

23rd January 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

“This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen”

Luke 4:21

Immaculate Conception Church

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Confessions: Saturdays, 10.30 am (after Mass)

Hall Bookings: contact the parish secretary

(currently available for regular bookings only)

ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT

www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions	
Sun 23 Jan	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	- †Audrey Liberadzki RIP	
Mon 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales	-	No Mass	
Tues 25 Jan	The conversion of St Paul	10.00 am	-	
Wed 26 Jan	St Timothy & St Titus	10.30 am	FUNERAL – Audrey Gilboy RIP	
Thur 27 Jan	St Angela Merici	10.00 am	-	
Fri 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas	10.00 am	†Hugh Jackson RIP	
Sat 29 Jan	First Mass of Sunday	10.00 am	†Martha & George Ketta RIP	
Sun 30 Jan	FOURTHSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	†Wilfrid Joseph White RIP †Clementina Adebayo RIP	



SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Psalms: 18:8-10,15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the 10 am Saturday Mass and 10.30 am Sunday Mass this weekend.



RECYCLING YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you have old Christmas cards you are throwing away, there is a box in the porch where they will be gratefully received so that they can be recycled for next year to make Christmas cards which raise money for various parish charities. Thank you.

SCREENS AT MASS ON SATURDAYS

We are in need of someone to change the slides on the screens during Mass using the remote control clicker! It is a very simple job that most regular Mass goers could do. If you would be willing to go on a rota to help with this, please speak to Mary Gobbi or contact the parish office.

My dear Friends

Recently, I was flicking through notes I had made on Freud, Jung, Adler, Erikson etc. I came across a great Jungian reference which, I feel, sums up the message in today's readings: *Where love rules, there is no will to power... and where power predominates, there, love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other.*

Last Sunday, we heard Paul speak about the 'Variety of Gifts' **with** which, and **through** which, God makes himself present in us, our communities and our world. We are commissioned to celebrate these varieties of gifts as we work in harmony with each other for the **Greater Glory of God**.

Usually, we are unaware of our bodies, until we experience pain, or it stops working! It is only when our feet start hurting; our backs or legs make walking difficult; our eyes lose focus; our digestive system packing up... that we realise how vital they all are to life and living! In the *Sacred Body of Christ*, it is much the same! Who we are... what we do as part of that Sacred Body is essential to our making God present in our world. Give it some thought....

Remember me as loving you,
Fr. Antony

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY, SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY

- Cathedral Maintenance

NEXT SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY

- No second collection

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: PRC DTR Immaculate Conception Church, Sort

Code: 30-93-04, Account No: 00887995

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH

The Cathedral for our Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth This week's second collection supports this annual appeal. Currently there is work to be done on deteriorating electrical systems, ensuring the roof is watertight and in bringing various aspects in line with current health and safety regulations. Please be generous where you can. Your support will be much appreciated.

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<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue350?e=34c55a6ce>



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO HELP FACILITATE OUR BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME?!!!

I (Fr Antony) shall help you to prepare to be a facilitator of this first step in our children's sacred romance with

God. Essentially, it is walking our parents through the symbolism of the baptismal ceremony and the ways in which they will make these symbols vibrant realities in their children's lives.

This baptismal preparation will run just 4 times a year for two 1 hour sessions in the hall. There is normally just a very small group of parents. We have all the materials for these sessions of baptismal preparation. A lot of the input is from a video for each of the two sessions.

If you would like some help in discerning if this is what the Lord is inviting you to do, you are welcome to have a chat with Fr. Antony, and come and view all the materials. No obligation! Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Antony if you would like to celebrate this form of Baptismal priesthood/ministry!!

POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD A CONVERSATION WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH



Last week, feedback forms were given out as an invitation to us all, to take part in the dialogue the Pope would like to encourage the church to begin - constantly reviewing what should change to make the work of the Church today more engaging, vibrant and effective. **There is a box in the porch after Masses to return completed forms.**

This week the form is also on the parish website at the following link [Diocesan circulars and info\Synod 2022-23\Parishioner feedback form.docx](#) so that you can download it, type into it and e mail it back to the parish office if that is easier for you. Additionally it has been included with the newsletter e mail circulation this week.

You may wish to complete it as an individual but we would also like to encourage you to talk to others, perhaps within parish groups or as a family, and reflect on these questions,. This is very much an opportunity for peaceful dialogue – listening and trying to understand others' ideas and views. Most importantly, change to the church starts with individuals, so where you can, try to focus, in each instance, first of all on the question of 'what changes need to be made in "myself"'. It is easy to say what the parish or the diocese should be doing, but change starts in each one of us in many different ways.

REPAIR OF THE CHURCH OVERHEAD PROJECTORS

In our church we are very fortunate to have visual and sound technology to support our services. However, as with most technology this comes with maintenance and repairs! We have recently had to repair one of the projectors at a cost of £250 and then there are other times where the problem is simply a bulb replacement. If there are parishioners who feel they could contribute to the costs of this recent repair work we would be very grateful for any donations however, big or small. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING EVERY WEEK AFTER 10 AM MASS

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!



DO YOU NEED A COVID VACCINATION?

Grab a Jab from the **University Health Service**, Building 48, Highfield Campus SO17 1BJ.

For anyone to get a **1st, 2nd or booster dose** on the following **walk-in** dates:

- Sunday 23rd January 10am-4pm
- Sunday 30th January 10am-4pm
- Saturday 5th February 1pm-5pm
- Saturday 12th February 1pm-5pm
- We are open to anyone aged 12 and over
- For the second dose, under 18s need to wait 12 weeks after the first. Over 18s need to wait 8 weeks after the first.
- Boosters can be given to anyone over 16 from 3 months after the second dose.
- You do not need to have an NHS number, you don't need to be registered with a GP, and we don't carry out any identity checks. We do not check immigration status. We can, however, offer advice on how to register with a GP if you wish to.
- If you have previously been partially vaccinated in another country, you can still finish off the vaccination course here. If you come as a walk-in patient, we will be able to advise further.
- We have staff who speak a few different languages, but otherwise all information you need is written so can be translated if needed.

For more information: covid@unidocs.co.uk

MEDITATION GROUP 6pm Tuesday evenings at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Bugle Street, Southampton or Zoom during Covid. Lasts about 40 minutes. This ecumenical group is linked to the WCCM (World Community for Christian Meditation) in the tradition of Fr John Main. For further information contact Fiona on: 02380581109.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Campaign/Gift Aid Officer for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

- £20,000 - £25,000 per annum (fte) dependant on experience, plus contributory pension.
- Full time 35 hours per week / part time hours will also be considered
- Reporting to the Senior Accounts Technician

Overall job purpose

- To undertake the bulk of the day to day responsibility for claiming Gift Aid for the Diocese.
- Responsible for collections/donations/direct debits for all campaign fundraising.
- The administration of the cash collection and accounting for the 5 year campaign (Closer to Christ).

Some further details can be found on the noticeboard in the church porch and for a full Job Description and details of how to apply please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you would like a confidential discussion about the role, please contact Clare Shore on 02394 216457 or e mail:

cshore@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing Date: Friday 4th February 2022 at 12 noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK
Tues, Weds & Thurs 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

