

23RD OCTOBER 2022
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

"The man who humbles himself will be exalted"

Luke 18:14

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 23 Oct	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Kathleen White RIP Francois Houedikin RIP
Mon 24 Oct	St Anthony Claret	-	NO SERVICES	-
Tues 25 Oct	Feria	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	-
Wed 26 Oct	Ss Chad & Cedd	10.00 am	Mass	-
Thur 27 Oct	Feria	10.00 am	Mass	Michael Tollerton RIP
Fri 28 Oct	Ss Simon & Jude	9.00 am 10.00 am	Rosary & Adoration Mass	-
Sat 29 Oct	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	-
Sun 30 Oct	THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	-



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19
Psalm: 32:2-3,17-19,23

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:1-

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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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!)

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

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!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Tues, Weds and Thurs 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

True Righteousness

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. [Luke 18:9](#)

This Scripture passage is the introduction to the Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. This parable offers quite a contrast between two general attitudes. First, the Pharisee's attitude reveals that he is very impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, and is unaware of his own sin. Second, the tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows he is in need of God's mercy. The result of these two very different attitudes is that the tax collector went home justified whereas the Pharisee did not.

What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector had a clear conscience and was grounded in the truth. He knew his need for mercy, begged for it and received it. He did not lie to himself, to others or to God. He knew who he was and it is this truth that allowed God to exalt him. The tax collector's justification came through the forgiveness of his sins and the bestowal of the mercy of God in his life.

The Pharisee may have felt good about himself to a certain extent in that he elevated himself for all to see. He was convinced of his own self-righteousness but, in truth, was not righteous. He was only self-righteous. He was living a lie and most likely believed that lie and even may have convinced others of that lie. But the fact remained, the Pharisee was not righteous and he was not truly justified.

What we must take from this passage is a profound realization of the importance of living in the truth. Those who paint a false image of themselves may fool themselves and may even fool others. But they will never fool God and they will never be able to achieve true peace in their soul. We each must realize the humble truth of our sin and weakness and, in that realization, beg for the only remedy – the mercy of God.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" ([Luke 18:13](#)). Make it your prayer. Admit your sin. Acknowledge your need for the mercy of God and allow that mercy to exalt you within the righteousness of God.

*A reflection for 30th 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 23rd October – World Missions
See notice below

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

The second collection this week is for **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Donations go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor, giving them the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self sufficient.

Missio is responsible for coordinating this work. To support this cause, you can either donate to this week's second collection, take away a **Missio Red Box** to keep at home and return when it is full of loose change, or set up a regular bank payment.

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.

RED BOXES
Available in the church
porch after Mass



INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Planned Giving	419.00
Standing Orders	3437.00
Envelopes Parish	126.00
Offertory income	1158.70
Dona Collection parish	132.73
Building Fund	91.00
Laptop Donation	20.00
Sunday Coffee	42.57
Cake Sale	69.65
Total	£5,496.65

Special Collections:

Catholic Education Service	239.32
Home Mission Sunday	482.41
SVP	1147.90
Pakistan Appeal	724.70
Total	£2,594.33

VERBUM DEI QUIET DAY

"The Desert will blossom signs of hope"

Saturday 19th November 10.30- 5.00

Verbum Dei Retreat Centre

Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

Participants to travel on the 9.00am vehicle ferry to East Cowes , returning on the 6.00 pm ferry to Southampton. A light lunch is provided. Cost is a donation of £20 plus ferry fare. To book a place, and for further information contact:

Patricia Yandell on

07835948435 patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk;

or Margarida Londral on

07970 083252; margaridafmvd@hotmail.com.

MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE WORKERS SOCIAL EVENING

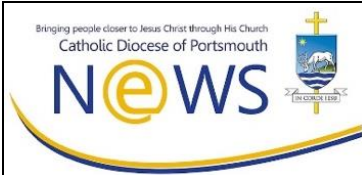
Friday 28th October, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

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



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

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- 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

FLAME

The largest youth gathering of Catholics

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.



STELLA MARIS

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Christmas gifts for Seafarers

Whatever you get for Christmas, it is it's highly likely it will have come

to this country by sea. There will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends. Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect 800 individual Christmas presents for seafarers visiting our Southern Region ports in the days before Christmas.

Can you help us by donating Christmas gifts?

There is a poster in the church porch listing suitable items to contribute (please remember that most seafarers are men). If you are able to give a gift, please bring it along to the church or parish office **before 1st December**, clearly labelled as a Seafarers Christmas gift.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

Thursday 27th October

"There have now been over **ten million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 27th October please consider going to Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, saying an extra Rosary and/or giving up some food for the day.