

20TH NOVEMBER 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR C

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Luke 23:42

Immaculate Conception Church

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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 20 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Zbigniew Wolas John & Ann Gabbot RIP
Mon 21 Nov	The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	-	NO SERVICES	-
Tues 22 Nov	St Cecelia	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	Liam Broderick RIP
Wed 23 Nov	St Clement I	10.00 am	Mass	Cecelia Randall RIP
Thur 24 Nov	St Andrew Dun-Lac & companions	10.00 am	Mass	Bill Rogers RIP
Fri 25 Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria	9.00 am 10.00 am	Rosary & Adoration Mass	William Broderick RIP
Sat 26 Nov	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Deceased relations & friends of the Broderick family
Sun 27 Nov	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Zibigniew Wolas Mr & Mrs Charlie Yates RIP



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: 121:1-5

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

THIS SUNDAY - Please join us in the hall for refreshments **after 10.30 am Mass this weekend.**

TUESDAYS - Please join us in the hall on Tuesdays after Mass for coffee. A friendly welcome awaits you.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

9.00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.
All are welcome.

NATIVITY PLAY & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday 11th December, 2.30 pm in the church

There will be a rehearsal on Sunday 4th December after 10.30 am Mass for all children who would like to take part. Please speak to Sue Deadman after 10.30 Mass this weekend or next to sign up or for more information.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THIS SATURDAY

IN THE CHURCH HALL

26th November

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Preparations are now well under way for the return of our annual Christmas Fair and we are still collecting any of the following items if you are able to donate anything:
Toys, Bottles (for the bottle tombola), Gifts, Raffle Prizes, Hand made festive goods, Items for a silent auction.
Please place any donations in the boxes in the church porch or bring to the parish office before Thursday 24th November.



We hope to see you there!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Tues, Weds & Fri 9 am – 1 pm (closed Thurs this week)

Christ is King!

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world.

Additionally, Jesus does wish for His Kingdom to begin to be established in our world. First and foremost this takes place when we become His sheep and thus become His instruments to help convert the world. However, as King, He also calls us to establish His Kingship by seeing to it that His truth and law is respected within civil society. It's Christ's authority as King that gives us the authority and duty as Christians to do all we can to fight civil injustices and bring about a respect for every human person. All civil law ultimately gains its authority from Christ alone since He is the one and only Universal King.

But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we "impose" God's law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one's freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must "impose" upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be "imposed." The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly (religious liberty) within any institution must be "imposed" also. And there are many other things we could list here. What's important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. And His law will become one with "civil" law. Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth. At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be!

Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

*A reflection for Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:--

TODAY SUNDAY 20th November 2022 – No Second Collection

NEXT SUNDAY 27th November – No second collection

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

SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL

If you or a friend or relative are not able to get to Mass because of illness, frailty or disability, please do let us know, so that we can ensure you/they are offered a visit from Fr Anthony or one of our visiting group who can bring Holy Communion. If you are in hospital, do also remember that there is a hospital chaplaincy team available to visit/bring communion to you. They can be contacted at the hospital on the following number: 023 8120 8517 (always at the top of this newsletter)

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Homemade rich Christmas cakes for sale, ready for you to ice and decorate.

Large cake 23 cm - £20

Small cake 20 cm - £15

Please contact Lesley Newman on 07504455925 or 023 8047698

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES GROUPS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thankyou to you all for your warm welcome last week for the remembrance service.

We run:

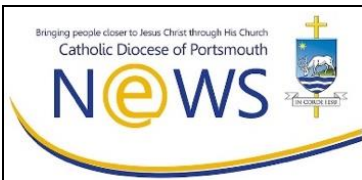
- Rainbows age 4-7 years old between 5-6pm
- Brownies age 7-10 years old between 6-7.30pm
- Guides age 10-14 years between 7.30-9pm

These sessions are for girls and are held in the church hall on Thursday evenings, if you are interested in joining please log on to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk> to register your child or see the notice board in the hall porch for guiders contact numbers.

We would love some new members to join us!

ROAD WORKS – MAYFIELD ROAD /THOMAS LEWIS

WAY JUNCTION CLOSED from Monday 7 November for approximately 6 weeks. Please bear this in mind if you would normally use this junction to travel to the church.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue385?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 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

LOST SMALL PURSE

A small purse has been found in the hall. If you have lost one here, please come to the parish office where it is waiting for you!

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in the church porch. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world.

PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH

O2Guildhall, Southampton

Saturday 10th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Performed by Southampton Philharmonic Choir and Southampton University Philharmonic Choir, together with The Hanover Band

Tickets are available online at o2guildhallsouthampton.co.uk

but you are also welcome to contact Mags (Moules) by email at boxoffice@southamptonphil.org who can give further information and facilitate ticket purchases for you, should you be interested.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE – Matching Service

Caritas have recently launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. If you have room in your home and heart to offer a room in your home, please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>.

More details on the poster in the church porch.

JOB VACANCIES

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Caritas – Head of Charity

Salary up to £45k, depending on experience

Full details on this post plus other current vacancies within the diocese can be found on the noticeboard in the church porch or at the following link

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/current-vacancies>



CINEMA TICKETS FOR 'WHY THE NATIVITY?'

A new feature film from Turning Point

A unique and powerful event to bring the true story of the nativity to life.

At Cineworld Cinemas (nearest one to us is Whiteley)

10 am – 12 noon

Saturday 3rd December

Free tickets available at www.whyythenativity.co.uk

Or by calling 08000582856

SOME WEEKLY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MASS.....

A QUOTE FROM:

St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

"The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross".

