

## CAFOD Harvest Briefing

Sat 23rd Sept 2.15-4.5pm

Join us at St Stephen's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester SO22 4JB Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** is on Friday 6th October

**CAFOD Portsmouth** is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to visit Catholic primary schools our area. Full training provided. Please contact Jo on 01252 329385 for further info.

## MONEY FOR OLD CLOTHES!

We have an outlet for those no longer needed clothes. We are happy to do this as an ongoing collection whenever you have a clear out. Items can be left at anytime in the Paray room, clearly labelled. You can just use bin bags or spare charity bags.

## A CARITAS CELEBRATION

Fri 13th Oct 10.30-1.30pm

At Holy Family Church, Southampton, SO16 4PL Please come to celebrate the work and development of Caritas in the diocese. We will share with you some of our key projects & you will be able to give us some feedback about where you think Caritas should be heading in the future. Bishop Philip will be joining us and a simple lunch will be provided. A warm welcome to all who are interested in the future role of Caritas and its promotion of Catholic social teaching and social action. For info/bookings contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Weds 27th Sept- Sun 5th Nov.

We invite you to join us in 40 Days for Life. 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We also invite you to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside St. Mary's Community Health Campus, Milton Rd, Portsmouth, PO3 6AD. For more info call 07535 937865 / 40daysforlifeposmouth@gmail.com so we can keep you up-to-date on all that is happening as the campaign unfolds.

## ROSARY - Mondays & Wednesdays at 10.30am

We will pray in the Lady Chapel before Mass.

All welcome to join for this powerful devotion.

### Other local contacts: Solent Pastoral Area:

#### Co-Ordinating Pastor:

Fr John Cooke: 01489 572797

#### Parish Priests:

Fr P. J. Smith 01329 318869

Fr Serafino Lanzetta: 02392 580119

Fr John Chandler 01329 663435

#### Q.A. Hospital Chaplain

Fr Joe McNerney: 02392 286 408

#### Our Neighbouring Church Communities

St Mary's, Gosport; Sacred Heart, Fareham; St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate; St Columba, Bridgemary; Immaculate Conception, Stubbington; St Philip Howard, Fareham; St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester; The Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham.



## SAFEGUARDING: Thurs 19th Oct 6.30-9pm

'Creating a Safe Environment'

Please save the date in your diary!

We are hosting a compulsory Diocesan Safeguarding session in our Hall for all those involved with Children and Vulnerable Adults while active in Parish ministry. It is essential to attend one of the Diocesan training sessions this year. Please make every effort to attend.

## CHURCH 'FRUIT & VEG MARKET'

There is a box in the foyer for you to put in any surplus garden produce you may have that you don't need, that could be sold to fellow parishioners to raise money for the church. We invite parishioners to help themselves to the shared produce and then to please make a donation for the fruit/veg taken via the Sunday collection / poor box in the wall safe. *Thank you.*

## NEW TO THE PARISH? You're most welcome...

Please take/return a registration form from the Foyer.

## 'CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2017' Southampton

Faith and fun for the whole family organized by a team from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

**30th Sept / 1st Oct** at St George Catholic College, Southampton. Sat 9am - 9pm, Sun 9am - 5.30pm.

*Groups for all ages & Young Adults (up to 22)*

For information [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or phone Peter & Lynda Szymanski tel. 023 8029 2058.

## FAREHAM FOOD BANK

*Thank you so much for your support.*

Donations welcome of: tinned fish or meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned veg. & soup, fruit squash, dried pasta, biscuits, custard, cereals, jelly, soap, tinned meats, sugar, coffee, tea, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, jam, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants (male & female), shaving foam, razors, toilet rolls, nappies (all sizes) & wipes. Please leave donations in the Foyer.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Thursdays 6 - 8pm in the Lady Chapel**

*Silent vigil of adoration, an oasis of peace and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.*

## BETHANY PRAYER GROUP Weds 10.30am

Meeting in the Paray Room for prayer & fellowship



OUR LADY  
STAR OF THE SEA

#### Parish Deacon:

Dcn Langford Vincent: 01329 285617

#### Parish Staff:

Clare Ryan (PG): 01489 572797

Jacob Campbell (G): 02392 580119

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Priest: Rev. John Cooke.

23rd Sunday in Ord. Time Year of Matthew (A) 10th September 2017

## PARISH 'SEPTEMBER SOIREE' Sat 16th Sept

*An evening of music & entertainment.*



A marquee & grounds have been generously provided by the Woodhouse family (in Burseldon). There will be a bar & bbq, or you can bring your own bottle & a picnic.

Entry is by ticket only. **Last chance** for buying your ticket is today! Tickets are £10 each and are on sale after Mass. Please note, Fr John will be in attendance for *part* of the evening, before preparing for his last Sunday & farewell gatherings.

**Next social date:** Autumn Quiz Night, Fri 20th Oct in the Hall. Teams of 6 -8 but numbers limited £5 entry (bring your own bottle/snacks). Tickets are on sale now or call 0776 616 2675

## 'CALLED & GIFTED PRAYER'

Let us join in prayer as a community for the spiritual fruit the Called & Gifted process will bring for all:-

Loving Father, pour out your Spirit on us and on our Called & Gifted process.

Guide us to know how you are calling us personally to be channels of your love and provision to others. Create in us hearts that are open and expectant to receive all that you want to give us.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, a new willingness to respond to your call, and a new consecration to your service, that those we meet may encounter our risen Lord, Jesus, in whose name we humbly make this prayer. Amen.

**Don't forget to book your place on the retreat weekend, details found overleaf!**



## CLERGY MOVES

Next weekend will be Fr. John's last weekend with the community of St Margaret Mary's, before Fr. Peter Hart joins us as our new Parish Priest. Please continue to pray for them both at this time of transition (& stress!) *Come Holy Spirit!*

## NEXT Sun 17th September

After each Sunday Mass there will be an opportunity to gather in the Hall for some refreshments, giving people an opportunity to say 'farewell' to Fr John. A presentation will be made after the 10.15am Mass

## THE WEEK AHEAD *Diary - at a glance ...*

Sun 10th	am/pm	Last chance to buy Soiree tickets!
Mon	10.30am	Rosary in the Lady Chapel
	11.30am	Fareham - Solent A/c handover
Tues	2.30pm	Interment - Liam O'Mahony RIP
	7.30pm	Choir Practice - Church
Weds	9.30am	St Anthony's School Mass
	10.30am	Bethany Group & Rosary
	1.30pm	Clergy Meeting
	4pm	Wedding rehearsal
Thurs	am/pm	I.T. work on site
	6pm	Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament
	7pm	Confirmation - Hall
Fri	am/pm	Packing/prep
Sat	7am	HMP Winchester
	12noon	Wedding- Joanna & Lucas
	pm	September Soiree
Sun 17th	am/pm	Farewells in the Hall after Mass
	4.45pm	SVP Meeting
	6 for 6.30pm	'Praise & Worship' Mass

## A WARM WELCOME ...

...to Fr Kevin Jones who is helping out again with the celebration of our Sunday Masses today. Fr John returns from a short break away to a rather hectic week. Very regretfully he won't have time for further appointments (unless it is an emergency), as he has a lot of sorting out & packing to do!

## NEWSLETTER 17TH SEPT

The next newsletter will cover a month, to allow Fr Peter to settle in. Anything for inclusion by Tues 12th please

## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN WEBSITE

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Please take time to look at the website.



## SIGN UP FOR PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E-NEWS

The Diocesan e-news comes out once a week - latest events, photos and videos. Links are on the website.

## CARITAS - DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

[www.caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk](http://www.caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk)

For info about recent initiatives and newsletter from the Justice, Peace & Social Responsibility Team.

**Pastoral Assistant** Mrs. Clare Ryan c/o Church Office tel. 572797 or e-mail: [parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Co-ordinators** Anna Benning & Christine Jones. Contact via Parish Office.

Any concerns/advice, tel. 023 9281 6396 (Diocesan Office)

**St Anthony's Primary & Pre-School Office**

Head teacher Mrs Roxy Ashworth Tel. 579100

## PRAYER WORKS!

Fr Gerard Flynn, Vocations Director for the Diocese, thanks all those kind people who pray for the cause of priestly vocations. As this new academic year begins we are blessed to have 14 seminarians in formation for the priesthood in the Diocese. This is more than at any time in living memory; if anyone's memory can reach further back perhaps they could let Fr Gerard know! Please could pray for each of our present seminarians, as well as for those who are inquiring and those youngsters who will seek God's unique call in their lives in years to come:-

Ian Cornford, James Lewis, Kevin Conmee, Matthew King, Oliver Welsford. Daniel Ferguson, Edward Hauschild, Ambrose Chou, Owen Dugan, Mohanraj Edward, David Bateman, Paul Nwune, Johnpromise Umeozuru and Niall Farrell (on a year's Pastoral Placement at St John's Cathedral)



### S.V.P. GROUP YOUTH GROUP

'B-attitudes Group' for 12-18 yrs old.  
'Putting faith & concern into action'

A time of faith, fun & friendship as we set ourselves challenge/undertake activities to help our community. Practical' faith - with friends. We meet fortnightly.

Next meeting: 22nd Sept - 5pm in the Paray Room.

Contact: stmp.b.attitudes@gmail.com for more info. If you are secondary school age, why not come along and see what the group is about? All are welcome.

### 'GOSPEL WEBINAR' WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm

Unlock 'next Sunday's Gospel' every Wednesday evening with **Sr Hyacinthe**. To register & participate, see [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar)

### S.V.P. GROUP 'St Vincent de Paul'

Turning concern into action



SVP Meeting: Sun 17th Sept 4.45pm

If you'd like to get in contact with the group, please call 07487 659 277 or email [Parkgatesvp@gmail.com](mailto:Parkgatesvp@gmail.com)

Vinnies Café drop-in' Sat 30th September 2-4pm

All very welcome for a cup of tea, a chat and some friendly company. Meeting in the Paray Room.

## ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

Welcome Back! We celebrate the start of term with a School Mass on Weds 13th Sept at 9.30am. This will be Fr John's last Mass at St Anthony's - after 10 years! All are very welcome to join us, tea & coffee afterward in the library.



## WEDDING BELLS!

Please keep **Joanna Marlow & Lucas Brun** in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding here next Saturday (12 noon). May God bless them in their future life together.



## BAPTISM 'Welcome to God's Family!'



Next Prep: Tues 19th & 26th Sept 7.30pm  
You are most welcome to the sessions when you're expecting! The fliers with all the info/application forms are in the Church foyer. The sessions take place in the Church Hall

## FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME '18

If your child will be in Year 4 or above in September, and you wish them to participate in the next preparation process you will need to register by the beginning of October.

Contact Philippa & the team to give them your family details via [philippa@staley.uk.net](mailto:philippa@staley.uk.net). Full details/dates etc will not be confirmed until the October half term, once Fr Peter has had a chance to settle in!

The first & most important stage toward the process for requesting the Sacraments is to join your community for the celebration of the Eucharist on a Sunday. We look forward to seeing you with us.



## CONFIRMATION 2018

The Group starts back ...

Next week: Thurs 14th Sept 7 - 8.45pm

Session 11: 'The Paschal Mystery'

## ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH

Normally meets Monday 7pm in the Paray Room. We are taking a break for the summer and will start again in September.



Do **you** know someone (perhaps yourself) who might want to know more about the Catholic Church? If you know someone who may be searching for that sacramental home that only the Church can offer, then please invite them to consider joining our group. It is for those seeking answers and wanting to know what Catholics believe. It is for parents of children at St. Anthony's School who would like to learn more in order to support them. The Journey in Faith will try to show you more about what we within the Catholic Church believe and do. No commitment is requested or required - we are happy always, to share our journey with you. And there is no such thing as a silly question...Speak to Fr John for info.

## FORMATION FOR MISSION

There are several courses running in the Diocese at the moment with the Maryvale Institute. See: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation) for info

## PRAYERS PLEASE

For Irene Hollywood, James Brown, Pat Juke, Siobhan Jefferies, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Tim Healey, Marion Celand, Eileen Parsons, Joseph Dolan, Maria & John Marvao, Thomas McCartney, Dennis & Mamie Allen, Kol Thelis, Pat Elward, Sue & John Forer, Josie Cutcliffe, Netta Tracy, John Kinneavy, Irene Otter, June Paris, Susan Bolton, Michael Cutcliffe, Mark Jones, Cn. Tim Healy, Joyce Redding, Maureen Meek, Natalie Mahon, Jeanne Key, Katherine Aiken, Val Stoker, Christine, Kazyzy Madeley, & Joseph Chisholm  
Thank you.

## 'CALLED & GIFTED' All are welcome!

**Called & Gifted** is a process that helps you understand your own calling and identify the specific gifts that the Lord has given you to share with others. This is occurring across the Diocese and we encourage you to take part. It will be **Fr Peter Hart's** first weekend here, and he looks forward to meeting you!



**Bookings are now open!** Please book your place for the weekend via Marion & Milton on 0778 891 6372 or e-mail [marionhewins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marionhewins@hotmail.co.uk) at **no** cost to you!

**1. Weekend of retreat/teaching - in the Hall/Church Sat 23rd 2pm-9pm (a hot supper will be provided) & Sun 24th Sept 11.30-4pm (sandwich lunch is incl.)**

During the weekend, we'll look at the unique role that God has for you! We'll explain more about gifts / charisms. Perhaps you may uncover a **self-awareness** of a gift / charism, that you have been given, that you hadn't realised or thought about before! By being able to identify & use a gift is both fulfilling & rewarding. It is like putting a hand into a glove rather than trying to force a square peg into a round hole! There is a 'best fit' for you! It could be a life-changing experience for you to explore your may:-

**3. Form a small group** (of about 5 people), in order to mutually support & encourage each other in experimenting with a particular gift / charism over a few months. Find out what others are saying about this via [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called) and gifted

*Hospitality, encouragement, service, mercy, teaching ..... these are some of the charisms that are given to every baptised Christian: Gifts and abilities that the Holy Spirit have given to you for the service of others. And there are more to discover... !*

We are called to be intentional disciples: to discover those charisms that empower, energise and free us as we use them in the service of others. The Holy Spirit uses and enables these gifts and extraordinary things happen! Not through our own doing but through 'the power that is within us'. Discovering your calling is so empowering! Give the retreat weekend a go...

## 'DAY FOR CATECHISTS'

**Sat 14th October 10am - 4pm at St John's Cathedral**  
Our annual Diocesan event with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all Diocesan Catechists celebrated by Bp. Philip. The theme of the 2017 day is 'Holy Scripture' & the keynote speaker is Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP. Lunch is provided! Please book via the Diocesan website or contact the parish office.

## LOTTO WINNERS - August

Congratulations to our winners this month.  
1st Prize - Louise Piper, 2nd Prize - John Meehan  
3rd Prize - Ellen Hamstead

**COLLECTION** *Thank you for your generosity*

**Sun 3rd Sep** Loose Plate £288.07 Envelopes £246.16  
Bankers Orders c.£850 Total £1,384.23

## GETTING MARRIED?

Congratulations, if you are planning to get married. Please note that if it is in the Church then you need:

- To give 12 months' notice (minimum)
- If a Catholic and not Confirmed, to join a 'Journey in Faith' in order to celebrate Confirmation
- To participate in a marriage preparation course.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? You're most welcome...**  
Please take/return a registration form from the Foyer.

## FATIMA CONFERENCE '100 years later'

**Thurs 12th & 13th October**  
At Buckfast Abbey, Devon. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Raymond Burke, and Fr. Serafino is also giving a talk. Cost of £15 per day (you pay for meals as well). Attendees are also warmly invited to stay for the 'A Day With Mary' retreat-day at the abbey on Sat 14th Oct. Accommodation is available, and can be booked by contacting Northgate House on 01364 645630, or alternatively you can call the Gosport office on 02392 580119 for info. Please notify the Gosport office if you plan to attend, as they can arrange a minibus or coach if there is enough interest from the pastoral area

## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

**Thank you** for all your support. Our pilgrimage to Lourdes was a great success and Bishop Philip has written to thank everyone who helped to make our time together both feasible and so special! All of your prayer intentions & candles were delivered to the Grotto. If you'd like to see more of our pilgrimage in action, follow us on twitter or facebook (Portsmouth Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage). The dates for 2018 are 24th-31st August. Come along!



## Mass Times, Services & Intentions

23rd Sun Ord. Yr A 10th September 2017		Ordinary Time - Week 23 Prayer of the Church - Wk 3
Dawn Mass	8am	For the People of the Parish
Day Mass	10.15am	Felix Fernando RIP (Thelis)
Evening Mass	6.30pm	Ints. P. & H. Cooke
Mon	Feria 9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist
Tue	Feria 9.30am	Liam O'Mahony RIP (Wall)
Wed	At St Ants 9.30am	Benefactors of St Anthony's
Thur	Triumph X 9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist
Fri	O.L Sorrow 9.30am	Liam O'Mahony RIP (Spacey)
Sat	Wedding 12 noon	Joanna & Lucas
-	-	Sorry, no confessions
24th Sun Ord. Yr A 17th September 2017		Ordinary Time - Week 24 Prayer of the Church - Wk 4
Dawn Mass	8am	For the People of the Parish
Day Mass	10.15am	Brian Jones RIP
Evening Mass	6.30pm	Neide Nobre RIP (Purves)
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sorry, no confessions		