

25TH JUNE 2023

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

"So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven"

Matthew 10:32

**WEEKLY
INFORMATION
& UPDATES**

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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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 25 June	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Bridget Moffat RIP Dennis Wilson RIP
Mon 26 June	Feria	-	NO MASS	-
Tues 27 June	St Cyril of Alexandria	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	Margaret Davis RIP
Wed 28 June	St Irenaeus	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	-
Thur 29 June	Ss Peter & Paul (Holy day of Obligation)	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Mass Mass	Private Intention of thanksgiving – children's exam success and improved health -
Fri 30 June	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Rosary Mass	Hugh Slevin RIP
Sat 01 July	St Oliver Plunkett	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	-
Sun 02 July	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Vocations & Fr Martin Plunkett Brian Physick - Birthday



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm: 69:8-10,14,17,33-35

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

Please join us in the hall on **Sundays after the 10.30 am Mass** for tea and coffee. **And also after Mass on TUESDAYS** –A friendly welcome awaits you.

NEW FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023-24

Introductory session on Saturday 15th July at 10.45 am

in the church. Please complete a form which can be found at the back of the church or online at

immaculateconception.church/files/ugd/850ccc_ffd9f86a4a734c6e8a4a45d0532e3e57.pdf

and return it to the parish office via Fr Anthony, Deacon Gerard or Mary Gobbi, preferably before 15th July.

Please note that in order to register, you should be attending Mass with your child, in this parish each Sunday and your child should be in year 4 or above on 1st September 2023.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN NEXT WEEK

Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9.30 am – 2.00 pm



We are collecting items for this year's summer fair. If you are able to donate items for any of the above, they will be gratefully received. Please bring them with you to Mass and leave them in the church porch.

Be Not Afraid

A reflection by Scott Hahn on this Sunday's readings

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love. "Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see [John 2:17](#)). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see [Romans 15:3](#)). By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

By Scott Hahn <https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/be-not-afraid-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-twelfth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 25th June – No second collection

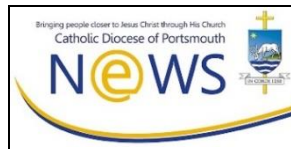
NEXT SUNDAY 2nd July – Peter's Pence

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



RECENTLY DIED

Margaret Davis RIP Margaret, a former member of our parish died on Friday 2nd June. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 11th July at 12 noon** at Immaculate Conception, with a reception into the church on Monday evening at 4.30 pm. Please remember Margaret and her family in your prayers.
May she rest in peace.



THIS WEEK'S PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue412?e=34c55ac6ce>

FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM - SEEDS FOR ALL (CAFOD'S SUMMER CAMPAIGN)

CAFOD are asking for your support with a small act to help in a BIG PETITION to the World Bank, pleading with the rich and powerful to help the poor. **Please sign our petition form in the Church porch on Sundays before and after Masses.**

At the heart of the global food crisis is a struggle for control over the world's seeds. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds. However, the freedom of farmers to choose what seeds they use is under threat as the World Bank supports new laws which push farmers towards using seeds sold by big agribusiness. This puts control of the world's seeds into the hands of a few giant corporations. If we want a sustainable food system, then we must stand with small farmers across the world as they fight for control over their seeds.

Join us in demanding the World Bank end all policies that restrict farmers' freedoms to choose which seeds they use to grow food.

You can read more about this campaign at the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system>

SOUTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS....

1 ... desperately need SLEEPING BAGS in reasonable condition please. If you can donate any, please bring them to Church Porch or Steve Deadman can collect (07540229973).

2... are calling for PRAYER PASTORS who will help out between 12 midday and 3pm on some Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Guidance and support is given. For more information:

- See Poster in Porch or Parish hall or
- Speak to Steve (07540229973) or
- Contact southampton@streetpastors.org.uk or
- Call the Street Pastors office on 023 8033 3387

NEXT SOUP LUNCH

Friday 7th July 2023.

In the church hall

All welcome. No fee, just a donation. All money collected goes to a charity.