



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUTHAMPTON

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2023

The Pope's prayer intention for October

For the Synod:

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Parish Notices



MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY SOUP LUNCHES

Come and share a simple lunch with other parishioners once a month – the first Friday of each month. Includes soup, a desert and refreshments. No cost but donations are welcomed for a different charity each month.



The next one is on
Friday 6th October – CAFOD family fast day
so we will be collecting for CAFOD

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

Every Wednesday in October, 7 pm
Lady Chapel at Immaculate Conception

On October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V. on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7 1571, which was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world.

Please join us in October for the Rosary, this best known of all Catholic devotions.



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX SCHEME

Christmas presents for disadvantaged and displaced children in Eastern Europe.

More boxes available to take away and fill with presents.
Please also take a leaflet to guide you.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FILLED (TOGETHER WITH £2 ATTACHED) AS SOON AS YOU CAN, AND BY SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER AT THE LATEST, TO HELP THE ROTARY CLUB IN PREPARING THEIR DELIVERIES.



Thank you

ADORATION FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Every Wednesday, 6 – 7 pm in the Lady Chapel



IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CANDLE LIT but cannot come to the church at a time when it is open, please let the office or Fr Anthony know. We will light one for you after Mass, take a picture and put it on our Facebook page

CIVIC SERVICE WITH THE LORD MAYOR TAKING PLACE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SUNDAY 22ND OCT

AT 10.30 AM MASS

All are invited to stay for refreshments and food afterwards in the hall. **If you are staying after the Mass, please add your name to the list in the church porch, or email the parish office** to help us cater for the appropriate number of people. Thank you.



LECTIO DIVINA (Praying with the Scriptures)

The Verbum Dei community in Southampton invite you to join a group to Pray with the Scriptures.

7.30 – 8.30 pm, fortnightly on Fridays

6A Grosvenor Gardens, Highfield SO17 1RS.

(or it is possible to attend by Zoom if you wish)

This is a new group and the next meeting will be 13th October. Autumn focus: The presence of the Holy Trinity in our lives, followed by Advent in the Gospels. For more info: call 0735 023 949, or e mail Yadira (mayabecalderon@yahoo.com.mx) or Dominic at (d.tildesley7@gmail.com)



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 18 November 2023

2 – 4 pm

Planning is now underway for this year's Christmas Fair. Please let Anastasia know if you are able to help. We also need donations of good quality items which could be re-gifted, bottles and items for a silent Auction.

CHRISTMAS GAMES NIGHT (for aged 16+)

28 Oct 2023, (*Time to be notified in the newsletter*)

Get yourself into the mood for beginning preparations for Christmas at our parish games night for anyone over the age of 16.

- Light snacks and refreshments will be served. You are also very welcome to bring along food to share.
- There will be plenty of prizes up for grabs and a mini auction.
- Wear your best Christmas outfit or Christmas fancy dress – prizes for the best dressed!
- Tickets available on the door (*see newsletter for price*)



CAFOD NEEDS YOU!

- As a result of retirement, we need ONE OR TWO PARISH VOLUNTEERS to help at times during the year with this work. It is very flexible and not a weekly/monthly commitment.
- In our Diocese, we also need some SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, to which special training and support is given.

For 50 years our parish has supported CAFOD in our Diocese with Lent and Harvest collections and various campaigns for the Developing Countries in our world. It would be great to be able to continue this work.

If you could assist, please give your name to Fr Anthony, Deacon Gerard or the parish office. If you would like to ask further questions, please speak to Steve on 07540229973.

BOOKSHOP

We are **urgently** in need of assistance with **opening the bookshop on Sundays after both Masses**. It is a very easy task of simply unlocking and locking the shop, taking money and noting down what is sold. If we can get a number of volunteers we can

work out a rota to make this a very small commitment all round.

Unfortunately without some parishioner assistance we are not be able to make this facility available. Please contact the parish office if you could help.



Thank you

BECOMING A READER AT MASS

I would like to invite you to consider becoming a reader for our parish. This is an important role and it is a great privilege to read and proclaim the Word of God to the assembled congregation. A good reader breaks open the Word of God in their presentation of the scriptures, and to do this well it needs training and preparation. We are planning to offer some training for readers – current and new – and I am hopeful that many of you will come forward so that our Readers rotas for 2024 will be full of new life.

(Although being on the rota is a commitment, if you are unable to read on a particular date it is always possible to swap with others on the rota)

In the porch are forms on which you can register your interest in reader training. Please post completed forms through the presbytery door and we will be in touch with you about dates for training.

Fr Anthony

NEXT REPAIR CAFÉ

**@ Immaculate Conception Church Hall
Saturday 21st October from 10.30 till 1 pm.**

Do you have anything which you need help repairing?
Most items tackled including electrical, sewing, computers, bikes etc. Bring it long and have tea/coffee & cake while you watch your repair being done.



CAKE SALES SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER 10.30 AM MASS



Bakers always needed (shop cakes ok too!). Bring your cake donations to the church hall before the 10.30 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month, together with a list of the ingredients (for those with allergies). Raising money for general Parish Funds.

MINISTERING TO THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND & THOSE IN HOSPITAL

If you are going into hospital, you have a long term illness or are housebound, or you know of someone in the parish who is in this situation, please do contact the parish to let Fr Anthony know, so that we can arrange for someone to visit and/or take Holy Communion to them on a regular basis.

BAPTISM

If you would like your child to be baptised you will need to firstly download and complete a baptism registration form (visit our website at www.immaculateconception.church , go to the 'Documents' tab and click on 'Forms' on the drop down list. Here you will find the baptism registration form. This should be returned to the parish office. You will then need to make contact with Deacon Gerard after one of the Sunday Masses to discuss further and make suitable arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for someone has died, who is alive, for a celebration, an anniversary or any other special intention:

- There are envelopes in the church porch on which you can complete your request and enclose any donation you would like to make to the parish priest. These can be handed to Fr Anthony or Deacon Gerard after Mass, posted into the presbytery or brought into the parish office.
- Alternatively, just contact the parish office by phone or e mail.
- Any donation you would like to make can be given either in cash or paid by bank transfer (details above) with the reference MI-(your surname)



Diocesan Notices

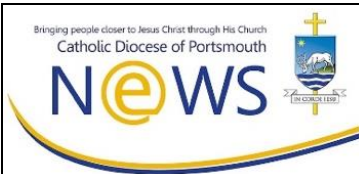
ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH

Due to deterioration in the leadwork of the Cathedral West window (the large one at the front), specialist contractors have had to remove the glass for restoration costing more than £100,000. The following link gives more details about this project, including a **video featuring Fr James McAuley, Dean of the Cathedral, explaining and showing the work taking place.**



<https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/westwindow/>

Along with local parishioners, the wider Diocese is encouraged to support and donate any amount, perhaps in memory of a loved one, to help with the cost of the restoration. The names of donors will be recorded in a special commemorative book at the Cathedral. You can donate by texting WINDOW to 70560 to contribute £10 to the appeal or donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-johns-catholic-cathedral-west-window-restoration-appeal>



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

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

ENGAGING THE DISENGAGED

An online seminar, Tuesday 21st November, 6pm

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is delighted to release details of this seminar **exploring strategies to help Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ.**

The keynote address will be given by internationally acclaimed and bestselling author Sherry Anne Weddell from the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world. She has trained and helps lead an international team who have worked directly with over 130,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in hundreds of parishes in 150 (arch)dioceses on 5 continents. Her book *Forming Intentional Disciples* has sold more than 150,000 copies.



Tickets are priced at £10 per person and can be purchased by scanning the QR with your Smart Phone or by clicking on the following

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>

JOB VACANCIES WITH THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Current Vacancies:

- Head of People (HR & Volunteer Support)
- PA to Vicar for Clergy and Administrator for Clergy Support Team, Windsor & Sandhurst – part time
- Parish Administrator, Bracknell – part time
- Education Administrator, Portsmouth – part time
- Finance Officer, Guernsey – part time
- Various Diocesan school vacancies

For full details of these and other vacancies coming up in the near future, please see the job vacancy section of ENews (in the item above) or go to the following link on the Diocesan website

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>



New Year R September 2024



'Prospective Parent' Tours

Springhill Catholic Primary School have a number of 'Prospective Parent' tours booked in over the next few months. There is no need to pre-book, just choose the date that is convenient to you and we will look forward to meeting you on the day.

All tours will start at **9:30am** on the following dates:

Thursday 5 October 2023
Thursday 19 October 2023
Tuesday 14 November 2023
Tuesday 28 November 2023
Tuesday 12 December 2023

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS TO RECEPTION YEAR IS
15TH JANUARY 2023**

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

AND

If you are applying to Springhill Catholic Primary School, please complete and Supplementary Information Form and submit with supporting documentation as per the school's Admissions Policy 2024-2025

SPRINGHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL JOB VACANCY:

Part-time Caretaker Full details on the school website -

<https://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/> or you can call the school on 02380 33395

PART TIME CARE WORK

Catholic Home Care is looking to recruit new carers to join a friendly and supportive team undertaking general domestic support, helping older people in their own homes. If you like elderly people and have time to spare during the week, this is the job for you with a good rate of pay. Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required. Full details from Xanthe Hackett or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498

Closing date – Monday 9th Oct 2023, Interviews 17th Oct 2023

Other Notices

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

MEETING AT ST BONIFACE CHURCH HALL, SHIRLEY

9.30 – 11 am, alternate Tuesdays during term time.

This is a new group which has recently started. Dates for the rest of this term are: 10 & 12 Oct, 14 & 28 Nov, 12 Dec.

£1 per family. Contact: catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com



A Lifeline for Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold?

Do you argue often?

Do you want to improve your communication?

Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it?

Do you want to try again?

The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need!

**The next programme commences with
a virtual weekend**

6-9 July 2023

**The following programme commences with a face to face weekend in
Welwyn Garden City Centre**

13-15 October 2023

For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Complete confidentiality assured

SUNDAY LUNCH PROJECT - Helpers urgently needed

Helping as part of a team to set up and serve Sunday lunch to the poor, for about 60 people every Sunday from 9am – 1 pm – There are 7 teams working from St Deny's Church and you would be on a rota ONLY ONCE EVERY 7 WEEKS. Full support given.

Speak to Val Laurent or Steve (07540229973)

Care for the Family event coming to Southampton

‘A MIND OF THEIR OWN’

11th October 2023, 7.30 pm

Kings Community Church, Hedge End SO30 4BZ



1 in 6 children now report that they struggle with their mental health. As parents this can feel overwhelming.... but there is good news! You have incredible power to help you kids grow into strong and resilient young people. ‘A Mind of Their Own’ is packed with simple and effective strategies for you to use at home, helping you to better understand what’s going on in your child’s head. This event combines up to date research on the science of the mind, and real insight into the unique pressures and opportunities facing young people today. During the evening we’ll share tried and tested ways to help your child increasingly build healthy emotional wellbeing.

To book visit www.cff.org.uk/moto or call 02920810800

More info available in the church porch

*Care for the family is a National charity and a Christian initiative
strengthening family life*

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DO SMALL MAINTENANCE JOBS INCLUDING BASIC ROUTINE ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING WORKS?

Reliable, friendly and trustworthy parishioner, available at very competitive rates. Please call Jonathan on 07709105141



The following Charity events are being hosted by the Lord Mayor of Southampton over the next few months. There are a variety of fun enjoyable events to choose from depending on your interests and your budget. Why not get a group together for an evening out...!
All Proceeds to be split between the Lord Mayor’s chosen charities for this year:

- Saints Foundation
- Southampton City Farm
- Southampton Sea Cadets

VAULTS & VINO SOIREE**Saturday 14th October 2023, 5 pm****St Michaels Square, Southampton****Tickets £35**

- Guided tour of the underground medieval wine vaults in the city centre
- Wine tasting session with food

A DAY AT SEA, ON-BOARD MS BOLETTE (WITHOUT LEAVING PORT)**Sunday 29 October 2023, 9.30 am – 3.30 pm****Location – TBA****Tickets £55**

- Welcome drink
- Guided tour of the ship
- See the stunning cabins
- 3 course meal with wine
- Onboard entertainment and fun activities
- Raffle and stunning auction prizes

WINE DISCOVERY EVENING**Wednesday 1st November 2023, 6.30 – 9 pm****Figurati! Ocean Village, Southampton****Tickets £59.**

- Learn about the production of wine, the grape varieties.
- Sampling a range of wines
- Enjoy some light bites
- Opportunity to purchase any wines you have enjoyed

NEPALESE CURRY EVENING**Saturday 20th January 2024, 7 pm****Everest Cuisine, 1 Queensway, Southampton****Tickets £40**

- 3 course buffet
- Live music & dancing
- Raffle
- Dress to impress!

For any further information, please see the leaflets in the porch, or talk to the Lord Mayor – our own parishioner Val Laurent!

Jesus Said "I Have Loved You." Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. John 15:9a (NIV)

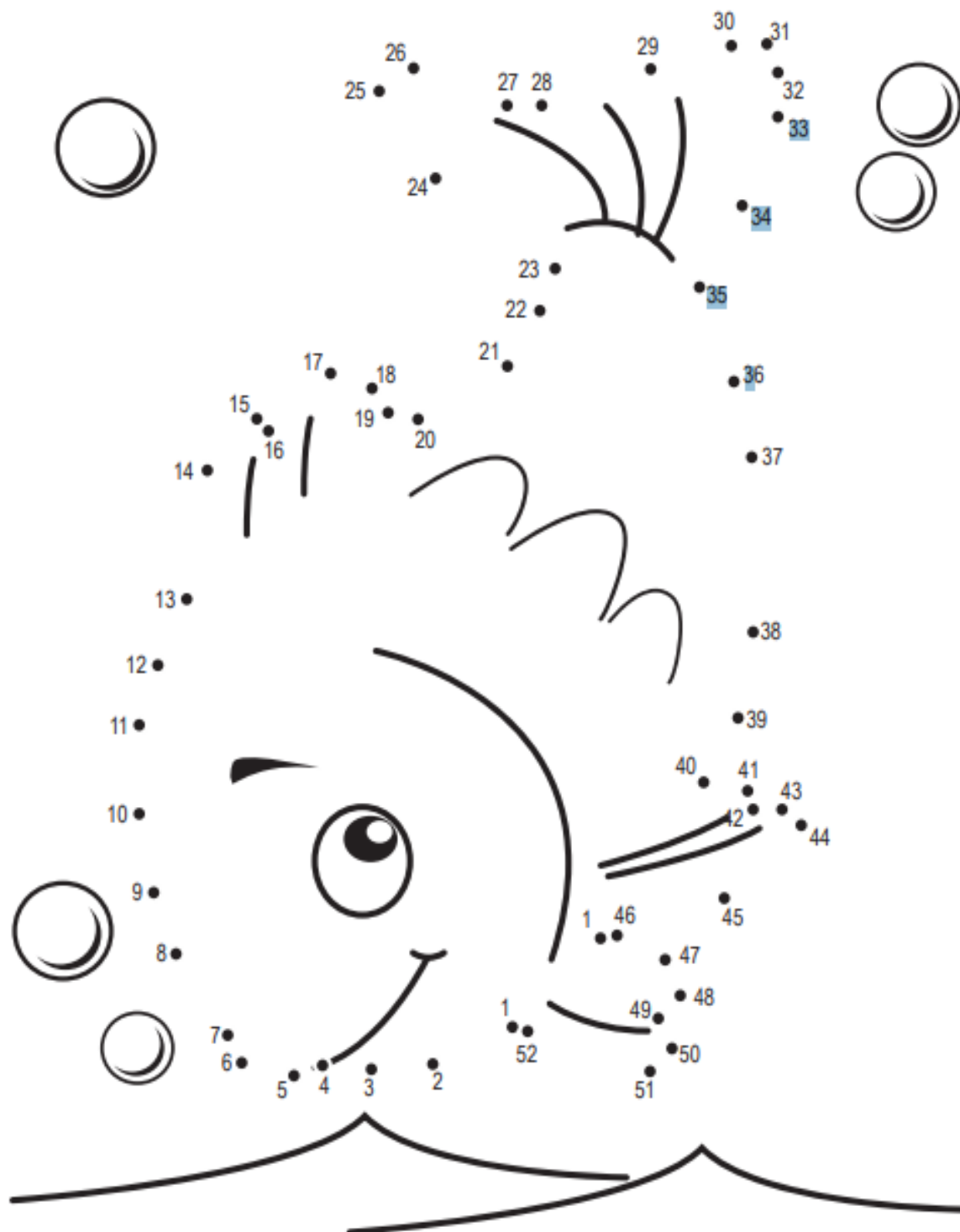
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Peter Catches a Big Fish

CONNECT THE DOTS

Begin at number 1 and draw a line to each number after that to connect all of the dots. When you finish you will have a picture you can color too!



PARISH INFORMATION & CONTACT DETAILS:

Parish Priest	Fr Anthony Chiatu
Parish Deacon	Dcn Gerard Dailly
Parish Secretary	Mrs Rachel Brady
Address	346 Portswood Road, Portswood Southampton SO17 3SB
Parish phone no	023 80555470
E mail	office@immaculateconception.church
Website	www.immaculateconception.church
Parish office open hrs	Tuesday – Friday 9.30 am – 2 pm
Safeguarding Rep	Laura Sparmann (contact parish phone no)
Hospital Chaplaincy	Tel 023 81208517
Regular Mass times <i>(Check newsletter for occasional variations)</i>	Monday No Mass Tues- Sat 10 am Sunday 8.30 am & 10.30 am
Confession times	Saturdays, 10.30 am
Hall Bookings	Contact the parish office – details below
Facebook	Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood
Bank details for payments and donations:	A/c Name: CDP Immaculate Conception Southampton Sort Code: 30-93-04 A/c No: 00887995
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