

18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

"You cannot be the slave of both God and of money."

Luke 16:130

Immaculate Conception Church

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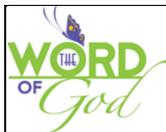
Parish Secretary: Rachel Brady (023 8055 5470)

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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 18 Sept	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Nora Savage RIP Arthur Maxfield RIP
Mon 19 Sept	St Januarius	-	NO SERVICES	-
Tues 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	-
Wed 21 Sept	St Matthew	10.00 am	Mass	
Thur 22 Sept	Feria	10.00 am	Mass	Dennis & Naomi Philpot RIP
Fri 23 Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Rosary Mass	Mary O'Malley RIP
Sat 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00 am	Mass	-
Sun 25 Sept	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	- Bryan Rosario RIP



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: 112:1-2,4-8

2nd Reading: Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Do remember to let us know if you have people you would like the parish to pray for - friends or family, sick, deceased, in difficulty or perhaps celebrating an occasion. We can then add them to the Mass Intentions list. If you would like to attend the Mass we can ensure it is on an available day which is convenient to you.

LOURDES HOLY WATER

Waiting in the sacristy for those who asked Liz Bellamy to bring some back from her recent Lourdes trip.

HAVE YOU LOST A ROSARY IN A SMALL FABRIC PURSE?

If so, it is waiting for you in the parish office. Please give me a call or e mail and I will arrange for it's safe return to you! Rachel

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Holy Communion course for children in year 4 or above begins this Autumn Term. If there are still children who regularly come to this parish who would like to make their First Holy Communion in June next year please contact the parish office for a registration form. **The closing date for registration is Sunday 2nd October.**

PEACE WALK TODAY - CANCELLED

If you were considering attending the Southampton Council of Faiths Peace Walk planned for today, please note that it has been cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of the Queen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Tues, Weds and Thurs 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

God or Money?

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” [Luke 16:13](#)

Many people dream of being rich. Having a lot of money brings with it a certain amount of security and freedom to do many things that most people could not. Money, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. If one is rich, that is fine. If one is poor, that is fine. From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little.

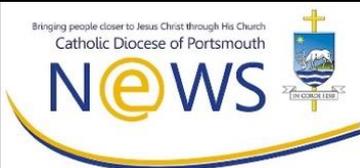
With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your “master.” Interestingly, even those who are poor can allow money to become their master when they allow the desire for more to dominate their lives. The key is in the desire and the healthy detachment.

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is. In the big picture, money has very little value. It's a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfilment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with being overly attached to money, or the lack thereof. God promises to provide for you in your need, so it's essential that you trust Him. And if your financial needs are more than met, be grateful and cultivate generosity as you seek to detach from money as a false source of happiness. Let your heart only be filled with the rich grace of God as its source of fulfilment and you will be rich in the truest sense.

A reflection for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
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Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue377>

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- 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

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH LIFE

SERVING TEA AND COFFEE

We really need a few more people to help serve tea and coffee after Mass on Sundays. If you could help, please speak to Anastasia after the 10.30 am Mass

CHILDRENS' LITURGY AT 10.30 Mass for children 4-7 (pre first Holy Communion)

Any adult help you could give to support this would be very gratefully received. Please contact Sue Deadman if you would like to find out more or offer your support. No preparation or specialist knowledge required!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to be an Altar Server? Have you made your First Holy Communion? If you have answered yes to both questions, please give your name and contact details, on a piece of paper, to Liz Bellamy, Mary Gobbi or Fr Anthony. We will be starting to introduce new servers with 'on the job' training during September!

BOOKSHOP

Help is needed to open the bookshop after Masses on Sundays. If you would be willing to help, please contact the office. As Susie is not around for a few weeks and there is no-one currently to run it, the bookshop will be closed unless we can get more support. Please contact the parish office if you could help. Thanks

HELP WITH MAINTAINING THE GROUNDS AROUND THE CHURCH

Our small volunteer gardening team need some more help! For the last few years Norman Fairchild has, almost singlehandedly, kept all the trees, hedges and lawns cut around the church, hall and house. At the end of October he has decided it is time to retire and hand the job over.

So we would like to be able to perhaps set up a rota of grass cutting and hedge cutting volunteers so that we can continue to keep the grounds in the good shape in which Norman has tended them. If you think you could help in any way with this, please have a chat with Fr Anthony after Mass.

STUDENT WELCOME EVENT

Friday 11th November, 7 pm In the Church Hall

All students - new and continuing - are invited to our annual student welcome event with food and refreshments. Come and meet other students and find out more about your parish!

CTS SUNDAY MISSAL FOR YEAR A

(Advent 2022 – Feast of Christ the King 2023)

If you would like to order a Missal for the next Liturgical year please let the parish office know by 30th October. We will be putting in an order at the beginning of November.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 18TH September –Home Missions

The Second Collection this Sunday is for Home Mission. Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can utilise, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities

This Second Collection will support those who work within the Bishops' Conference Mission Team, alongside our bishops and dioceses.

NEXT SUNDAY 25TH September – SVP

Any donations can be made in cash, by cheque or using our card payment machine in the church porch. The Parish Bank Account details are:

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

CALLING ALL MEDICAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STAFF

**Friday October 28th, 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
At Immaculate Conception Church Hall**

A light supper and social meeting for nursing, medical, health and social care staff who would like the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners working in similar environments and facing similar challenges in today's health and social care settings. The event is open to students and others who work in the sector. We are advertising this early because many of you may have six week rotas and may wish to request the evening off so you can attend. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be kept in touch should the group decide to follow up in any way, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you! Catering arrangements will follow nearer the time. Please contact Mary Gobbi, Olga Lloyd or Rachel for further information.

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

- **St Luke's Day Mass**
Tuesday 18th October 2022, 7.30pm
St John's Cathedral Portsmouth
For Portsmouth Area Health Care professionals
Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall
All welcome
- **A talk by Bishop Philip Egan**
"Being a Catholic Healthcare Professional in today's world: Reflections on the Pontifical Charter for Health-Care Workers"
for Portsmouth Area Health Care Professionals
7.30 pm Tuesday 25th October 2022
St John's Cathedral Hall, Portsmouth
Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall
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MASS FOR BISHOP PHILIP EGAN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This September will see Bishop Philips 10th Anniversary as the Bishop in our Diocese. Thanksgiving Mass to be held on Thursday the 29th September at 12:00 in the Cathedral, followed by a reception including drinks and nibbles in the Cathedral centre. We hope that many of our Priests and Deacons will be able to attend as well as parishioners from around the Diocese.

If you would like to attend this Mass, please email Kirsten McGuire: kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FOR ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

The Governors are looking for a new Foundation Governor to join their team. We warmly welcome enquiries, without obligation, from anyone who would be interested in considering supporting the school in this way. If you think this could be of interest, please contact Anna McCormack, the Chair of Governors, at amccormack@stgcc.co.uk.

Please see the link below for further details

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1165&type=pd>

RECRUITMENT

IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

PLANNED GIVING OFFICER

Permanent, Full time, 35 hours per week

Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA

Salary: £25,000 – £30,000 per annum depending on skills and experience.

Implementing fundraising initiatives to develop and deliver innovative stewardship programmes across our Diocese. Work alongside parishes, programmes and projects to secure key funding revenue, overseeing a portfolio of fundraising tools including digital giving (contactless and online), stewardship resources and legacy bequests.

For 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: Chris Smith – Director of Communications and Fundraising,
csmith@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

023 9421 6514

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Wednesday 28th September 2022

Full details of these roles can also be found in E news – see link

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue375?e=34c55ac6ce>

'A CELEBRATION OF SONG'

Hereford-based tenor Simon Harper and pianist Eleanor Perks will give a song recital at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Bugle Street, Southampton at 3 pm on Saturday 24 September.

The programme will include Schumann's *Dichterliebe* and Fauré's *Cinq Melodies de Venise*, as well as songs by Purcell and Britten.

Tickets are £15 (students and children free), available on the door if paying by cash or cheque, or in advance from kate-harper@outlook.com.

Formerly a chorister at St. Michael and All Angels, Bassett, Simon now sings as a Lay Clerk at Hereford Cathedral, alongside a busy schedule as a choral conductor.



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