



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

13th OCTOBER 2024 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Who can be saved?” Jesus gazed at them. ‘For men’ he said ‘it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.’ Mark 10,26-27

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

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN NEXT WEEK: Tuesday/Friday 10:00 5 pm, no Wednesday/Thursday due to staff training

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

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 13 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Fr Paul Spellman RIP Ian Warwick RIP
Mon 14 October	St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr		NO MASS	
Tues 15 October	St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
Weds 16 October	St Hedwig	10.00 am 6pm	Eucharistic Service Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration	
Thurs 17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
Fri 18 October	St Luke, Evangelist, Feast Day	6.30 pm	NO AM SERVICES Mass	
Sat 19 October	Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Religious, Martyrs	10.00 am	Mass	Gretta Andrews RIP
Sun 20 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass (Childrens)	Kathleen White RIP



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm: 89(90):12-17
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

SUNDAY 13th October – CAFOD (non-GA)
SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER – Foreign Missions (APF Missio)

NEXT WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Tues 15th Tea & Coffee after 10 am service – parish hall
RCIA Course – 7.30-9 pm in the parish hall
Wed 16th Rosary and Adoration for students and anyone else
 who would like to join us – 6-7 pm in the main church
Thur 17th Caritas activity group– 10.30am Biscuit making
Fri 18th Feast of St Luke – Mass followed by a shared meal for
 health professionals – by invitation only
Sat 19th Repair café – 10.30am in the parish hall
Sun 20th Refreshments after mass
Choir Practice 11.30 am in the church. Anyone
 welcome to join.

IMPORTANT!

Fr Anthony is away this week on retreat, there are no morning masses from Tuesday to Friday, except for St Luke’s Mass on Friday evening.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Next week’s newsletter items must be submitted by **Tuesday 1pm** via email: office@immaculateconception.church

Today 13th October is the last day to return completed shoe boxes. If you have brought one please see Norman and Mary.

TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Reflection by Scott Hahn

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls “wisdom of heart.”

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the “many possessions” that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, “Teach us.”

PARISH NOTICES

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM FR ANTHONY:

- **St Luke's Mass for Medical Workers:** 18th Oct 6.30pm
- **Students' welcome meal:** 25th October 7.30pm
- **Bamenda Sunday:** 27th Oct
- **Mass of Remembrance:** 2nd Nov
- **Blessing of Graves:** 3rd Nov
- **Remembrance Sunday:** 10th Nov
- **Christmas Fair:** 16th Nov
- **Parish Retreat:** 30th Nov, 10 AM - 2 PM
- **Novena to the Immaculate Conception:** 29th Nov-7th Dec
- **Patronal Feast Day:** 7th Dec (joined by the Marion Group, CWA)
- **Night of Light:** 13th Dec

Please mark your calendars and join us for these events!



CAKE SALE TODAY AND EVERY 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER 10.30AM MASS

Raising money for general Parish Funds.

Bakers always needed (shop cakes ok too!). Bring your cake donations to the church hall before the 10.30 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month, together with a list of the ingredients (for those with allergies).

STUDENTS WELCOME!

As a Parish Community we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new and returning students.

We would really appreciate it if you could make yourselves known to either Fr. Anthony or Deacon Gerard allowing us to introduce you to others. There is **Tea and Coffee** available after 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall.

Our regular student adoration service on Wednesday evenings are being held in the main church in October.

We would also like to extend an invitation to our upcoming Students Welcome Meal on Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30pm after Adoration.

We also invite to you to connect with the Parish Students WhatsApp Group run by fellow students.

**ST LUKE'S MASS – 18TH OCTOBER
for Medical, Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health &
Social care staff and students
18.30 in the Church for Mass
19.00 in the Hall for light refreshments and discussion.**

Please bring a small item of food to share.

INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Candles	56.59
Tea/Coffee	9.84
Cake Sale	86.40
Dona	183.89
Envelopes	280.00
Online Giving	479.16
Offertory	1734.20
ST ORDERS & Dds	3195.00
Total Income	6025.08

Charity Donation/ Special Collections:

Catholic Education Service	421.90
Home Mission	290.70
SVP	549.34
Total	1261.94

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THIS WEEK - REPAIR CAFÉ

Bike repairs can be undertaken at the next Repair Cafe session at Immaculate Conception church hall on Saturday morning 19 October from 10.30 till 12.30. In addition repairs to clothing, electronics, electrical items and many other items undertaken for a donation.

Refreshments available including homemade cakes

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS

Join with others from across the Diocese on Tuesday 22nd October at Sacred Heart Bordon for the launch of the devotion to Our Lady of the Holy Souls and Our Lady of Montligeon.

Mass is at 7 pm and Fr. Paul Denizot, Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon will be the preacher. After the Mass he will also give a short talk about Montligeon and the shrine there, plus the importance of prayer for the faithful departed.

Prayer for the Holy Souls is a really important dimension of our Christian life. It is also a huge help to coping with the sadness of losing a loved one and the process of bereavement. The Shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon in Normandy comprises an impressive 130-year old basilica and is now a world center of prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and a place of healing for millions.

SATURDAY NOV 2ND - FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Mass for Bereaved at 10.00 in church followed by refreshments in Church



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10TH NOVEMBER

ROLL OF HONOUR

Please let us have the names of anyone you know – friends or family – who have died in conflict over the years, so that they can be mentioned in our role of honour on Remembrance Sunday. You can drop a note or an e mail to the parish office or post it in the orange tray in the porch.

NEW LECTIONARY

The following face-to-face and online events allow you to gain insight about the new lectionary which comes into use in Advent:

Diocesan Formation Day for Readers:

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy Formation, is running a formation day for readers on **Saturday 19th October from 10.30 am to 2 pm at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke.** Registration in email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Online sessions for all parishioners:

The sessions are on **Tuesday 5th November** and **Tuesday 19th November** and last one hour, **from 7 to 8 pm.**

Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and will be identical - so you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

If you wish to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Registration for the Tuesday 5th November session:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/73b39420-bf79-429e-be62-c0e4495866b6@of107169-67e0-4eaf-8428-9e9f05e974ab>

Registration for the Tuesday 19th November session:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7c70c8e9-c61e-4f43-8187-21aed22e9b61@of107169-67e0-4eaf-8428-9e9f05e974ab>



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS & JOB VACANCIES

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

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue461?e=34c55ac6ce>

Vocations Prayer Newsletter October 2024

<https://portsmouthvocations.org/so/27P938PgO?languageTag=en&cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af>

PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

12 Nov and 26 Nov 2024: 09:30 – 11:00 GMT

18 Nov 2024, 13:30 – 15:00 GMT

To book: [Admissions | St Patrick's School \(spcps.co.uk\)](https://www.spcps.co.uk)

SPRINGHILL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'PROSPECTIVE PARENT' TOURS:

Wednesday 16th October 2024 9.30am

Tuesday 26th November 2024 9.30am

Please use the link below to let us know you are coming.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tnZ6bJmh5a>

ASSISTED DYING BILL - URGENT CALL TO ACTION

Your attention is drawn to the following extract taken for this weeks Diocesan e-News, where Bishop Philip shares his views on what is currently under consideration in Parliament. You are encouraged to read the following, and next week we would like to share more with you as to proposed actions that you may wish to take in contacting your local MP.

Additionally, you might also like to watch on iPlayer the documentary '[Better off Dead](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEysXRLTG5M&t=240s)' written and presented by the disabled actress Liz Carr for BBC One (of Silent Witness fame)

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Six Plain Reasons why this is Gravely WRONG:

Last week, Kim Leadbeater MP confirmed that she would introduce a bill giving the terminally ill the right to so-called "assisted dying" – aka "assisted suicide," helping another person end their life. Over the next weeks, we will no doubt be subjected to a barrage of emotional pressure from the media and from euthanasia campaigners such as Exit International to persuade us to support a change in the law. In plain language I give you here six reasons why bringing in assisted suicide and euthanasia is gravely immoral and a danger to our society.

1. The option of assisted suicide puts intolerable pressure on the sick and the elderly, tempting them to feel they are a burden – and a financial drain – on their family and others. The right to die would inevitably become the duty to die - and in time the right to make another die.
2. To legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide would undermine palliative care – Britain is a world-leader - and the work of care-homes. It would spell the end of care homes as we know them, since it would be cheaper and less trouble to kill someone rather than to care for them. Caring for the dying, looking after them, is true "dignity in dying" - not a lethal injection or a Sarco pod.
3. Assisted suicide places an unacceptable and immoral demand on medical staff, doctors and nurses. It would make them accessories in killing. It would also undermine the trust we would normally have in them.
4. Once the legislation is passed, like a line in the sand, it will keep creeping forward, expanding to cover more and more categories in accordance someone else's viewpoint. This fact is demonstrated in every other country that has legalised assisted suicide and euthanasia. In Canada, 5% of deaths are now by lethal injection.
5. Suicide is a grave offence against God, against neighbour and against self. - Against God, Who in His love and providence has given us the gift of our life. Life is not ours to dispose of. - Against neighbour because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. - Against self, because suicide is gravely contrary to the just love of self, contradicting the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his/her life.
6. Suicide is not only a grave sin, but if freely, consciously and deliberately chosen as in an assisted suicide, a mortal sin. Willingly assisting someone to kill themselves in this way is also a mortal sin. How would it be possible to offer the Last Rites? And what justification will the person make when they come before the Lord to give an account of their life - and their death?

As Catholics, we must mobilise. We believe in assisted living, not assisted dying. Investing in palliative care is a better way to support people suffering at the end of life. Don't be seduced by the emotional pitches in the media we will be bombarded with. Correct them when they use the double-speak of 'assisted dying': call it what it is: 'assisted suicide.' Speak out against this sinister proposal. And pray earnestly that our legislators and our society will see common sense. For once this line is crossed, our society will never be the same again.