

17th JULY 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

“you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one ”

Luke 10:41-42

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Confessions: See notice below

Hall Bookings: contact the parish secretary

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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions	 THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS 1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10 Psalm: 14:2-5 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
Sun 17 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Sheila Gorham RIP Arthur Maxfield RIP	
Mon 18 July	Feria	-	No Mass	
Tues 19 July	Feria	10.00 am	Mass	
Wed 20 July	St Apollinaris	1.00 pm	FUNERAL – Dennis Wilson RIP	
Thur 21 July	St Laurence of Brindisi	10.00 am	Mass	
Fri 22 July	St Mary Magdalene	9.30 am	Rosary, No Mass	
Sat 23 July	St Bridget of Sweden	10.00 am	Mass	
Sun 24 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the Sunday 10.30 am Mass this weekend.



SUMMER PARISH FUN DAY

THIS SUNDAY 11.30 am

Come and join in with the parish community for food, refreshments, stalls and games, and raffle with after the 10.30 am Mass.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING EVERY WEEK AFTER 10 AM MASS

Please join us in the hall for coffee on Tuesday mornings. A friendly welcome awaits you.



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 Antony. We will be starting to introduce new servers with 'on the job' training in September.

FUNERAL OF DENNIS WILSON RIP

Wednesday 20th July., 1.00 pm, followed by Comital at Wessex Crematorium.

FUNERAL OF UNA CHANDLER RIP

Reception of body into the Church on Wednesday 27th July at 4 pm

Funeral on Thursday 28th July at 10.30 am, followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 MEETING

Saturday 23rd July 2022, 11.00 am

A meeting for all those who have signed up to start the next First holy Communion course. If you have not already signed up but would like to join, please e mail the parish office for a form to be sent to you. You will be welcome to attend.

LOURDES PETITIONS

I will be going on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Friday 19th August. If anyone would like to send any Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes, or have a candle lit for an intention, or for Lourdes water to be brought back, I am happy to do this as in previous years.

Please put your requests in sealed envelopes CLEARLY LABELLED with Petition, Candle, or Water. I have placed a box in the porch which I will collect on Tuesday 16th August. Otherwise I can be contacted on 02380 422047 or 0781 3628744.

Liz Bellamy

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 5 pm

Choosing the Better Part

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” [Luke 10:41-42](#)

It's only normal for each of us to desire the “better part.” Though this may be the result of a certain selfishness within us, it may also come from a holy desire when the “better part” is identified as the will of God in our lives. Conversely, sometimes we can tend to choose what we perceive as better for us, when in fact it's not better at all.

This passage reveals that Mary chose something we should all desire in life. She chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and simply be with Him. Martha was doing a lovely service by preparing the meal and working hard, but Mary was focused in on one thing, her Lord.

It's important to acknowledge the fact that we will all have times in life when we must be more like Martha. Work must be accomplished, chores completed, and various forms of labour will be a normal part of daily life. But we must also daily remind ourselves that there is one thing we must never lose sight of: Being with Jesus, in silence and prayerful adoration is the most important thing we can do. This doesn't undermine any other tasks we have to complete each day, but it does reveal that we should never neglect that which is most important.

By identifying Mary's choice to sit at His feet, Jesus reminds us all of the importance of simply being with Him. This is the call to the contemplative life given not only to cloistered monks and nuns, but is an invitation to us all. We must all seek out moments of rest with Jesus throughout our busy days.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Mary sitting quietly at the feet of Jesus. Use this image as a symbolic invitation to do the same this day. Have you prayed yet today? Have you sat silently with our Lord? Have you tried to enter into a deep adoration of Him through prayer and meditation? Choose the “better part” this day and you will find that all else falls in place to a much better degree.

*A reflection for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com*

COLLECTION TOTALS LAST WEEK:
(including card donations & gift aid)
Will be available in next week's newsletter

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY, SUNDAY 17TH JULY - No 2nd Collection

NEXT SUNDAY 24TH JULY – Replacement Parish Laptop
(See item below)

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

For all donations given in ANY envelope – purple, yellow, brown or your own, PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR, so that we can ensure it goes to the fund to which it was intended, ie General Fund (Offertory collection) or the name of the second collection you are donating to. **If you are registered with the parish for gift aid, please also ensure your gift aid number is given on the envelope.**

The Parish Bank Account details are:

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

PARISH LAPTOP

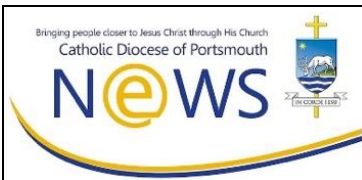
The lap top that we currently use during mass needs replacing. We shall be having two special 2nd collections to replace it on 24 July and 7 August. Donations for this can also be made by card at the card payment machine in the porch. Alternatively if you will not be at Mass you can make a donation to the parish bank account using the above details, using the reference 'Laptop'. We need to raise around £500 for this. Any excess money left over after purchasing will be put towards our expenses for Church Services TV.



CHANGES TO AVAILABILITY OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES TV

From 1st September we will be changing the level of service we have from Church Services TV which enables you to watch all of our services online live and many on them on a recording.

This is a fairly expensive service which was invaluable to us during the pandemic. However, use of it is now much lower and therefore having reviewed data, we have made a decision to continue with live services only. Recordings will still be possible with advance notice, but only available on request for special events and a charge will need to be made for this. This enables us to save about £70 per month.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue370?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 Diocese 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

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

8TH October 2022 in Winchester.

A day of thanksgiving, prayer, fellowship and formation for current Catechists, and those involved in Children's liturgy plus anyone else who would like to get involved in these roles. The highlight of the day is the celebration of Mass, offered for all catechists and for all who contribute to Children's Liturgy in the diocese.

This day is also a great source of support and strength, as we meet catechists from all corners of the diocese, share with them our joys and struggles, and take time to pray together.

All details and registration here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL CULMINATING IN FATIMA 12- 19TH OCTOBER 2022

Led by Fr Vincent Harvey (City Centre Parish). A brief 'synopsis' of the plans.....

The flight times have yet to be confirmed, but a coach has been organised. In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass at 10.00am. We will also visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem for coffee and the traditional custard pastry. This is followed by a visit to the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century! On the Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra passing through some magnificent country. Once in Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession.

The cost includes breakfast and evening meal, except for a fish lunch on one day where pilgrims are responsible for their own lunch if wanted.

Cost: £895 (sharing room). Brochures available by contacting the Parish Office:

office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

or Godfrey Doyle: godfreydoyle@gmail.com

FLAME – AT OVO ARENA, WEMBLEY

The largest youth gathering of Catholics (aged 14 – 25), on **Saturday 4th March 2023**, with the theme 'Rise Up!'.

Loud music, bright lights, and moments of stillness! Coach leaving from St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth – Cost £28.

Any questions, phone 07780 221686 or email

youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. You can also read more about the event at: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>.

If you would like to go along, please let the parish office know so that we can reserve a space for you.



This promises to be a fantastic event.

Get together a few friends and reserve your space.

A DAY AWAY

FOR PARISHES IN THE SOUTHAMPTON AREA

Monday 15th August 2022

To celebrate the feast of the Assumption including a visit and guided tour to Harvington Hall, Kidderminster where during the reign of Elizabeth I many priests were kept safe in Priest hides built within the house. Lunch will be included at Harvington Hall, followed by a trip in the afternoon to the home of St John Henry Newman at the Oratory of St Philip Neri Edgbaston. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon at the Oratory for the feast of the Assumption. The Rosary will be prayed during the journeys.

Coach leaving from St Boniface, Shirley at 8.00 am
Returning to St Boniface at approximately 8.30 pm
Cost, including guided tours, lunch and the coach is £57.50 per person.

More detail on the noticeboard in the porch.

To book your place phone 07395228841 or e mail

stjosephscenter@mail.com

Closing date 7th August 2022

RECRUITMENT

IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH MEMBER OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – VOLUNTEER Property Investment Specialist

We have recently incorporated the Investment Committee of the Diocese, to oversee its investments of both £12 million of quoted investments and some £15 million of residential property.

We need a volunteer who could attend committee meetings once every quarter via Microsoft Teams and has experience in helping to develop an investment policy and oversee a property investment portfolio.

For further details, please contact:

Hereward Drummond

Secretary to the Trustees Email:

hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Captain Dennis B Wilson

(1921 – 2022) *

Dennis has been a significant member of our Parish family in Portswood for so many years and a hugely familiar figure, particularly at 10.30am Sunday Masses.

For many of us, our lives have been interwoven with his and he has watched our families grow, always taking an interest in our activities and supporting our children in their faith journeys. We have also benefited from many a greeting in rhyme too! He will be sorely missed for so many reasons.

It will not surprise many to know that Dennis left detailed instructions to help with his funeral arrangements! It is clear that his faith and this parish (and more importantly, the people in it) were very important to him to the last. He hoped that as many of us as possible would be able to attend his funeral to celebrate his life (he has even invited us to wear what we are comfortable in—"as long as it's not black"!)

We thank God for his 101 years and for the love he has shared with us all. We pray for Tricia and John and all the family and thank them for sharing him with us too. God bless you, Dennis, and may you rest in peace.

*Dennis once penned a verse all about the dash between the dates marking someone's life. It's true to say, Dennis, that you more than filled your 'dash' and we are very grateful to you for it.

Lastly, it seemed appropriate to write a verse in Dennis' memory...

To Dennis

You've seen us all through good and bad.
You've been a valued friend.
So now this time has come we're sad
Because it marks an end...
No more the chance to pen a rhyme,
Your written word will stand...
For all of us, a test of time,
A measure of your hand.
No more the scrabble board you'll fill
With words so erudite.
No more the ice cream treats will thrill
When 'Back to School's in sight.
When we remember those who've passed
With poppies white and red,
No more the solemn words you'll cast
With due respect well said.
You've made such friends along the way
You've seen our parish grow.
And in our thoughts and prayers you'll stay
Of this, we're sure you know.
So now we celebrate, dear friend,
A life well-lived, it's true.
Your life has changed not reached the end
But we will still miss you.
Rest in peace, Dennis, and thank you.

Margaret Moules

COMMUNITIES AGAINST CANCER – EVENT

Saturday 30th July, 10.30 am – 3 pm

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Did you know that, according to the Cancer Research Foundation, one in two people could get cancer in their lifetime? That is why LASo (The Latin-American Association of Southampton) invites you to the Communities Against Cancer event, where we will talk about what we can do to mitigate the risks of contracting this disease.

The event is completely free, with refreshments and lunch provided.

This event will run in Spanish but with support for English speakers.

To participate, you just have to register at www.laso.org.uk/events.

This event is sponsored by Action Hampshire and Fiesta 95 FM (our community radio).

COMUNIDADES CONTRA EL CÁNCER

Hola, sabías que, según la fundación Cancer Research, una de cada dos personas podría contraer cáncer a lo largo de su vida? Es por ello, que LASo (The Latin-American Association of Southampton) te invita al evento Comunidades Contra el Cáncer, donde hablaremos de lo que podemos hacer para mitigar los riesgos de contraer esta enfermedad.

El evento es totalmente gratuito, con refrigerios y almuerzo, y se realizará el sábado 30 de Julio en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia de 10am a 3pm.

El evento será en español con soporte para anglo parlantes.

Para participar, sólo tienes que registrarte en www.laso.org.uk/eventos

Este evento es patrocinado por Action Hampshire y Fiesta 95 FM (nuestra radio comunitaria).

For Catholic in Health and Social Care: New Resources from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is an organisation which does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care.

You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: www.bioethics.org.uk You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine, here: <https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe>

Please forward this information on to others whom you think would be blessed by this important set of resources.

