

30TH OCTOBER 2022
THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

“The Son of Man has come to see out and save what was lost.”

Luke 19:10

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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 30 Oct	THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	- -
Mon 31 Oct	Feria	-	NO SERVICES	
Tues 01 Nov	ALL SAINTS (Holy day of Obligation)	9.00 am 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Mass Mass	- Joe Gobbi RIP
Wed 02 Nov	Commemoration of All Souls	10.00 am	Mass	Lawrence & Luigiana Glegg RIP
Thur 03 Nov	St Martin de Porres	10.00 am	Mass	-
Fri 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo	9.00 am 10.00 am	Rosary & Adoration Mass	-
Sat 05 Nov	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Mari O'Keefe
Sun 06 Nov	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Bamenda Sunday)	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Deceased relations of the White family Anna Babagbeto RIP



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Psalm: 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 13th November 2022

In preparation for our Remembrance Sunday Mass, if you have relatives who have died as a result of war, conflict or terrorism, please do let us know so that we can include them on the 'roll of honour' this year. Any names are needed in the parish office by Tuesday 8th November – e mail, phone or just drop a note in.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - TODAY

South Stoneham Cemetery, **Sunday 30th October**, meeting at 12.15 pm at Fr Lynch's grave for the Rosary. (Note, this date is weather permitting!)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

PLANNED ROAD WORKS starting from Monday 7 November for approximately 6 weeks. This will require the closure of the junction of Mayfield Road and Thomas Lewis. Please bear this in mind if you would normally use this junction to travel to the church.

BIG CHANGES COMING IN OUR PARISHES

Last week at Mass we heard the Bishop talking about the context in which some major changes to the diocese and local parish areas will be likely to take place over the next few years. A copy of his letter is available in the porch to take away with the newsletter this week and copies of the consultation summary document 'You will be my Witnesses' is also available if you have not already got one.

After Mass Anastasia will be speaking for a few minutes on what these changes would mean for us in Southampton and about the consultation process in which all are invited to be a part of. We hope that as many parishioners as possible will take part in this and offer their thoughts, ideas and feedback in what will be an important time in the life of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.

Overcoming Obstacles

“Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” [Luke 19:5](#)

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning.

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it.

Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart. Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord.

Regardless of whether or not you are “successful” from a worldly point of view, it’s essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That “unfulfilled desire” refers to any way that God is not fully the centre of your life. Some people try to fulfill this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.

*A reflection for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com*

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 26th November, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

We are collecting the following items.

Toys, Bottles (for the bottle tombola), Gifts, Raffle Prizes, Hand made festive goods,

Items for a silent auction.

There will be boxes in the porch next Sunday for any donations.

If you would like to run your own stall please contact Annatasia to book a place.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY SUNDAY 30th October 2022

10.30 Mass, World Missions (missed last week)

NEXT SUNDAY – Bamenda

Any donations can be made in cash or by cheque via the collection baskets in the church or using our card payment machine in the church porch.

The Parish Bank Account details are:

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

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

9.00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.
All are welcome.

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Saturday 19th November, 10 am

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls and we invite you to attend our annual Mass. All are very welcome. Please do come along to remember and pray for anyone close to you who has died. We especially invite those who have suffered bereavements over the past year.

Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. **If any parishioners are available to help with welcoming and serving tea and coffee your help would be very much appreciated.** Please let Mary Gobbi or the parish office know if you could help.

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. Please email the parish office if you would like to come so that we have some idea of numbers. Come along and meet other students and find out more about your parish!

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Homemade rich Christmas cakes for sale, ready for you to ice and decorate.

Large cake 23 cm - £20

Small cake 20 cm - £15

Please contact Lesley Newman on 07504455925 or 023 8047698

LOST SMALL PURSE

A small purse has been found in the hall. If you have lost one here, please come to the parish office where it is waiting for you!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

to Thomas Bond and Danielle Warder who are marrying here this Saturday 29th October at 2 pm. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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

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CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Christmas gifts for Seafarers

Whatever you get for Christmas, it is it's highly likely it will have come

to this country by sea. There will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends. Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect 800 individual Christmas presents for seafarers visiting our Southern Region ports in the days before Christmas.

Can you help us by donating Christmas gifts?

There is a poster in the church porch listing suitable items to contribute (please remember that most seafarers are men). If you are able to give a gift, please bring it along to the church or parish office before 1st December, clearly labelled as a Seafarers Christmas gift.

SOUTHAMPTON DEANERY A RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday 3rd December 2022

9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Holy Family Catholic Church

Fr Tom Kleinschmidt will be leading a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual conferenes for catechists and those interested in this ministry

Please bring your own lunch

For more details or to confirm attendance contact:
ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

New Foundations are a local Christian Charity providing support for ex-prisoners who are re-habilitating in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight. We provide training and support to Christian volunteers who then establish mentoring relationships with clients that have been referred to us by prison chaplaincy, or the National Probation Service.

We are recruiting a part-time Volunteer Support Administrator to help us to keep on top of the administration. We are looking for a reliable Christian person with a heart for those on the edge of society Full details and application form are on our website at: <https://newfoundations.cc/job-vacancy/>

OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Please visit our JOBS PAGE on the Diocesan website, <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/> which lists vacancies including:

- Head of Events (Caritas)
- Head of Estates
- Part Time Parish Administrator Christ the King, Reading
- Part Time Parish Administrator Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's, Portsmouth
- Part Time Pastoral Coordinator Evangelisation, Winchester
- Part time Parish Administrator, Parish of St Colman's with St Paul's.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE – Matching Service

Caritas have recently launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. If you have room in your home and heart to offer a room in your home, please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>.

More details on the poster in the church porch.

SOME WEEKLY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MASS.....

Quote from St Padre Pio

“Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we ourselves do not know”

The benefits of even one holy Mass are infinite and include the whole world. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant was “shed for you and for all”. In every Mass that is offered the Church remembers before God “those who take part in this offering, those here present and all your people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart.” In a special way those who have holy Mass offered and those for whom a Mass is offered partake of the grace of the Eucharistic sacrifice.



Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.”

[Luke 19:5](#)