and City Life Church have worked together to roll out a 6-week Welcome UK course on Tuesdays from 6 September to 11 October at 4:00 to 5:30pm. The aim of this course is to help in building welcome spaces, understand British culture and develop English conversational skills. This course has benefited 25

individuals. Caritas takes this opportunity to thank to Immaculate Conception Church for allowing us to use the parish hall.

Summer holiday club



Caritas conducted a Food and Grow programme on the mornings of 26 August and 2 September. Two staff and five volunteers served thirty-seven attendees from nine families. This project aims to bridge the gap during the summer holidays and provide a space for families to come together to learn about healthy eating, do some planting and some arts & craft activities.

The programme began with a cookery session, with children and parents preparing a community meal together. This was followed by arts & crafts and planting activities. Caritas distributed meal-prep boxes so families could try the same recipe made during the session at home. Due to a generous toy donation, from a local resident Jackie, we were able to provide free toys to the children.



Caritas will run another holiday club at Christmas and welcomes families from the parish to take part.

Volunteers wanted

If you're interested in this kind of voluntary service, please do not hesitate to contact one of us below:

Victoria Ma, Project Officer
Email: vmayuto@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Jo Donaldson, Project Officer
Email: jdonaldson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk