



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

*"O you of little faith,
why did you doubt?" - Matthew 14:22-33*

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▶ ALL MASSES LISTED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO JOIN LIVE on our website or www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur



Week Commencing 2nd August | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Solemnities, Feast days & Memorials	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 2 August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Mass	Ted Andrews – 60th Death Anniversary RIP
	10.30 am	Mass	Emelda Che RIP
Mon 3 August Feria	-NO MASS-		
Tue 4 August St John Vianney	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	Margaret Gallagher RIP
Wed 5 August Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	10 am 6 pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Angela Capocci RIP
Thu 6 August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10 am	Mass	Emelda Che RIP
Fri 7 August St Sixtus II	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Rosary Mass Funeral Mass for Mrs. Rowena McComb	Rona Budge RIP
Sat 8 August St Dominic	10 am	Mass	Tonney Fernando RIP
Sun 9 August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Dr Trevor Delves RIP Alex Michels RIP



SUNDAY READINGS: 1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm: Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R cf. 16

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Thought for the Week: "What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless." (Pope St John Paul II)



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	10.30 am	Mass	Alex Michels RIP
Mon 10 August <i>ST LAURENCE</i>	-NO MASS-		
Tue 11 August <i>St Clare</i>	9.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	--
	10.00 am	Mass	
Wed 12 August <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	10 am	Mass	Emelda Che RIP
	6 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Thu 13 August <i>St Pontian</i>	10 am	Mass	--
Fri 14 August <i>St Maximilian Maria Kolbe</i>	9.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	--
	9.30 am	Rosary	
	10.00 am	Mass	
Sat 15 August <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10 am	Service of the word (No Mass)	--
Sun 16 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8.30 am	Mass	Edmund Durkin RIP
	10.30 am	Mass	Thanksgiving mass for Nwoguh family



SUNDAY READINGS: 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Psalm: Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R8
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Thought for the Week : "At the heart of everything is the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. The flesh of the Son, poor and vulnerable, evokes the flesh of so many brothers and sisters stripped of their dignity and reduced to silence. Through the Lord's closeness, the gift of peace enters into the world in a paradoxical way. It does so through the power to become children of God, and is awakened when we allow ourselves to be moved by the tears of the little ones, the fragility of the elderly, the silence of victims and the struggle of those who fight against the evil they do not wish to commit." (Pope Leo: Magnifica Humanitas, 231)



PARISH NOTICES

Cleaner Vacancy - Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Portswood



We are looking for a reliable and dedicated Cleaner to help maintain our church premises and presbytery to a high standard, ensuring they remain clean, safe, and welcoming for worship and parish life.

This vital role supports the dignity of our spaces and the mission of the Parish by fostering a respectful and well-cared-for environment for all. Interested applicants are warmly invited to contact the Parish Office for further details.

Last chance to book for Adoremus 2026



Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Canon Michael Dennehy invites you to join the Diocesan contingent.

The next Adoremus event is due to take place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. The deadline for registration and payment is Monday 3rd August 2026.

[Registration form](#) for Adoremus 2026 - please make payment £30 per person, if you would like you go but are unable to afford please [contact Canon Michael Dennehy](#) or speak to him. Click on the picture for more details.

Payment details:

Account Name: CDP SOUJE

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Reference: AD26-SURNAME

Departing St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, Southampton, then Winchester Services, Fleet Services on to London.

14:30 - Arriving at St George Cathedral, Southwark

15:00 – Eucharistic Procession from St George Cathedral, Southwark to Westminster Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood.

Approximately a 39 – minute, 1.7-mile walk, following mostly flat urban city terrain.

17:00 - Solemn Benediction led by Bishop James Curry at Westminster Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood.

18:00 – Holy Mass

19:30 – Departure from Westminster Cathedral.

Accommodation Wanted

A parishioner is looking for 2-bedroom accommodation with storage space to rent. If anyone knows of a suitable property preferably in SO18 or SO17 or can offer any assistance, please contact the Parish Office, who can pass on the details.



Current Diocesan Vacancies

Please visit our website for details of our [current vacancies](#) within the Diocese including:

- [Parish Finance Administrator, Andover](#)
- [Development and Fundraising Manager, Portsmouth](#)
- [Parish Campaign Coordinator, Portsmouth](#)
- [Parish Administrator, Fareham](#)

Diocesan School Vacancies: For career opportunities in our Diocesan schools, please see [here](#).

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese

Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's,
Basingstoke

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "*Go therefore and make disciples...*" (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGRoZezDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Wessex Rotary Shoebox Appeal

We are once again supporting the Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme, which sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to disadvantaged children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, and Ukraine (via Poland), ensuring they receive them in time for Christmas. Shoeboxes are available from the church porch or the parish office.

We look forward to receiving your filled shoeboxes. For more information, please contact Norman Fairchild or parish office.

For guidance on what items may be included in the boxes, please visit: www.wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk. Thank you for helping to bring joy and hope to children i



Upcoming recognised international days

- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - 9 August
- International Youth Day - 12 August
- World Humanitarian Day - 19 August
- International Day Commemorating Victims of Violence Based on Religion or Belief - 22 August.
- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition - 23 August.

2026 marks several major round-number anniversaries:

- 80th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials (1946) beginning that year after World War II.
- 81 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (6 and 9 August 1945).

Things to do this summer

- Southampton City Council is developing a range of public realm and placemaking improvements for Portswood Broadway and would like to hear your views.

Your feedback will help shape the proposals before they are developed further. There will be a further opportunity to comment on the proposals through a wider public consultation planned for the autumn.

[Find out more and let us know your thoughts](#)

- Here is a list of free activities and events for children and young people in Southampton

[Are you looking for things to do this summer?](#)

Have a blessed and peaceful week ahead.

