



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother”

Mark 3:35

**Our Parish vision is to bring people closer to Christ  
by inviting, welcoming, nurturing and nourishing everyone**

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**Confessions:** After 10 am Mass on Saturdays

**Hall Bookings:** contact the parish secretary

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN NEXT WEEK: Friday, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm**

**ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT  
[www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur](http://www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur)**

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 09 June	<b>TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	- Margaret Davis RIP
Mon 10 June	Feria	-	No Mass	
Tues 11 June	St Barnabas	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic adoration Mass	-
Weds 12 June	Feria		Eucharistic Service	
Thurs 13 June	St Anthony of Padua		Eucharistic Service	
Fri 14 June	Feria	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Eucharistic Service	
Sat 15 June	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	-
Sun 16 June	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	- Maria Bibbo RIP



### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 3:9-15

**Psalm:** 130:1-8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – No second collection

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – Day for Life

### NEXT WEEK IN THE PARISH:

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee morning after 10.00 am Mass

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>** - Community Social/Activity group – Gardening 10.30 am, in the hall. All welcome

- Choir Practice 7.30 pm in the church. Anyone welcome to join.

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** - Repair Café – 10.30 am – 1 pm in the hall

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup>** - Baptisms after 10.30 am Mass – Julia & Laura

## TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

### Sincere Repentance

“Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin.” For they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” *Mark 3:28–30*

Jesus spoke these words to the crowds who had gathered around His home in Capernaum because two groups of people had just spoken very critically of Him in a public way. First, some of His extended family arrived and said to everyone, “He is out of his mind.” And then some of the scribes from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul.” Thus, Jesus states clearly that their blasphemy is a sin against the Holy Spirit and will have everlasting consequences.

Why is it that certain sins will never be forgiven? What exactly is a sin against the Holy Spirit? Traditionally, our Church has identified this sin in a couple of ways. First, it is a sin of final impenitence, that is, the sin of obstinately persisting in grave sin. Obstinance, or the refusal to repent, is a sin that cannot be forgiven, simply because the person committing it

never seeks forgiveness. They become so entrenched in their sin that they refuse to change. Thus, the mercy of God is incapable of entering into them. Second, it has also been identified as presumption, meaning a person sins while expecting God to forgive. Presumption is more subtle; however, it also has the effect of keeping a person from the sincere repentance that is needed for forgiveness. The presumptuous person never fully repents and amends their life as long as they remain in their sin.

Of all the many sins you struggle with or might struggle with in the future, pay special attention to the sins against the Holy Spirit. Though we should never think we have a right to God's forgiveness, we must always believe that God's mercy is so great that the moment we humbly acknowledge our sin and sincerely repent of it, God will forgive. But the key is "sincerity." In order to be forgiven, the repentance within us must be sincere, authentic, real and complete. We cannot fool God. We can certainly fool ourselves, but not God.

One of the best ways to regularly be certain that you are not guilty of any sin against the Holy Spirit is by going to the Sacrament of Confession and confessing your sins with openness, thoroughness and humility. Own your sin. Acknowledge it. Experience sorrow for it. Resolve to change. Then confess it and trust in God's mercy.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you lack sincerity and thoroughness in your repentance from sin. Are you honest with yourself about the sins you have committed? Have you taken ownership of those sins? If so, have you also confessed them to God and firmly resolved never to commit them again? Take repentance seriously so that you never even begin to fall down the slippery slope that leads to any sin against the Holy Spirit.

*A reflection for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B*  
[www.mycatholic.life](http://www.mycatholic.life)

## PARISH NOTICES

### **TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10.30 AM MASS**

Please join us in the hall for the usual refreshments after Mass today.

**\*\*INCLUDING CAKE SALE TODAY\*\***

### **PARISH SUMMER FAIR**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

We are once again collecting donations for a raffle, tombola, plants, cakes etc. If you have any donations you would like to offer, please bring them to the hall after Masses. If anyone would like to organise a stall or help in any way, please talk to Anastasia after 10.30 am Mass.

### **VACANCY, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

**Immaculate Conception Church, Southampton**  
20-25 hrs per week.

This is a pivotal role in supporting the parish priest, providing a sympathetic and efficient focal point for enquiries, liaising with parishioners and managing all aspects of administration to ensure the smooth day to day running of the parish. Full details can be found on the diocesan website at:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

### **MISSION PLAN MEETING & LUNCH FOR THE PASTORAL AREA PARISHES**

**Sat 22 June, 12:30 - 4:00pm, Immaculate Conception Hall  
(Please bring some food for a shared lunch)**

A day for the clergy and people of our Pastoral Area to hear about the process of implementation of the Plan for our group of churches over the coming months, and to input your own thoughts. All are welcome to this event and it would be great to see some of our Immaculate Conception parishioners there. If you have any queries, please do email the parish office or speak to Fr Anthony or Deacon Gerard.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**

Please note that from Wednesday to Friday this coming week Fr Anthony will be away at the National Catholic Parish Summit in Harrogate, so we will have Eucharistic Services on these days instead.

### **REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025**

The registration dates for the future FHC programmes are now being aligned with rest of the Southampton Deanery. Registration for next year's FHC will open on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and close in September in all the local parishes.

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion, they should be over the age of 8 or in year 4 or above at school and they should register for the programme taking place at the parish in which they would normally attend Mass. They should be attending Mass with their family as regularly as possible. Registration forms for the programme at Immaculate Conception are available from the parish office by email, from the parish website or from the church porch. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office.

### **REPAIR CAFÉ**

**Immaculate Conception Church hall  
Next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30 am – 1 pm**

Electrical items, Jewellery, Bikes, Clothes, Woodwork, metal work, furniture and gluing. If we can't fix it we may be able to advise you what to do next. No charge but cash donations appreciated.

Refreshments and cake available while you wait.

### FUNERAL – Kevin O’Shea RIP

Kevin’s funeral will be at Immaculate Conception Church on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2 pm**



### PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS & JOB VACANCIES

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue-447?e=34c55ac6ce>

### DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER

We are encouraged to pray for vocations in our diocese and in particular to the priesthood. Here you can read some thought provoking articles, encouraging stories, information and also news about ordinations taking place in our diocese during the next few months.

<https://www.portsmouthvocations.org/so/5a0-3rqSM?languageTag=en&cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af>

INCOME FOR MAY 2024	
<b>Parish Income</b>	£
Main Offertory: Cash	1710.97
Gift Aid Envelopes	303.00
Card Machine	118.01
Online	299.00
Standing orders & Direct Debits	3025.00
Candles	16.73
Tea and coffee after Mass	41.78
Repair Cafe refreshments	70.40
Parish BBQ	305.60
Emergency Relief Fund	20.00
Other donations	1030.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6940.49</b>
<b>Collections for external causes:</b>	
CAFOD Sudan	4.92
Clergy Training	22.00
World Communications	133.37
Missio Red Box	6.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167.13</b>



### STELLA MARIS SOUTHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS

An exciting development in the form of a new Seafarers Club, is opening up in Southampton, managed by the local Stella Maris team. This will be based in the Stella Maris Pastoral Centre next to St Joseph’s Church in Bugle Street.

They are currently looking for volunteers to staff the new Seafarers Club, As part of a team, you would provide a friendly welcome to visiting seafarers and offer practical advice on the city's attractions and would be backed by experienced Stella Maris staff who are there to help anyone with further support needs. For more information, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or visit the Stella Maris webpage at: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/seafarerscentre/southampton](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seafarerscentre/southampton)

### REFUGEE WEEK 17 – 23 JUNE 2024

Each story of migration is different, but most people arriving on our shores share feelings of loss and fragmentation. The events below taking place this week provide some opportunities for gaining a better understanding and insight into the lives of refugees and to show friendship and solidarity with them.



Refugee Week 17-23 June 2024  
#RefugeeWeek #SimpleActs #OurHome  
**Southampton Community Celebration**

#### Monday 17th June

Poetic drama performance  
1pm, Central Library

#### Wednesday 19th June

Film screenings and Q&A  
7pm, MAST Mayflower Studios

#### Saturday 22nd June

Information stall - children’s art  
11am, Above Bar

#### Carnival Parade

1pm, Above Bar to Palmerston Park

#### Community picnic

Food - music - dancing - games  
2-5pm, Palmerston Park

For more details, see our webpage:



[www.swnj-refugees.org.uk](http://www.swnj-refugees.org.uk)



### CARITAS PORTSMOUTH are also running some events for Refugee week: -

‘Our home’ is the theme and we want to see how we can make our parish communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country, fleeing war, persecution, and violence. There are two online events:

**13<sup>th</sup> June from 6-7pm** we are joining Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to look at how we might be more welcoming to refugees and asylum seekers in our communities.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 12:30-1pm** we are holding a lunch time event where we will hear about a parish project, with time to discuss and ask questions. Everyone welcome. Registration is required for both events and links can be found at <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

### CAFOD – MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Join CAFOD for a morning of sharing stories with Christine Allen, CAFOD’s Director over a slice of cake and learning more about how we can make a lasting difference through a gift in a Will. **Tuesday 18 June 2024, 10.45am to 12.45pm** at Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Philip Benizi Parish Hall, 15 Salisbury Road, Fordingbridge, SP6 1EG. To find out more and to book your place please go to [cafod.org.uk/legacyevent](http://cafod.org.uk/legacyevent).

### NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary – the book which contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations which make them more faithful to their original languages, more suitable for liturgical settings and where appropriate, more inclusive. The new Lectionary will become mandatory for use at the beginning of Advent 2024.

These books are costly, so we would like to put out an appeal to anyone who would be interested helping to purchase these. We are planning to buy the Ambo set of 4 books plus the book of the Gospels at a cost of £970. They will be the books which are read from at every service or Mass here for many years to come. More information on them can be found on the CTS home page at [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org). If you would like to help with the purchase of these books, you can make a donation via the card machine in the porch or in an envelope directed to the parish office indicating clearly what the money is for. Thank you for any donations you are able to give.

### NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

Starting from the beginning of Advent 2024, the church will be using an updated lectionary as detailed above. Therefore Congregational Missals available after this date will also be based on the updated lectionary.

**New 3 year cycle Sunday Missals are available to order in our bookshop.** The price is likely to be approximately £19. If you would like to pre-order one, please visit the bookshop after Sunday Mass, to leave your details and a £10 deposit.



### SOUTHAMPTON COUNCIL OF FAITHS

invite you to join them on a

### Walk for Peace

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

12.30 Starting at the Queens Peace Fountain in East Park  
13.00 Vedic Temple (presentation and lunch) leave 14.30  
14.45 Tegh Bahadur Gurdwara leave 15.30  
15.45 St Nicholas leave 16.15  
16.30 St Michaels  
17.00 finish

Everyone is welcome and we hope you will enjoy meeting some of the faith communities in the city. Please RSVP by email to [southamptonfaiths@gmail.com](mailto:southamptonfaiths@gmail.com) so that we have any idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Please see the web site in case of any changes:

<https://www.southampton-faiths.org/events>

### WISDOM CENTRE, ROMSEY

#### EVENTS PROGRAMME, SUMMER 2024

Wisdom Centre is a ministry of the Daughters of Wisdom, founded in 1703 by Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort and Blessed Marie-Louise Trichet, the first Daughter of Wisdom.

Set in a tranquil meeting space offering warm hospitality, amongst beautiful gardens, we run a varied in-house programme of workshops, quiet days and retreats.

With wellbeing of mind, body and spirit at the heart of Wisdom Spirituality, our days include reflection on themes within Christian and World Spirituality, Mindfulness and Psychotherapy. Art, craft and creativity is also an important part of our work. Our current programme can be found at the following link:

<https://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wellbeing-and-spirituality-2/>

