



6TH AUGUST 2023 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

"This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him"

Matthew 17:5

**WEEKLY
INFORMATION
& UPDATES**

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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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 06 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Dr Kenneth Webb RIP Margaret Davis RIP
Mon 07 Aug	St Sixtus II & Companions		NO MASS	-
Tues 08 Aug	St Dominic	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Service	
Wed 09 Aug	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross		NO MASS	
Thurs 10 Aug	St Laurence	6.00 pm	Reception of body into the church	Patrick Wall RIP
Fri 11 Aug	St Clare	11.00 am	Funeral Mass	Patrick Wall RIP
Sat 12 Aug	St Jane Frances de Chantal	10.00 am	Mass	Trevor Newell RIP
Sun 13 Aug	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Audrey Reid RIP A 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Mon 14 Aug	St Maximillian Maria Kolbe		NO MASS	
Tues 15 Aug	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Service	
Wed 16 Aug	St Stephen	9.00 am	Mass	
Thurs 17 Aug	Feria	10.00am	Mass	Edmund Durkin RIP
Fri 18 Aug	Feria	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Mass	
Sat 19 Aug	St John Eudes	10.00 am	Mass	
Sun 20 Aug	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Tina Leng RIP Thanksgiving for a personal intention

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10

Psalm: 97:1-2,5-6,9

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

1st Readg: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalm: 85:9-14

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

Please join us in the hall for tea, coffee & biscuits:

- **Sundays after the 10.30 am Mass**
- **The first Sunday of each month after the 8.30 am Mass.**
- **Tuesdays after the 10.00 am Mass**

COLLECTIONS: THROUGHOUT AUGUST – No Second Collections

PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR DONATIONS IF YOU ARE A TAX

PAYER! The Parish Bank Account details: CDP, Immaculate

Conception Church, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Acct No:

00887995

NEW FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023-24

There is still time to sign up for the next First Holy Communion Programme. Please complete a form which can be found at the back of the church or online at

immaculateconception.church/_files/ugd/850ccc_ffd9f86a4a734c6e8a4a45d0532e3e57.pdf

and return it to the parish office via Fr Anthony, Deacon Gerard or Mary Gobbi, before the final introductory session on Saturday 2nd September at 11.00 am in the church.

Please note that in order to register, you should be attending Mass with your child, in this parish each Sunday and your child should be in year 4 or above on 1st September 2023.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

w/c 7th Aug: Tues, Weds and Thurs 9.30 am – 2 pm

w/c 14th Aug: Tues & Weds, 9.30 am – 2 pm

The Glory of the Transfiguration

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." [Mark 9:5-7](#)

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus began to reveal to His disciples that He would suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, be killed and then rise on the third day. This caused much fear for the disciples as they grappled with this unsettling revelation from our Lord. And even though Jesus remained firm with them and even rebuked Peter for his fear, Jesus also gave three of His disciples a very precious gift. After much traveling, preaching, miracle working and private conversations about His passion with the Twelve, Jesus invited Peter, James and John to go with Him up a high mountain to pray. These disciples most likely had no idea what they would soon encounter. As they made the difficult and arduous journey, their minds must have been pondering not only the mighty deeds done by Jesus in the previous months but also His words about the suffering to come. As they struggled with this, much to their amazement, Jesus "was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white." Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them, representing the Law and the prophets. These two Old Testament figures appeared as a way of saying to these disciples that everything that Jesus was telling them was to take place to fulfill all that had been foretold about Him from of old. Perhaps Jesus thought that if His disciples would not fully listen to Him, then seeing Moses and Elijah would help. But Jesus went even further. The Voice of the Father Himself thundered and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Thus, if these disciples would not ultimately listen to Jesus alone, or if even Moses and Elijah failed to convince them, then the last hope was the Father Himself. And Jesus delivered such a grace.

The Transfiguration was a true mercy. These disciples had never seen anything like it before. But it was most likely this act of mercy that ultimately helped them to accept the hard truth that Jesus was trying to teach them about His coming suffering and death. If the Father in Heaven Personally gave witness to Jesus, then everything that Jesus had said was trustworthy.

As we read through the Gospels and the many teachings God has given us through the Church, think about whether there are some teachings with which you struggle? Or in your own life, on a personal level, are there some things you know God wants of you but you find it difficult to accept? When confusion sets in, that means we are not listening, are not fully hearing what God is saying to us or are not understanding. And though we will not see the Transfigured Lord with our eyes and hear the Voice of the Father with our ears as these three disciples did, we must choose to believe all that God has said as if it were the Transfigured Lord, with Moses and Elijah, and the Father Himself speaking clearly and directly to us. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Those words were not only spoken for the good of the disciples, they are also spoken to us.

Reflect, today, upon this powerful experience given to these disciples by our Lord. Try to place yourself in the scene so as to witness Jesus transfigured in the most glorious way, with Moses and Elijah and with the thundering Voice of the Father. Allow the Father to speak also to you, telling you that all He has spoken through the Scriptures, the Church and within your own conscience is true. Allow this revelation to convince you on the deepest level to acknowledge not only the divinity of Jesus but also to "Listen to Him" in every way.

REPAIR CAFÉ AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 10.30 am – 1.00 pm

Do you have anything which you need help repairing? Most items tackled including electrical, sewing, computers, bikes etc. Bring it along and have tea/coffee & cake while you watch your repair being done.

DEVINE MERCY RETREAT

at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth,

Saturday 19 August 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is running this retreat which will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

DONATIONS OF SLEEPING BAGS AND BIBLES

Needed for the Street Pastors' work.

- Sleeping bags of any shape, old or new
- Bibles – new and/or old testament – all useful.

If you are able to donate any of these, please leave them in the church porch or give them to Steve Deadman or the Parish Office.

Thank you to the people have already made some donations.

LOURDES PETITIONS

I will be going on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Thursday 17th 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 15th August. Otherwise contact me on 02380 422047 or 0781 3628744.

Liz Bellamy

NOVENA PROGRAMME

At St Boniface Church, Shirley

Tuesday 29th August – Friday 8th September

Rosary followed by Mass & Novena:

- Every weekday starting at 6.30 pm
- Saturday starting at 6pm
- Sunday starting at 5 pm

Final day, 8th Sept is the Feast of the birthday of Our Lady and will begin with a procession at 6.30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm and then dinner in the church hall afterwards.

An invitation to take part in this event is extended to all the parishes around Southampton. Everyone welcome.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

25 AUG OR 1 SEPT, 2023
10:00AM TO 2PM

Address

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Registration Link

Website: <https://forms.office.com/e/c9fZn27sFa>

QR code:



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Details

Free of charge
Drop in session
Welcome aged 3 to 12
Food preparation
Art & Craft activities

