

1ST MAY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

“This was the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead .”

John 21:14

Immaculate Conception Church

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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: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Psalm: 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13 2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14 Gospel: John 21:1-19
Sun 01 May	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am	Winifred McDonnell RIP Mariama Kamanda, Birthday	
Mon 02 May	St Athanasius	-	No Mass	
Tues 03 May	Ss Philip & James	10.00 am	Kate Paler RIP	
Wed 04 May	The English Martyrs	-	No Mass	
Thur 05 May	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00 am	-	
Fri 06 May	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	9.30 am	ROSARY	
Sat 07 May	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00 am	Yira Melendez Zabala RIP	
Sun 08 May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am	Elenor RIP & family -	

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

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



PARISHIONER QUESTIONS & QUERIES

Please see the Parish Council rep in the porch after Masses this weekend for any parish related queries.

They can answer them or will get back to you with a response. Please do use these members of our parish community so that we can continue to give Fr Antony the back-up he will need over the coming months to lighten his workload.

EASTER COLLECTION.....

THANK YOU for all your donations to the Easter Clergy Collection to support Fr Antony – if you were away over Easter and wanted to make a donation, they can still be made if you wish to, via the following link, in cash/cheque or by card payment in the church porch.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-immaculate-conception-catholic-church-easter-collection-2022>

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 8th May after 10.30 am Mass
PARISH FUN DAY & BBQ



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. If you have any queries, please see either Susie Warwick or Fiona Thompson after Mass at the weekends. Otherwise, just turn up!



PAYMENTS & DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE BY CARD!

Donations to any of the collections each week can now be made using our new card payment system. The card machine is located in the porch by the door and can be used either by chip and pin or contactless. It is extremely

simple to use and takes just seconds to make a donation.

The preferred method of donating to the parish continues to be by regular standing order but for anyone who prefers to donate while at the church, this is an easy alternative which also allows you to easily gift aid any donations.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Thursday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY, SUNDAY 1st May - No second collection

NEXT SUNDAY 8th MAY - Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund supports our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

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

BAPTISM

This weekend, we welcome into our faith community Ecaterina, daughter of Laurentio and Andra. She will be baptised on Saturday after Mass. Please remember Ecaterina and her family at this significant point in their journey in faith.



RECENTLY DIED

John David Shakespeare
Funeral in the church,
Tuesday 10th May, 2 pm



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

EASTER BREAK – next issue will be next week!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

18TH – 22ND July 2022

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Further information available at:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Or by e mailing: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org



JOB VACANCIES

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Work base - Portsmouth

Safeguarding & DBS Administrator

- Salary range £20,000 - £23,000 per annum fte (dependant on skills and experience).
- 28 hours (4 days) per week plus defined benefits contributory pension

For a full role description and details of how to apply please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing date for applications extended to:

Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

Southampton Council of Faiths

invite you to join us to celebrate our 20th anniversary

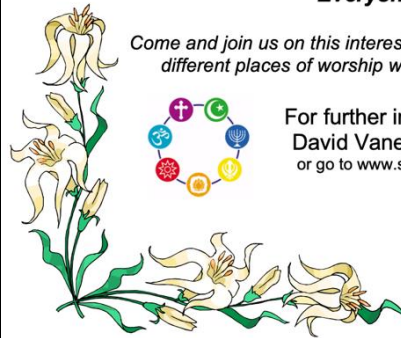
Annual Peace Walk Sunday 15th May 12.15

starting at the
Peace Fountain - East Park, Southampton
visiting ... Medina Mosque, Nanaksar Gurdwara,
and St Edmunds Church



Everyone is welcome!

Come and join us on this interesting and varied walk around the city visiting different places of worship with refreshments provided on the way...



For further information contact
David Vane – 07545 982838
or go to www.southampton-faiths.org

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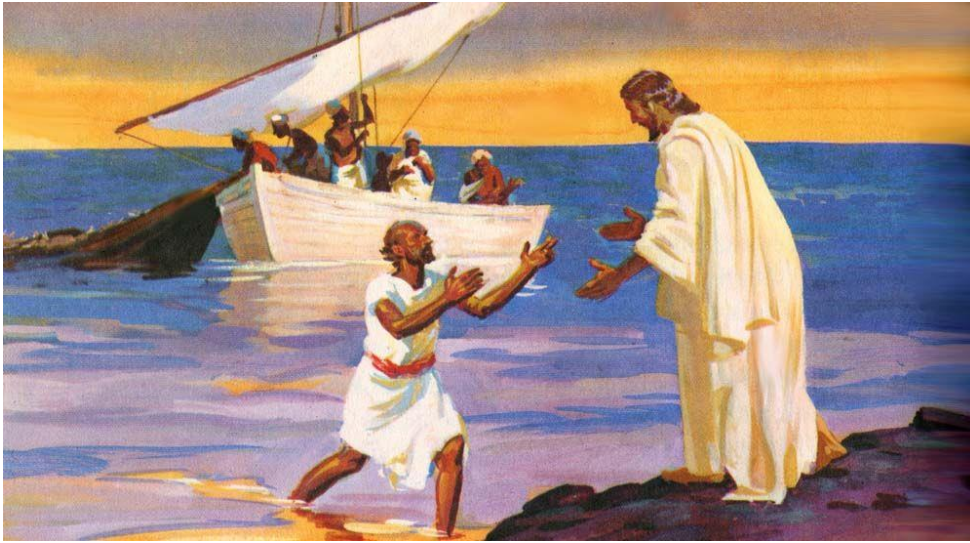
PARISH KEYS, VOLUNTEER FORMS, SAFEGUARDING, CARD MACHINE PAYMENTS

Following the recent notices regarding keys held by parishioners as well as Volunteer forms and Safeguarding queries plus the new card payment machine, I will be at each of the Masses this weekend to make it easier for you to discuss or let me know about any of the above. For anyone who has queries about the card machine or would like some help using it I will also be there to help!

Rachel
(Parish Secretary)

Going All In!

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. [John 21:7](#)



Peter was all in, literally speaking. This passage above is taken from one of the appearances of Jesus to the Apostles after His Resurrection. They were fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus, from the shore, told them to cast the net off the right side of the boat. When they did this they caught more fish than they could handle. When John realized it was Jesus and said so, Peter could not contain his excitement and jumped into the water to go and meet his Lord.

What a wonderful image this is to reflect upon. Specifically, it's wonderful to consider the interior excitement of Peter that led him to jump into the water and swim to the shore. His excitement could not be contained.

Would you jump into a lake to go to our Lord? That may seem like an unusual question but it's worth considering in a literal way. If you encountered our resurrected Lord, would you be so excited to see Him that you would be compelled to enter into His presence, even if it meant you had to jump into a lake? This action of Peter should be seen as a symbolic gesture for our own spiritual lives. The fact that Peter did not hesitate reveals how we should react when we encounter Jesus.

Obviously we do not encounter Jesus in His resurrected form in the way Peter did in this passage, literally and physically. But we do encounter Him every day, if we only have eyes to see. He is alive within our own hearts through prayer and by His indwelling presence. He is truly present in the people we meet every day. And He is most certainly present in the Sacraments, especially the Most Holy Eucharist.

There are two questions you should consider regarding this passage. The first is whether or not you actually do perceive Jesus' presence throughout the day. Peter did not recognize Him at first, even though Jesus spoke to him and the others in the boat. It took the miracle for them to recognize it was Him. The second question is how you react to His presence when you do perceive Him. Are you indifferent? Do you lack enthusiasm? Or are you filled with much joy?

Reflect, today, upon these two questions and resolve to become more attentive to the presence of our Lord every day, throughout the day. Resolve, also, to react as Peter did when you see Jesus. Let your heart and passion be drawn to Him and react with extraordinary joy and enthusiasm. Don't be afraid to go all in for our Lord!

A reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com