

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Livestream Mass - Sunday 7th August at 11.00am

Saturday 6th August

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Marie-Danielle Tichbon RIP*

Sunday 7th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Paul Buttigieg RIP (F)*

11am *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe, Feast

7pm *In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 10th August - St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast

10am *Mary Davie's Welfare*

Thursday 11th August - St Clare, Foundress, Memorial
10am *Eunice Park RIP (F)*

Friday 12th August - Feria

10am *Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy*

Saturday 13th August

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Molly Clark RIP*

Sunday 14th August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

9am *Patrick and Anastasia Maher RIP (F)*

11am *People of the Parish*

(F) Foundation Mass

(P) Perpetual Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays 5pm - 5.20pm and by appointment



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7th August 2022: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough end of town. Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little. Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others. How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To who much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour. When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non-brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid-range car? But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse?



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, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

Change to Mass times

From Wednesday 31st August weekday Masses (Wednesday to Friday) will revert to the pre Covid time of 9.30am. All other Mass times shall remain the same.

The Feast of the Transfiguration - 6th August

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. Today we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and treated them to a vision. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. The vision showed the disciples a glimpse of the glory that they would one day share. Doubtless it was a vision they could conjure whenever they were in need of motivation. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person.



The Burning Tears of St Lawrence - 10th August

St Lawrence was a deacon in Rome in the mid Third Century AD. On 6 August 258, he became the senior ranking Church official, following the execution of Pope St Sixtus II. His tenure of this position did not last long. He was commanded to hand over the riches of the church to the Roman authorities. Lawrence had already given away the church's wealth, and arrived with a crowd of the poor, blind, sick and crippled, claiming these to be the church's true riches.

St Lawrence was martyred on a griddle. The feast of his martyrdom falls at the time of the Perseid Meteor shower. This spectacular astronomical phenomenon was known in past times as the "burning tears of St Lawrence". Although the feast day occurs on 10th August, the night to view St Lawrence's Tears is different each year. **This year the best nights to view St Lawrence's Tears are on the 12th and 13th August.**

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention then please email (or phone) the details to the parish office. Often Mass intentions are for the deceased but a Mass can be offered for any good intention e.g., in thanksgiving for some happy event, for someone who is sick. Perhaps you have never thought of having a Mass offered before? It is traditional, though totally without obligation, to make an offering (a Mass stipend) to the priest who celebrates the Mass. Mass stipends make up part of a priest's annual income.

Parish Picnic on Sunday 4th September

Following the 11am Mass we will be holding a Parish Picnic in the Presbytery garden and school grounds. Please see the attached poster for more information. There will be a **free** BBQ so please put your name down on the sign up sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you!



Finding a Church on Holiday

Part of the fun of travelling is the unique opportunity to visit new parishes, explore different church architecture styles and artwork, attend a Mass spoken in a new language and meet a new community of people. Remember to look up the nearest Catholic Church to your holiday destination before you leave. A great starting point to find churches around the world is www.masstimes.org/

Rosary



From 12 August the Rosary will be said after morning Mass each Friday, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis. If you use the car park at the front of the church and intend to stay for the Rosary, please consider your fellow parishioners when parking to avoid blocking those in who are attending the Mass only.

San Lorenzo Filipino Mass

Bishop Philip Egan invites you for an ETHNIC Filipino Mass in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino-Chinese Saint) on Saturday 10th of September 2022 at St. John Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HQ. 1:30pm Procession then Mass. Wear your Ethnic costumes Contact: Filipino Deacon KIM CABATANA @ fb Dcn Kim Cee, email Cabatanak@gmail.com or Fr. Claro Conde @ fb Claro Conde, email filipinochaplaincy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Job Vacancy - Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation

The Diocese of Portsmouth are looking for a part time a Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation based at Winchester. Please see the attached job advertisement and note the closing date for applications on Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 12 noon.



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