

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Livestream Mass - Sunday 28th August at 11.00am

Saturday 27th August

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *John Dobson's Intentions*

Sunday 28th August

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Sr Mary Bernadette RIP (on what would have been her 60th Anniversary of Religious Profession)*

11am *Helen Power RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Tuesday 30th August - Feria

7pm *Next Generation Christian Foundation*

Wednesday 31st August - Feria

10am *Eileen Henry RIP - 2nd Anniversary*

Thursday 1st September - Feria

10am *Sarah-Jane Hughes' Intentions*

Friday 2nd September - Feria

10am *Katie Walker's Welfare*

Saturday 3rd September

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *Patricia Payne RIP*

Sunday 4th September

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Mobolaji Oduntan's Birthday - In Thanksgiving*

11am *Noeleen and Jim McGeehan RIP*

(F) Foundation Mass (P) Perpetual Mass



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28th August 2022: Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or

whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different. Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 5pm - 5.20pm and by appointment



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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, Fr Jim Joyce and Sr Veronica.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Payne and Sr Mary Bernadette who have died recently and for their families. May they rest in peace.



Sister Mary Bernadette RIP
21st October 1933 - 20th August 2022



Sr Bernadette was born in London, the youngest of 3 children. Her parents wanted her to be a teacher and she worked for a few months as an Assistant Teacher in the Convent on Easthampstead Road.

Sr Bernadette had always wanted to be a nurse and after finishing her studies she decided to enter the Dominican Sisters of Charity. She entered the Order in February 1959 in Tours, in the Loire Valley, where she was working with the Sisters. In August of that year she took the habit and

made her first Religious Profession in August 1962. This weekend would have been her 60th Anniversary of Religious Profession.

Sr Bernadette nursed for 10 years in Tours and in Paris before returning to England where she continued nursing in Wokingham, Ascot and Nettlebed before becoming the Matron of a Nursing Home. She then took early retirement to care for the elderly sisters in the Convent.

When the Convent was sold she shared a flat with Sr Thérèse and visited Sr Veronica in the Nursing Home. She was active in Parish and town life and will be sorely missed. May she rest in peace.

Please note that Sr Bernadette's funeral Mass will take place at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 20th September at 11am and will be open to everyone.

Sr Thérèse would like to thank all the Parishioners who have kindly visited her and have sent cards and their condolences, she appreciates it all.

CAFOD

Join us to find out more about CAFOD's **World Food Crisis Appeal** and the difference your donations can make. We have an online meeting on **Saturday 10th September** from 10:30am to 12:30pm when Catherine Ogolla CAFOD's Country representative for Kenya and Uganda will talk about the desperate situation in those countries. On **Saturday 17th September**, there is an in-person meeting at St Bede's church hall Basingstoke from 10:30am to 12 noon where we will hear from Ibrahim Njuguna CAFOD's Surge Country Representative for Africa about the World Food Crisis and the difficulties facing communities in East Africa. Places are limited so please book by contacting Jo Lewry on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

Change to Mass times

From this **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.

Saint Monica, Patron of Domestic Violence - 27th August

Although she was a Christian, Monica's parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

On the feast of St Monica, Patron of Domestic Violence, we pray for the needs of those who have suffered domestic violence... whether it be men, women or children. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of help please reach out to these local charities when it is safe to do so <http://www.berkshirewomensaid.org.uk/>, <https://cranstoun.org/help-and-advice/domestic-abuse/dass-wokingham/> or <https://www.kaleidoscopic.uk/>



St Bernadette Relic Tour - 8th and 9th September 2022

On Thursday 8th September, the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the relics of St. Bernadette are coming to visit the Diocese! The relics are to tour Britain and will be in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8th September from 9.30am until 10am on the morning of the 9th September 2022. Please see the attached timetable together with invitations to Mass with anointing of the sick and Vespers and a torchlight procession.

For more information and to register your attendance please click on the link: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

Rosary

The Rosary will be said after morning Mass each Friday, whenever possible. This will be led by parishioners on a rotational basis.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary

Praying Group: Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September at 1.30pm.

30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady.

Zoom ID: [73256432072](https://join.zoom.us/j/73256432072) Password for each day: rosary



Parish Pantomime 2023 - Jack and the Beanstalk



Possibly the funniest Parish group is restarting with preparations for our January 2023 Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. Why not come along to the first rehearsal try-out and **script read through on Sunday 11th September** at St Teresa's school hall, 4:30pm. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm to have a good time. New faces and all abilities welcome; Adults, teens and children (Y6 or above). For further details contact parishpantocc@gmail.com