

7TH AUGUST 2022

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

*“When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him,
when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him ”*

Luke 12:48


Immaculate Conception Church

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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 | Mass Times | Mass details & intentions |  THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS 1st Reading: Wisdom 11:6-9 Psalm: 32:1,12,18-20,22 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 |
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| Sun 07 Aug | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8.30 am 10.30 am | Audrey Reid RIP - | |
| Mon 08 Aug | St Dominic | - | No Mass | |
| Tues 09 Aug | St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross | 10.00 am | Mass | |
| Wed 10 Aug | St Laurence | 4.00 pm | Reception of body – Maureen Slevin | |
| Thur 11 Aug | St Clare | 11.00 am | FUNERAL – Maureen Slevin | |
| Fri 12 Aug | St Jane Frances de Chantal | 9.30 am | Rosary | |
| Sat 13 Aug | St Pontian & St Hippolytus | 10.00 am | Mass | |
| Sun 14 Aug | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 8.30 am 10.30 am | Mary Brooks RIP - | |

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 10th September**. Please save the date.

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.

YOUR DONATION CAN BE GIFT AIDED using the card machine, or if you are a regular gift aider – please include your gift aid number on your envelope.

Gift Aiding means that if you are a tax payer, your donation will be boosted by 25% via tax relief from HMRC directly to the church.

FUNERAL OF MAUREEN SLEVIN RIP



Reception of body into the Church on Wednesday 10th August at 4 pm

Funeral on Thursday 11th August at 11.00 am, followed by burial Hollybrook Cemetery.

RECENTLY DIED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and their families, in particular **Josephine Donovan** and **Geraldine Short**. Funeral dates to be advertised when available.

LOURDES PETITIONS

I will be going on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Friday 19th 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 16th August. Otherwise I can be contacted on 02380 422047 or 0781 3628744.
Liz Bellamy

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wed & Thurs 9.30 am – 5 pm

The “Little Flock”

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” [Luke 12:32](#)

This short statement from Jesus reveals three things to us.

First of all, we hear Jesus offer the familiar reminder that we ought not allow fear to take hold of our lives. There are so many things in life that can have the effect of causing fear, worry, anxiety and the like. Overcoming fear is a matter of humility, in that humility enables us to turn our eyes from ourselves and the problems we face and to put our eyes upon our Lord. When we put our eyes on Him, fear dissipates and trust takes its place.

Second, this is also a very tender statement from Jesus in that He calls His disciples, and all of us, His “little flock.” This is a term of endearment and reveals our Lord’s gentle and compassionate heart. This term of endearment reveals not only that we belong to Jesus, it also reveals how His love for us is intimate and heartfelt. If we understand this love of His we will be compelled to love Him back with the same depth of intimacy.

Lastly, this line points us to the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven. The Father, whom we must trust and with whom we must have an intimate relationship, invites us to share in His most glorious Kingdom. His Kingdom becomes ours, and when we can see and understand how glorious this calling is, we will be filled with hope and excitement as we seek to obtain it.

Reflect, today, upon the heartfelt invitation of our compassionate Lord Jesus to put your eyes upon His Kingdom. As you do so, allow this revelation to cast out fear from your life, strengthening you to overcome that burden. Put your trust in God and allow Him to transform you.

A reflection for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE PILGRIMAGE TOUR

Visiting St John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth

9.30 am on Thursday 8th September until 10 am on Friday 9th September

Visit the Cathedral at any time of the day or night for this opportunity for prayer and healing.

Due to high numbers expected, if possible, please register your attendance and a time slot beforehand at www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 7th August – Replacement Parish Laptop

(See item below)

NEXT SUNDAY 14th August – 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: PRCDTR Immaculate Conception Church,
Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account No: 00887995

PARISH LAPTOP

The lap top that we currently use during mass needs replacing, so our second collection today is specifically to help fund the purchase of a new one. 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.



CHOIR TAKING A BREAK DURING AUGUST

Back with us again in September!

Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue373?e=34c55ac6ce>

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- 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

DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH
VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2022
<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/58099Kkwp?languageTag=en&cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af#/main>



Grow and Cook Family Holiday Programme

26 Aug OR 2 Sept, 2022 (Fri) . 10:30-13:00
Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood

Free of charge . Parents with children. Gardening and outdoor activities. Cooking healthy and nutritious food. Free meal provision. Healthy fruits and vegetables bag

Please select one of the dates and register by 19 Aug, 2022):
Victoria
sms/mobile: 07919956975
Email: vmayuto@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



FILIPINO MASS
AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH
Bishop Philip Egan invites you for an Ethnic Filipino Mass in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino-Chinese Saint) on **Saturday 10th of September 2022** at St. John Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HQ. **1:30pm Procession then Mass. Wear your Ethnic costumes.** Contact: Filipino Deacon KIM CABATANA @ fb Dcn Kim Cee, email Cabatanak@gmail.com or Fr. Claro Conde @ fb Claro Conde, email: filipinochaplaincy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

DENNIS WILSON'S FUNERAL 20TH JULY
Tricia and John would like to pass on their thanks to everyone who helped in giving Dennis such a wonderful send off. He would be so proud and grateful.

RECRUITMENT

IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

PASTORAL COORDINATOR FOR EVANGELISATION
Part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work. Based at: Pastoral Centre, St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Winchester. Salary £12-13 per hour depending on experience. Closing date: Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 12 noon

We are seeking a Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation to support the Director of Evangelisation and Leadership in delivering and developing the parish Evangelisation Ministry and its programmes and initiatives, with a particular focus on our primary tool for evangelisation, Alpha.

For Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply, please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact:

Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest
mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
01962852804

PART TIME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR
Park Gate Parish
20 hours per week (Monday to Thursday)
An experienced administrator with excellent secretarial, interpersonal, time management and prioritisation skills, IT skills and all round office skills, experience of finance administration. Knowledge of parish and diocesan organisation structure is desirable.
Closing date: 12 noon on Weds 10th August 2022
Application forms and Job Description are available from: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHANGES TO AVAILABILITY OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES TV
From 1st 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.