



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

14th July 2024 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence”

Ephesians 1:4

**Our Parish vision is to bring people closer to Christ
by inviting, welcoming, nurturing and nourishing everyone**

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Confessions: After 10 am Mass on Saturdays

Hall Bookings: contact the parish secretary

PARISH OFFICE OPEN NEXT WEEK: Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 am – 3 pm

**ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT
www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur**

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 14 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Angela Lacy Maureen Slevin RIP
Mon 15 July	St Swithun		NO MASS	
Tues 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic adoration Mass	K W Lorance Perera RIP
Weds 17 July	St Bonaventure	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Mass Eucharistic adoration	Anne
Thurs 18 July	Feria	10.00 am	Mass	Margaret Davis RIP
Fri 19 July	Feria	9.00 9.30 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic adoration Rosary Eucharistic Service	
Sat 20 July	St Apollinaris	10.00 am	Mass	
Sun 21 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Sheila Goreham RIP John Coffey RIP



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Psalm: 84(85):9-14

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

NEXT WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Tues 16th - Tea & Coffee after 10 am Mass – church hall

Weds 17th - Adoration, 6.00 pm, Lady Chapel

Sat 20th - Maintenance Morning, Meet 10.30 am in the hall

Sun 21st - Choir Practice 11.30 am in the church. Anyone welcome to join.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

SUNDAY 14th JULY – Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris (GA envelopes available)

SUNDAY 21st JULY – No second collection

TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Trusting in Providence

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. Mark 6:7–9

If you felt called by God to go forth to another land to spread the Gospel message, you most likely would plan ahead and pack all that you needed for the journey. You would bring extra clothing, money, and various other provisions. But in the Gospel above, Jesus instructs the Twelve to go forth on a mission with nothing but a walking stick. He instructs them to rely upon divine providence for the physical necessities of daily living while on their journey. Though there was nothing wrong with planning ahead and taking care of their physical needs, Jesus' instruction was given to teach the Twelve a more important

spiritual lesson. In their mission of preaching the Gospel, curing the sick and casting out demons, they had to learn to rely upon the power of God and not on their natural abilities. Therefore, by learning to rely upon providence for things like food, clothing and shelter, they were more prepared to also rely upon divine providence in their apostolic mission.

As you ponder this passage, try to imagine what might have gone through the minds of the Twelve as they traveled. Imagine them walking for many miles and arriving at a town as the sun began to set. Since they had no money or food, they would have been tempted to fear and worry. They could not rent a room for the night. They could not buy anything to eat. This was a test of their trust in God.

Imagine further that these same Apostles suddenly encountered God's providence. To their surprise, they were offered free lodging for the night and a meal. The next day, the same thing happened. As they trusted, journeyed, preached, healed and drove out demons, they found that they had what they needed every day and every night. This experience of God's providence would certainly have affected their personal faith. But it also would have affected their ministry. As they witnessed God providing for their physical needs, they would also have grown in their trust in grace to more fruitfully fulfill their mission.

Just as the Twelve had to learn to rely upon the providence of God in all things, so God wants the same for you. He might not call you to go forth on a mission without any physical provisions, but He does want you to learn to trust Him always. Perhaps that means donating more than a tithe of your money to the poor or to the mission of the Church as a way of showing you trust God with your money. Perhaps it means buying less for yourself and learning to live more simply. Or perhaps it means taking a step in faith by speaking to a friend about the Gospel, engaging in an apostolic ministry at Church, or stepping out in faith in some other way while you learn to put your trust in God. Trust in God means you overcome fear and worry as you journey through life and fulfill the mission God has given to you.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to learn to trust Him in all things and to especially trust that He will use you to share the Gospel with others. If you find this fearful, that is a good interior discovery. It means that you have found the fear holding you back. Whatever that may be, step forward in faith and conquer that fear. God will provide for you, giving you what you need to wonderfully fulfill His divine mission in your life.

A reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B
www.mycatholic.life

PARISH NOTICES

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10.30 AM MASS

Please join us in the hall for the usual refreshments after Mass today.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MORNING

Saturday 20th July, 10.30 am - Meet in the hall

Could you help us with carrying out checks around our buildings and grounds to enable us to maintain our property and meet legal requirements? There are also minor maintenance tasks which we need some help with.

This is a vital task for as many parishioners in our community to help with. Without this our parish home will fall into a state of neglect causing danger to those using the buildings and grounds, together with huge repair bills, of which we would have to pay for from parish funds collected from you as parishioners, which we cannot afford. Please do come and help with this task. The more who help, the smaller the load for each of us.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: PRAYER INTENTIONS

Bishop Philip is attending the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of this month. If you would like him to offer a prayer for your intention at the Grotto in Lourdes please email your petition in confidence to lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

REGISTRATION

Registration for FHC in 2025 is now open and will close at the start of September in all our Southampton parishes. The programme will start in Autumn 2024.

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion, they should be over the age of 8 and they should register for the programme taking place at the parish in which they would normally attend Mass. They should be attending Mass with their family as regularly as possible. Registration forms for the programme at Immaculate Conception are available from the parish office by email, from the parish website or from the church porch. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office.

NEW SEAFARERS CENTRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Stella Maris are continuing to build a team of volunteers from the parishes in the Southampton Deanery, to act as welcomers in the new Seafarers Club at St Joseph's Church in St Michael's Square, Southampton. If you would like to volunteer or learn more please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or contact Stella Maris Port Chaplain: Charles Stuart, 07843 739 570
charles.stuart@stellamarismail.org

FRIDAY WAS MY LAST DAY IN THE PARISH OFFICE....

and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to you all. It has been a privilege to be here and at times a humbling experience – I have met some people here with an inspiring commitment and dedication to their faith, as well as some amazing skills and talents, together with time, willingly contributed to the support of parish life. There are many parishioners I have got to meet and some I have got to know well and I thank you all for your friendship and kindness, your patience, your help and your support to me. I hope I have served the parish adequately over the past 6 years but I apologise for my regular newsletter mistakes, anything I forgot to do, or took too long to do!! I am sure I will continue to see many of you as I will still be an active parishioner in the evolving large Southampton Parish.

I am passing the role into the very capable hands of Cecilia Kovacs who is starting on Tuesday next week and I am confident that within a few weeks the office will be up and running again as usual!

Rachel

PARISH INCOME FOR JUNE 2024

Main Offertory Collection	1282.79
Gift Aid Envelopes	253.00
Standing Orders/Direct Debits	3029.00
Online giving	299.00
Card Machine	178.96
Candles	54.70
Tea & Coffee after Masses	88.37
Cake Sale	27.00
Repair Café	72.00
Raffle tickets	10.00
BBQ	10.00
Lectionary donation	1020.00
Emergency Relief Fund	30.00
Lent Jar	22.49
Other donations	130.00
Total	6507.31

2ND COLLECTION DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

Day for Life	202.94
Homeless & Poor	495.11
Total	698.05

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sat 7th September, 2pm, St Bede's Church, Basingstoke

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to attend, please email:

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER FOR JULY

<https://www.portsmouthvocations.org/so/1aP1UKVrp?languageTag=en&cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af>

BBQ AND NIGHT PRAYER WITH BISHOP PHILIP AND OUR PORTSMOUTH SEMINARIANS

Tuesday 30th July

The vocation team are hosting the annual gathering of all the Seminarians and Seekers/Discerners in a few weeks' time. If you are interested in joining the evening yourself as a new enquirer - or you know of a man/men in your parish who you may think could be interested in joining the evening, please pass news of this opportunity on to them. For full details please email by Friday 20th July. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



WEEK SILENT RETREAT

Pilgrims of Hope

finding hope in times of trouble

23 - 30 AUG. 2024

For more info: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com



PUBLIC SPEAKING - ONLINE TRAINING, LEARN TIPS AND BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE



CAFOD are offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for

volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation.

[Register here](#) to receive the link or use the QR code to the right with your mobile phone camera. Date and time: Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.

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