

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**N.B. All Masses will be livestreamed unless otherwise stated**

**The church will only be opened 15 minutes before each Mass in order to conserve heat.**

**Saturday 15th January**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Vigil Mass**

**5.30pm** *Alfred Kuczerawy RIP*

**Sunday 16th January**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Eileen Hendy RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

**11am** *People of the Parish*

**Tuesday 18th January - Feria**

**7pm** *Terry O'Rourke RIP*

**Wednesday 19th January - Feria**

**10am** *John Dominic Small RIP*

**Thursday 20th January - Feria**

**10am** *Private Intention*

**Friday 21st January - St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial**

**10am** *Ian Overton RIP - 1st Anniversary*

**Saturday 22nd January**

**5pm - 5.20pm** *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Vigil Mass**

**5.30pm** *Franciszek Skrakowski RIP*

**Sunday 23rd January**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am** *Ludgrove School Boys making their First Holy Communion*

**11am** *People of the Parish*

(F) *Foundation Mass*

(P) *Perpetual Mass*



Corpus Christi

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**16th January 2022: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**



If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end third world poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in

character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.

**Mass Intentions** - If you would like a Mass to be offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office.

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Hugh Dwan, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Joseph Nemeth, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall, Joy Phillips and Sr Veronica.

### Peace Sunday 2022 - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.

Peace Sunday follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2022 this falls on 16 January. The theme is taken from Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace.

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says: "This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other." The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

**"...We have been heartened by the outpouring of empathy and action that surrounds the current migrant crisis, but unless we combine this with work to stop the causes of war, the global arms trade and our part within it; the billions spent annually on war and war preparations – we will not win peace."** (Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP)



### World Religion Day - 16<sup>th</sup> January

The message of World Religion Day is that mankind, which has stemmed from one origin, must now strive towards the reconciliation of that which has been split up. Human unity and true equality depend not on past origins, but on future goals. Unity means understanding what makes us the same, rather than dwelling on what makes us different. Perhaps there has never been a more important time, to look for opportunities to create empathy and share mutual goals.



#### Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. Let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](https://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Steven who has died recently and for the Steven family. May she rest in peace.



### Annual Second Collection

#### St. John's Cathedral - 23rd January 2022

Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth.



Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

In response to some of the precautions taken in the previous lockdowns, a 'Give as you Live' page was also created at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1> Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### Christian Unity Week - 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### 'We Saw His Star in the East'.

*Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East.*

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

### IMPORTANT - Covid-19 Reminders

We ask you to remain vigilant and help prevent spreading the virus this Winter.

- ◆ Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms, if you have received a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test result, or if you are waiting for a PCR test/result.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering
- ◆ Wearing a face covering, in our enclosed space is **mandatory** (unless exempt and/or children under the age of 11)
- ◆ Please be considerate of co-worshippers and respect personal space
- ◆ Maintain 1 metre distance where possible.