

The Year of the Word 2020

St Margaret Mary Newsletter



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IN RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE OF COVID-19

See website for Pastoral Letter and full guidelines from
Bishop Philip

1. What the laity can do at this time of no public Mass?

You could set up a small sacred space or altar at home. To sustain your faith it might be helpful to make a private visit, individually or as a family, to the Blessed Sacrament in the church in order to make a Spiritual Communion. You could reflect on the Sunday Readings and prayer, read the Bible, read the texts from the Magnificat, use a Treasury of Prayer or pray the Rosary. There are many churches with Sunday (& daily) Mass on-line and apps such as *Universalis* with Daily Mass Readings, Liturgy of the Hours, the Angelus. The Diocesan website has prayers, ideas, videos and suggestions.

2. Prayer and Entreaty.

We should regularly pray: for an end to this scourge, for the sick, for those who are affected materially and financially, and for the many medical staff caring for the sick.

3. Care of Dying.

Hospitals and care homes are urged to enable the priest to negotiate visits, on a case by case basis, to Catholics who are dying in order for the Last Sacraments and Apostolic Pardon to be administered.

4. Parish Life.

Sadly any aspects of parish life will need to be suspended or amended. Keep in touch by phone/email.

5. Charity and Community Welfare.

Parishes will do their best to continue works of charity, care for the sick, the needy, the poor, the lonely, those in self-isolation, the homeless, those dependent on food banks etc.

6. Support of the Church.

We are urged to continue the generous support of our parish, which still has overheads to meet.

It is easy to set up a One-off BACS payment or request a form for a regular Standing Order/ Direct Debit.

Contact the Parish Office for details.

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want

Psalm 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Spiritual Communion (cf. St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Chantal Armstrong, Barnaby Essenhig, Pauline Skinner, Sue Forer, Mary Salter, Helen Worstmann, Bernadette Wall, Tilly Ely, Aileen Hopkins, Jim Brown, Oliver Russell, Irene Hollywood, Pat Juke, Joseph Dolan, Kol Thelis Siobhan Jefferies, Irene Otter, Jeanne Key, Marion Celand, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Josie Cutcliffe, Eileen Parsons, Maria & John Marvao, Pat Elward, Susan Bolton, Netta Tracy, June Paris, John Kinneavy, Natalie Mahon, Kazyzy Madeley, Joseph Chisholm, Anne-Marie Mooney, Jocelyn Jones.

Mary, mother of God, pray for them

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Giovanna Hunt

and

Jim (James) Brown

REST IN PEACE 'Life is changed not ended'

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A spiritual work of mercy ...

During this period where we cannot gather as normal to offer a Requiem Mass, please remember that Catholics have always believed in the importance of praying for those who have died. We call this a spiritual work of mercy. We also believe that the dead pray for us - that they intercede for us as advocates. This means, of course, that we believe there is a real relationship that continues to exist between the living and the dead. Like all personal relationships, we believe that our connection with those who have died is nourished through our communion with the Risen Lord.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Local hospital Chaplaincies:

University Hospital Southampton - 023 8120 8517

QA Hospital Portsmouth - 023 9228 6408



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The Parish Office will not be open
for the foreseeable future
Please email any messages or phone 01329 318869

St Vincent de Paul Lenten Lunch

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten Lunch. Donations can still be made towards "Essential Packs" for the homeless of our area. For details please contact Gaye Perry: 07887870274 / gayeperry@btinternet.com



'WORD ON FIRE' www.wordonfire.org

This is a wonderful resource to feed your journey in Lent, Holy Week and Easter at this difficult time. You can find on-line Masses, Stations of the Cross, talks, videos and other inspiring reflections. A very in depth and fascinating site!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3 - 5pm. 'Drive thru' Confessions.

Fr John Cooke will be available at St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road (opp Fareham College) for Confessions on Saturdays 3 - 5pm

- ◆ Parishioners are requested to wait in their car where possible. You will be given a number - to keep a 'queue'.
- ◆ You will be invited by number to the foyer.
- ◆ Only one person will enter the church at a time.
- ◆ Confessions will be made at a social distance.
- ◆ Surfaces will be wiped in-between penitents.
- ◆ Parishioners will then exit via the fire exit.

Mary's Dowry

Sunday 29th March was the date set aside for the public rededication of England as Mary's Dowry.

The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will continue its full liturgical programme and is live streamed at www.walsingham.org.uk



Mass On-Line

As there can be no public Mass in any Churches, the link below will give you access to live & recorded Mass at the Cathedral.

<https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php#>

This link also gives access to other Churches with a live link in England (other countries are available)

<https://www.churchservices.tv/country/england/>

Click on the county and you will have a choice of Churches or go to the menu bar to see the schedule of what's on now..

ETWN TV channel and YouTube also broadcasts Mass



Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

For a wide range of resources including TV and radio visit www.ewtn.com



Thankyou to Deacons Brian & Michael for the weekday Services during Fr Shaun's time away. "A family that prays together stays together."

PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS

Jesus said, "Come, follow me"

Please remember Deacon Matthew King in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood



MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Sunday 22nd March is Mothering Sunday we remember our Mothers -

Wishing all the Mums in our Community a relaxing and enjoyable 'Happy Mother's Day'. We especially remember and celebrate you today, but we appreciate you all year round!



AOK are a new charity working in partnership with other local charities to support our most vulnerable at this time. Outreach is offered in Titchfield, Whiteley, Fareham, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Knowle, Gosport and surrounding areas.

AOK are hoping to help those who are struggling to get to shops or appointments, collect prescriptions etc. They are collecting details of people living alone who are feeling isolated and would appreciate a regular phone call (or maybe video call) from a friendly voice or a friendly letter.

AOK need more volunteers to help with these projects. Some roles require a DBS enhanced check, alternatively **AOK** will carry out their own form of vetting.

To contact AOK with an offer of help, or to refer anyone, Email: actsofkindnessteam@outlook.com You can find them on **Facebook** with further details of their projects and their central hub at **"Acts of Kindness (Solent)"**.

To give a donation to support the work of **AOK** visit www.gofundme.com/f/covid19-aok-crisis-response-fund

