

24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022

**SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

“Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you”

Luke 11:9

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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

**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> Genesis 18:20-32 <b>Psalms:</b> 137:1-3,6-8 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 2:12-14 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:1-13
Sun 24 July	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	John Coffey RIP Mass	
Mon 25 July	St James	-	No Mass	<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 <b>Psalms:</b> 89:3-6,12-14,17 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12:13-21
Tues 26 July	Ss Joachim & Anne	10.00 am	Constancio Botelho RIP	
Wed 27 July	Feria	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Margaret Daly RIP Reception of body – Una Chandler	
Thur 28 July	Feria	10.30 am	FUNERAL – Una Chandler	
Fri 29 July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	9.30 am	Rosary, No Mass	
Sat 30 July	St Peter Chrysologus	10.00 am	Veronica White - Birthday	
Sun 31 July	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Januario Antonio Monteiro RIP K T John RIP	
Mon 01 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori	1.00 pm	Wedding - James Bell & Rachael Vega	
Tues 02 Aug	St Eusebius of Vercelli	10.00 am	Ted Andrews RIP	
Wed 03 Aug	Feria	-	No Mass	
Thur 04 Aug	St John Vianney	10.00 am	Margaret Gallagher RIP	
Fri 05 Aug	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome	9.30 am	Rosary, No Mass	
Sat 06 Aug	The transfiguration of the Lord	10.00 am	Dr Kenneth Webb RIP	
Sun 07 Aug	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Audrey Reid RIP Mass	

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES**

• **SUNDAYS**

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

• **TUESDAYS**

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



**AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY....**

**A farewell party** for Fr Antony on the afternoon of **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Please save the date! More details will be available nearer the time.

If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift for Fr Antony, please put your donation in an enveloped marked clearly as **'Fr Antony, farewell gift'** and place in the collection baskets at/after Masses. Alternatively, you can make a donation by credit/debit card, using the card machine in the church porch.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS.....**

to James Bell (son of Trish Bell) and Rachael Vega who are to be married here on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 1.00 pm. Any parishioners who would like to come along to the service would be most welcome.

**FUNERAL OF UNA CHANDLER RIP**

Reception of body into the Church on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 4 pm



Funeral on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am, followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Closed this week

Open w/c 1<sup>st</sup> Aug - Wed & Thurs 9.30 am – 5 pm

## Praying for the Will of God

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” [Luke 11:9](#)

If we were to take this statement of Jesus in a very literal way we could easily conclude that Jesus will give us anything we ask for in a prayerful way. But we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? Will Jesus do whatever we ask of Him when we pray for it with all our might? Certainly not.

This passage goes on to say, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” ([Luke 11:13](#)). Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it’s important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It’s the will of God.

If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. The problem is that too often we end up praying that “MY will be done” rather than “THY will be done.” This is an important difference.

True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer.

Reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord’s Prayer: *Thy will be done!* Strive to trust in God’s perfect plan for your life and do all you can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

A reflection for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
My Catholic Life, [www.mycatholic.life.com](http://www.mycatholic.life.com)

### LOURDES PETITIONS

I will be going on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. If anyone would like to send any Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes, or have a candle lit for an intention, or for Lourdes water to be brought back, I am happy to do this as in previous years.

Please put your requests in sealed envelopes CLEARLY LABELLED with Petition, Candle, or Water. I have placed a box in the porch which I will collect on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Otherwise I can be contacted on 02380 422047 or 0781 3628744.

Liz Bellamy

### JUNE COLLECTION TOTALS

#### Income (not inc gift aid):

Planned giving	£405.00
Standing orders	£3461.00
Envelopes parish	£148.50
Offertory income	£1088.53
Dona Collection	£236.96
Building Fund	£91.00
Occasional Fundraising	£2.50
Gifts & Donations	£20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5453.49</b>

#### Special Collections (inc gift aid):

Day for Life	£358.80
World Communications	£483.16
Peter's Pence	£252.10
Sunday Morning Coffee	£54.72
Cake Sale	£89.55
Lenten Jars	£267.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1506.28</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY – Replacement Parish Laptop  
(See item below)

NEXT SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</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: PRC DTR Immaculate Conception Church,  
Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account No: 00887995

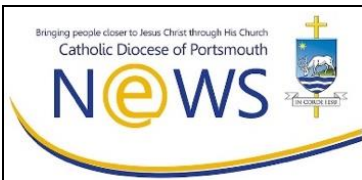
### PARISH LAPTOP

The lap top that we currently use during mass needs replacing. We shall be having two special 2nd collections to replace it on 24 July and 7 August.

Donations for this can also be made by card at the card payment machine in the porch. Alternatively if you will not be at Mass you can make a donation to the parish bank account using the above details, using the reference ‘Laptop’.

We need to raise around £500 for this. Any excess money left over after purchasing will be put towards our expenses for Church Services TV.





## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue371>

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)

## PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL CULMINATING IN FATIMA 12- 19TH OCTOBER 2022

Led by Fr Vincent Harvey (City Centre Parish). A brief 'synopsis' of the plans.....

The flight times have yet to be confirmed, but a coach has been organised. In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass at 10.00am. We will also visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem for coffee and the traditional custard pastry. This is followed by a visit to the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century! On the Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra passing through some magnificent country. Once in Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession.

The cost includes breakfast and evening meal, except for a fish lunch on one day where pilgrims are responsible for their own lunch if wanted.

Cost: £895 (sharing room). Brochures available by contacting the Parish Office:

[office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

or Godfrey Doyle: [godfreydoyle@gmail.com](mailto:godfreydoyle@gmail.com)



Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? We are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops please contact Jo on [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) for more information.

## RECRUITMENT

### IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH MEMBER OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – VOLUNTEER Property Investment Specialist

We have recently incorporated the Investment Committee of the Diocese, to oversee its investments of both £12 million of quoted investments and some £15 million of residential property.

We need a volunteer who could attend committee meetings once every quarter via Microsoft Teams and has experience in helping to develop an investment policy and oversee a property investment portfolio.

For further details, please contact:

Hereward Drummond

Secretary to the Trustees Email:

[hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## A DAY AWAY

### FOR PARISHES IN THE SOUTHAMPTON AREA

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

To celebrate the feast of the Assumption including a visit and guided tour to Harvington Hall, Kidderminster where during the reign of Elizabeth I many priests were kept safe in Priest hides built within the house. Lunch will be included at Harvington Hall, followed by a trip in the afternoon to the home of St John Henry Newman at the Oratory of St Philip Neri Edgbaston. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon at the Oratory for the feast of the Assumption. The Rosary will be prayed during the journeys.

Coach leaving from St Boniface, Shirley at 8.00 am  
Returning to St Boniface at approximately 8.30 pm  
Cost, including guided tours, lunch and the coach is £57.50 per person.

More detail on the noticeboard in the porch.

To book your place phone 07395228841 or e mail

[stjosephscenter@mail.com](mailto:stjosephscenter@mail.com)

Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## CHANGES TO AVAILABILITY OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES TV

From 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be changing the level of service we have from Church Services TV which enables you to watch all of our services online live and many on them on a recording.

This is a fairly expensive service which was invaluable to us during the pandemic. However, use of it is now much lower and therefore having reviewed data, we have made a decision to continue with live services only. Recordings will still be possible with advance notice, but only available on request for special events and a charge will need to be made for this. This enables us to save about £70 per month.

## CHOIR TAKING A BREAK DURING AUGUST

Back with us again in September!

## FUN DAY

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Fun day last Sunday, despite the very hot weather. The amount raised will be available in the collections summary next month.

## COMMUNITIES AGAINST CANCER – EVENT

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30 am – 3 pm**

### Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Did you know that, according to the Cancer Research Foundation, one in two people could get cancer in their lifetime? That is why LASo (The Latin-American Association of Southampton) invites you to the Communities Against Cancer event, where we will talk about what we can do to mitigate the risks of contracting this disease.

**The event is completely free, with refreshments and lunch provided.**

**This event will run in Spanish but with support for English speakers.**

To participate, you just have to register at [www.laso.org.uk/events](http://www.laso.org.uk/events).

This event is sponsored by Action Hampshire and Fiesta 95 FM (our community radio).

## COMUNIDADES CONTRA EL CÁNCER

Hola, sabías que, según la fundación Cancer Research, una de cada dos personas podría contraer cáncer a lo largo de su vida? Es por ello, que LASo (The Latin-American Association of Southampton) te invita al evento Comunidades Contra el Cáncer, donde hablaremos de lo qué podemos hacer para mitigar los riesgos de contraer esta enfermedad.

**El evento es totalmente gratuito, con refrigerios y almuerzo, y se realizará el sábado 30 de Julio en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia de 10am a 3pm.**

El evento será en español con soporte para anglo parlantes.

Para participar, sólo tienes que registrarte en [www.laso.org.uk/eventos](http://www.laso.org.uk/eventos)

Este evento es patrocinado por Action Hampshire y Fiesta 95 FM (nuestra radio comunitaria).



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2022

Pope Francis has included Monday 25th July 2022 as a new prayer intention day for grandparents and the elderly day in the church calendar on the occasion of the second world day for grandparents and the elderly (Sunday 24th July).

There are several areas of the diocese that currently host catholic grandparents groups. You can find out more at the following link to the Marriage and family life page of the Diocesan website:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/living-as-a-catholic/support/marriage-and-family-life/>

If you are interested in starting up a group you can contact the marriage and family life team at:

[marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

More information can be found at:

<https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org>

### PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord,  
For the blessing of a long life  
For, to those who take  
refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit.  
Forgive, O Lord,  
Resignation and disillusionment,  
But forsake me not  
When my strength declines.  
Teach me to look with hope  
To the future you give me, To the mission you entrust  
to me And to sing your praises without end.  
Make me a tender craftsman  
Of Your revolution,  
To guard with love my grandchildren  
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.  
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis  
And grant Thy Church  
To deliver the world from loneliness.  
Direct our steps in the way of peace.  
Amen.

