

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

"I will follow you wherever you go."

Luke 9:57

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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**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	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions	 <b>THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Kings 19:16,19-21 <b>Psalm:</b> 15:1-2,5,7-11 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Galatians 5:1,13-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9:51-62
Sun 26 June	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	- The Physick Family, esp Brian, those living and those deceased	
Mon 27 June	St Cyril of Alexandria	-	No Mass	
Tues 28 June	St Irenaeus	10.00 am	Neri May – Thanksgiving	
Wed 29 June	Ss Peter & Paul (Holy day of Obligation)	10.00 am 7.30 pm	Vocations & Fr Martin Plunket -	
Thur 30 June	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	10.00 am	-	
Fri 01 July	St Oliver Plunkett	9.30 am	Rosary	
Sat 02 July	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Hugh Slevin	
Sun 03 July	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Brian Physick (95 <sup>th</sup> birthday on 1/7/22)	

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES**

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



**CAKE SALE**

On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July after the 10.30 am Mass**  
**Volunteers are needed to make cakes.** Please bring any cakes to the church hall at least 15 minutes for Mass starts. **Please bring cash to buy cakes!** All proceeds to the general parish funds.  
We also **need volunteers to help sell the cakes.** If you are able to help in any way, please contact Maria Maddocks on 07835121496 or speak to her or Gemma Siddons after Mass. All support very much appreciated.

**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.



**SUMMER PARISH FUN DAY**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 11.00 am**  
BBQ, refreshments and stalls.  
Donations of bottles, good quality gifts, bric-a-brac are all welcome – please give to Anastasia after Sunday 10.30 am Mass or bring to the parish office.

**FLAME – AT OVO ARENA, WEMBLEY**

The largest youth gathering of Catholics (aged 14 – 25), Flame is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 you have about the event can be answered by phoning 07780 221686 or emailing [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). You can also read more about the event at: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the arena on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.  
**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.**



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Tues 9.30 am – 5.00 pm & Weds 9.30 am – 1 pm

## BEING RESOLUTE

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. [Luke 9:51-52a](#)

Jesus was "resolutely determined" in His mission to travel toward Jerusalem. The significance of this line can easily be lost.

There are two things to point out about this passage. First, Jerusalem was the destination where He would ultimately die for the sins of the world. It was His place of glorification through the Sacrifice of the Cross. Thus, the disciples did not want Jesus to go to Jerusalem since they knew it was a risk. But Jesus saw through the suffering He would soon endure to the future glory of the Sacrifice He would offer.

Second, the fact that Jesus was "resolute" in His determination to go to Jerusalem and sacrifice His life reveals His courage and perfect love. He did not fear what would happen to Him because He had the bigger picture in mind. He saw the good fruit of the salvation of many souls and this overshadowed any temptation to be deterred from His divine mission.

We can learn much from Jesus' determination to sacrifice His life in Jerusalem for the salvation of the world. Certainly we should see the fruit of this sacrifice and be eternally grateful for it. But we should also see it as an invitation to imitate Jesus' actions. In our own lives there are many opportunities we are given to choose a life of selfless sacrifice for the good of others. These opportunities come in many forms, but in the end they are always opportunities of love and self-giving. Though sacrifice will tempt us to flee in a different direction, if we keep our eyes upon the good fruit of all selfless sacrifice, we will be encouraged to be resolute in our determination of love.

Reflect, today, upon whatever your "Jerusalem" is. What is it that you are invited to sacrifice your life for out of love. When you discover what it is, look also at your willingness to embrace this sacrifice for the good of others and strive to imitate the firm determination of our Lord.

A reflection for 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
My Catholic Life, [www.mycatholic.life.com](http://www.mycatholic.life.com)



Promoting awareness and the importance of families and family life around the world. This weekend, we are asked to join this meeting in prayer especially for the welfare of all families and family life.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to your Presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.

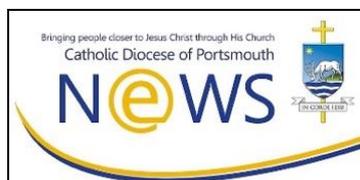
Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience your infinite Mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them,

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

You can read more about this event at the following link: <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>



### PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue368>

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

## SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

**TODAY, SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE - Peter's Pence**

The offerings of this collection are intended to support the activities of the Holy Father for the whole Universal Church. These activities are carried out by the Holy See. The Pope, as Pastor of the universal Church, is concerned both with the needs of evangelization (spiritual, educational, justice, communication, political charity, diplomatic activity, etc.) and with the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in serious difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, the marginalized, victims of wars and natural disasters; special aid to Bishops or Dioceses in need, Catholic education, aid to refugees and migrants, etc.). Every service provided by the Holy See and destined for the universal Church is possible, thanks to Peter's Pence. In fact, it guarantees the activity of the curia departments that assist the Pope every day in the exercise of his ministry.

**NEXT SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY – No Second Collection**

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

## COLLECTION TOTALS OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS: (including gift aid)

Standing orders - £1046.54/week

Main Collection: £402.04 (average/week over 2 weeks)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Day for Life: £240.18

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

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Winchester.**

Join us for 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. This is a day when we give thanks for all catechists in the diocese, who have generously responded to the call of Christ and have placed themselves at the service of their parish.

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>

## BAPTISMS

Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we welcome 4 children into the faith of the Catholic Church through Baptism.



**Aurelia** – daughter of Samuel & Amelia

**Jimena** – daughter of Victor & Milly

**Krystian** – son of Konrad & Katarzyna

**River** – daughter of Paul & Kangli

## CONGRATULATIONS...

**To all our Confirmation Candidates** who were confirmed at the Cathedral on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Bradley	Abigail	Shaun
Pero	Josh	Stella
Temi	Ritchie	Tofara
Shumba	Sofia	Gloria
Ali	Sandra	

Celebration meal for all candidates on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July starting at 6.30 pm in the hall.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES MASS, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 11.00 am

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year? **25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ years of marriage?**

You are invited to attend a special Mass at St Bede's in Basingstoke which will be celebrated by Bishop Philip. If you would like to attend, please contact [stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phone 01256465214

## STELLS MARIS UK (Formerly the Apostleship of the Sea)

### APPEAL FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

Stella Maris volunteers are at the front line of the work of Stella Maris UK, providing practical, spiritual and emotional support for seafarers, fishers and their families across the UK and worldwide.



- **Volunteer Ship Visitors**  
No previous experience needed. Training provided to develop the skills to engage with seafarers and fishers.
- **Donations of routine daily living items**
- **Knitters of warm woollen hats and scarves**
- **Parish Representatives**

Please see the noticeboard in the church porch for further details if you think you could help.

## CROSS CULTURE HUB IN WESTON

A welcoming platform for people from all cultures where they can meet together and make new friends. The UK is a multicultural country but adults can find it hard to integrate. In many communities women are not an active part of society. Many immigrants remain isolated and despite various opportunities they find it difficult to integrate. The hub aims to empower immigrants and underprivileged people with skills and health care information, to give them confidence to integrate into British Society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. For more information contact Nageema at [crossculturehub@gmail.com](mailto:crossculturehub@gmail.com) or Tel: 0798 8634408

The following are some opportunities being offered by the hub. If you know anyone who would benefit, please let them know....

## Cross-Culture Hub



We are Running  
**FREE Sewing Classes**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00 - 12:00 NOON**



We provide a welcoming place where people from different cultures can meet together and make new friends.



MAYFIELD NURSERY GARDEN CENTRE,  
WESTON LANE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO19 9HL  
[crossculturehub@gmail.com](mailto:crossculturehub@gmail.com) 07988634408



## Her Health First<sup>Asia</sup>

We are tackling the potential Health Risk to Girls' & Women's Lives, who face Period Poverty.

### By providing them;

- \*Safe Sanitary products
- \*Under Garments
- \* Health Awareness Sessions
- \*Post Childbirth Care

To know more, please contact;  
[crossculturehub@gmail.com](mailto:crossculturehub@gmail.com)



Liz Chlids-Clarke  
Project Coordinator

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

### CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE DIOCESE!

If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. This world-wide gathering is planned to take place 1st - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet! But hurry, spaces are limited! Please register your interest ASAP to get your name on the list. Fill out this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD->

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More information and details as soon as possible. For further information, please email Sarah Farrell at [wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## BBC YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR 2022



Songs of Praise and Radio 2 have joined forces for the third year running to find the **BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2022**. Entries are now being accepted from talented singers aged between the ages of 10 – 16.

**For more details of how to apply and to view the Terms and Conditions go to <https://bbc.in/3v9WVjL>** but don't delay as the closing date is **midnight on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. If you have any questions email us at [sopcompetitions@avantimedia.tv](mailto:sopcompetitions@avantimedia.tv)

Good Luck!

The BBC Young Chorister Team