

25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

“Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.”

Luke 16:25

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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**Confessions:** After 10 am Mass on Saturdays  
**Hall Bookings:** contact the parish secretary

**ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT**  
[www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur](http://www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur)

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 25 Sept	<b>TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	- Bryan Rosario RIP
Mon 26 Sept	Ss Cosmas & Damian	-	NO SERVICES	
Tues 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	Lydie & Oscar Tchuisseu
Wed 28 Sept	St Wenceslaus	10.00 am	Mass	
Thur 29 Sept	The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10.00 am	Mass	
Fri 30 Sept	St Jerome	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Rosary Mass	
Sat 01 Oct	St Teresa of the Child Jesus	10.00 am	Mass	Emilio Bapue RIP
Sun 02 Oct	<b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Stephen White RIP Michael Brady RIP



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Amos 6:1,4-7

**Psalm:** 145:6-10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Timothy 6:11-16

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31

**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.

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK**

Tues, Weds and Thurs 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

**STUDENT WELCOME EVENT**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm In the Church Hall**

All students - new and continuing - are invited to our annual student welcome event with food and refreshments. Come and meet other students and find out more about your parish!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Our First Holy Communion course for children in year 4 or above begins this Autumn Term. If there are still children who regularly come to this parish who would like to make their First Holy Communion in June next year please contact the parish office for a registration form. **The closing date for registration is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

**CTS SUNDAY MISSAL FOR YEAR A**

**(Advent 2022 – Feast of Christ the King 2023)**

If you would like to order a Missal for the next Liturgical year please let the parish office know by 30<sup>th</sup> October. We will be putting in an order at the beginning of November.

## Seeing Beyond Your Suffering

*“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.”* [Luke 16:19-21](#)

From one perspective, Lazarus was existing in a very undesirable state. He was poor, starving, and miserable. He was covered with sores that dogs would lick. This is very descriptive language used by Jesus and it’s helpful to do your best to imagine this miserable physical state that Lazarus was in.

The key to this story is that even though Lazarus was in a miserable physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We know that to be true, because we are told that when he died, he was “carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham” ([Luke 16:22](#)).

This story provides us all with an opportunity to look at what is most important in life. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but clearly lacked charity on account of the fact that he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. For that reason, the rich man was spiritually impoverished, whereas Lazarus was spiritually prosperous.

When you can keep your eyes on what is most important in life, spiritual wealth, it will make the many other hardships you endure less burdensome. Perhaps you will never be in the same physical condition as Lazarus, but you may encounter other great pains and hardships in life. When this happens, the tendency may be to become fixated upon those sufferings and to take your eyes off your interior union with God.

Reflect, today, upon how you would deal with living like Lazarus. Reflect upon what your own “sores” are in life. They may be varied in type, degree and number from those of other people’s sufferings, but they will be encountered in your life. As you identify your suffering, turn your eyes from it to the presence of God in your soul, and allow His presence to fill you with the riches of His grace.

A reflection for 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
My Catholic Life, [www.mycatholic.life.com](http://www.mycatholic.life.com)

## LITANY BEFORE SUNDAY MASS IN OCTOBER

October is traditionally known as the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, with the feast itself falling next week on 7<sup>th</sup> October. During October, we will be starting Sunday Masses just a few minutes early to begin with a litany, asking our Lady for her prayers. Please think about arriving a little earlier to join our community in this time of prayer.

### About Litanies

Litanies are simple, ancient forms of prayer that use repeated statements in response to petitions, praise, intercessions, praise or blessings. They immerse us in the wonderful attributes of Jesus and Mary while we pray for some special intention. For example, when we offer one of the litanies of the Blessed Virgin, we recall her glorious role in our salvation while asking for her all-powerful intercession. In addition to their use for intercession, litanies may be used as a form of mantra, a short phrase that helps focus prayer. Their beautiful and well-worn phrases become a kind of holy singsong to lull our wandering imagination and helps us to concentrate on God alone. In this sense they resemble the Rosary and the Jesus Prayer. Their holy monotony is their special attraction because they lead us beyond mere words to the very person of God who is ineffable, that is, radically incapable of being confined to human words.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH LIFE

### **SERVING TEA AND COFFEE**

We really need a few more people to help serve tea and coffee after Mass on Sundays. If you could help, please speak to Anastasia after the 10.30 am Mass

### **CHILDRENS’ LITURGY AT 10.30 Mass for children 4-7 (pre first Holy Communion)**

Any adult help you could give to support this would be very gratefully received. Please contact Sue Deadman if you would like to find out more or offer your support. No preparation or specialist knowledge required!

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

Would you like to be an Altar Server? Have you made your First Holy Communion? If you have answered yes to both questions, please give your name and contact details, on a piece of paper, to Liz Bellamy, Mary Gobbi or Fr Anthony. We will be starting to introduce new servers with ‘on the job’ training during September!

### **BOOKSHOP**

Help is needed to open the bookshop after Masses on Sundays. If you would be willing to help, please contact the office. As Susie is not around for a few weeks and there is no-one currently to run it, the bookshop will be closed unless we can get more support. Please contact the parish office if you could help. Thanks

## HELP WITH MAINTAINING THE GROUNDS AROUND THE CHURCH

Our small volunteer gardening team need some more help! For the last few years Norman Fairchild has, almost singlehandedly, kept all the trees, hedges and lawns cut around the church, hall and house. At the end of October he has decided it is time to retire and hand the job over.

So we would like to be able to perhaps set up a rota of grass cutting and hedge cutting volunteers so that we can continue to keep the grounds in the good shape in which Norman has tended them. If you think you could help in any way with this, please have a chat with Fr Anthony after Mass.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> September – SVP

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul) society is a network of people dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need, welcoming of people of all faiths and none. We joyfully extend our hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need support. Our members, motivated by faith, visit vulnerable or isolated people offering them friendship and practical support. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift. **Please see info below about our local group**

NEXT SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> September – No second collection

**Any donations can be made in cash, by cheque or using our card payment machine in the church porch.**

**The Parish Bank Account details are:**

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

## SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION

This has been another quiet year, coming out of COVID, and like all the charities our income has dropped substantially. With six members, five of whom are retired we are having to make decisions about the future of the SVP in this parish and whether the need is sufficient to continue. This is a wonderful organisation, and it has been a joy to set up another branch over the summer at St Boniface in Shirley. Ideally, we would like someone to take over the running of our group at IC and to develop it in a way that is more effective. Someone with energy, enthusiasm and IT skills. If you are interested in this challenge, please contact Anne Dempsey tel:023 80552064 or the parish office for further details. Meanwhile, thank you for your generosity and support.

## CALLING ALL MEDICAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STAFF

**Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm  
At Immaculate Conception Church Hall**

A light supper and social meeting for nursing, medical, health and social care staff who would like the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners working in similar environments and facing similar challenges in today's health and social care settings. The event is open to students and others who work in the sector. We are advertising this early because many of you may have six week rotas and may wish to request the evening off so you can attend. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be kept in touch should the group decide to follow up in any way, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you! Catering arrangements will follow nearer the time.

Please contact Mary Gobbi, Olga Lloyd or Rachel for further information.

## PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

### • **St Luke's Day Mass**

Tuesday 18th October 2022, 7.30pm

St John's Cathedral Portsmouth

For Portsmouth Area Health Care professionals

Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall

All welcome

### • **A talk by Bishop Philip Egan**

“Being a Catholic Healthcare Professional in today's world: Reflections on the Pontifical Charter for Health-Care Workers”

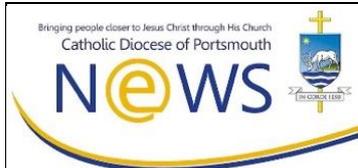
for Portsmouth Area Health Care Professionals

7.30 pm Tuesday 25th October 2022

St John's Cathedral Hall, Portsmouth

Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall

All welcome



## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue378?e=34c55ac6ce>

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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](mailto:communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**MASS FOR BISHOP PHILIP EGAN'S  
10TH ANNIVERSARY**

Thanksgiving Mass to be held on **Thursday the 29th September at 12:00 in the Cathedral, followed by a reception including drinks and nibbles in the Cathedral centre.** We hope that many of our Priests and Deacons will be able to attend as well as parishioners from around the Diocese. If you would like to attend this Mass, please email Kirsten McGuire:  
[kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org)

**STELLA MARIS  
(formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)**

Would like to thank you for your generous support for seafarers and fishers in their recent second collection. As a follow up you are invited to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm to 9pm** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, **please register in advance at**  
[www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment)

**RECRUITMENT**

**IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH**

**PLANNED GIVING OFFICER**

Permanent, Full time, 35 hours per week  
Based in Portsmouth  
Salary: £25,000 – £30,000 per annum depending on skills and experience.  
Closing date: 12 noon on Wednesday 28th September 2022  
For a confidential discussion about the role please contact: Chris Smith – Director of Communications and Fundraising, [csmith@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csmith@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
023 9421 6514

**PASTORAL COORDINATOR FOR EVANGELISATION**

Part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work. Based in Winchester. Salary £12-13 per hour depending on experience. Closing date: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 12 noon  
For a confidential discussion about the role please contact: Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest  
[mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
01962852804

For Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply for these roles, please contact:  
[recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).  
**Full details of these roles can also be found in E news – see link in the E News item above**

**ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM  
COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

We are delighted to invite you to our  
**Open Morning 9.00am – 11.00am** and  
**Open Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm.**

Our open morning gives parents the opportunity to see the school on a normal working day and talk to their student guides as they tour the school.

Our open evening includes the opportunity for pupils and parents to tour the whole site, take part in activities in the specialist areas and talk to subject specialists and student leaders.

St Anne's is an outstanding 11-18 state funded Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form in the heart of Southampton, with excellent transport links to all points of the compass. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a strong Catholic ethos.

The school has been placed in the top 10% of all schools nationally in recent years for the exceptional level of progress achieved by students of all abilities, and strong academic achievement at GCSE and A Level consistently places St Anne's as one of the highest performing schools in Hampshire.

We hope to see you at St Anne's on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, at either or both open events, to see our school in action and find out why St Anne's is hard to beat!

**APPLYING FOR YEAR R INFANT/PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PLACES - FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

**The closing date for applications is  
15 January 2023 at 23:59**

Please apply for a school place online directly through Southampton City Council



**IMPORTANT:**

If you are applying for Springhill Catholic Primary School, please complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** and submit it with supporting documentation as per Springhill Catholic Primary School's Admissions Policy 2023-2024 which can be found on the school website at <https://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/Admissions-25012021122128/>

**SPRINGHILL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
New Year R September 2023  
Prospective Parents Tours**

A number of Prospective Parent Tours are available to join over the next few months, all starting at 9.30 am. Please see the school calendar on the school website at [www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/Calendar](http://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/Calendar) for dates and email [info@springhillcatholic.net](mailto:info@springhillcatholic.net) to confirm which one you would like to attend.