

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

OF ORDINARY TIME

31 July/1 August 2010

Parish Mass Book Texts (Year C Page 43)

Entrance Antiphon:

**God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance.
You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not
be long in coming.**

Psalm Response:

O that today you listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us
in the truth. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

**You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread
that was very good to eat.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Sara Scriven, Hannah Lindsey, Basil Hedley, Mary Adcock,
Mary Carmen Ashby, Gordon Benn, Lucy Barratt,
Graham Moffat, Fay Higgins, George Stuckey, Dennis Wills,
Pete Johnstone, Don Notley and Laurence Cullen.

For all the housebound, for those in nursing homes or hospital
and all in The Rowans Hospice.

*When prayers have been answered, please request that the person's
name be taken off the sick list.*

**COUNTING: Monday 2 August:
*Richardson, Hartnell & White***

NEW CHURCH UPDATE

Some important developments with the project:

- The Site Manager of our new Church building project, has unfortunately had to withdraw from the work because of ill health. He has now been replaced by the Contractors.
- Unexpected extra work is required on the new Church tower.
- Because of the above, the estimated completion date for the whole project has now been moved to the end of January 2011.
- A security firm is now being employed by the contractors to undertake all aspects of site protection.
- There is still no final decision from the Diocesan Trustees over the construction of the new Presbytery.

Fr Kevin writes...

Today's Gospel can make for uncomfortable reading. Many of us have worked hard to earn what we have today. Yet the man in the parable is held up as an example of wasting time by building up his impressive stash of grain and goods. Is Jesus telling us we shouldn't save up? Is he telling us we shouldn't own any stuff at all?

Fortunately for us all, the answer is "no"! The man in the parable has decided to hold on to his great harvest. It is more than he needs, but he decides he will go to great lengths to hold on to it, even building new, bigger, barns. But his fatal error comes when he speaks to his soul, telling himself everything will be easy. Having more than he needs might make his life easier in the short term, but it will do his soul no good in the end. Once he is dead, the man will have nothing!

The Gospel therefore teaches us to be wary of allowing our desire for "things" to be our driving force. In order to have something to take with us when we die, we are called to live lives that make us rich in God's eyes, not rich in the eyes of the world.

St. Paul makes all this clear in his letter to the Colossians which we hear as our second reading today. Paul encourages Christ's followers to focus on heavenly things. For him, earthly things and desires are a distraction from God. The Apostle is not calling in today's reading for his readers to travel round the known world, with no possessions, to spread God's word. Rather, the kind of faithfulness he calls us to is something we can all aspire to.

Unlike the man with his full barn but empty soul, Christians are called to "inner wealth". We all know the saying, "You can't take it with you when you go", but the treasures that we find in Jesus are something that we can take with us all the way to heaven!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Our 'Journey in Faith' programme, which helps adults to learn more about the beliefs of Catholics will be starting again in September.

Sharing with other people in small groups, the programme is an ideal way of learning about the faith.

New Catholics are welcomed into the Church at Easter each year.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the Presbytery.

Information leaflets about the programme are available in Church.

AWAKENING PORTSMOUTH

A 48-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and intercessory prayer at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Beginning 6pm on Thursday 12 August and concluding on Saturday 14 August at 8.30pm. Intentions will be for:

- The Holy Father and his visit to this country in September
- The Re-evangelisation of Europe
- The wellbeing of the Church in the UK and Ireland
- The Diocese of Portsmouth

For full details see posters and leaflets in Church

Roses for Our Lady

If you will be attending the 10am Mass on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, on Sunday 15 August – you are invited to bring a rose with you!

At the Offertory you will be invited, together with the children of the parish, to present them before Our Lady's statue, as a symbol of our love and devotion to the Mother of God – and our mother.

You are invited to come to the Sacred Heart Room after Mass for coffee and cakes.

SUNDAY	31 Jul 1 Aug	6.15 pm (Sat) 10.00 am 5.00 pm 6.30 pm	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Kathleen Higg's Intention People of the parish <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i> Holy Souls
Monday	2 Aug	9.00 am	Of the 18 th Week of Ordinary Time	John Davies RIP
Tuesday	3 Aug	7.00 pm	Mass at All Saints' Church, Denmead	Bill Wheeler RIP
Wednesday	4 Aug	9.00 am	St. John Vianney, Priest, <i>memorial</i>	Private Intention
Thursday	5 Aug	9.00 am	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome, <i>m</i>	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Friday	6 Aug	9.00 am	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, feast</i>	<i>LITURGY OF THE WORD</i>
Saturday	7 Aug	6.15 pm	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Holy Souls
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday @ 5.30pm and Monday @ 9.30am				

DIARY OF EVENTS & NOTICES:

THIS SUNDAY:

- **Holy Baptism.** We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Ethan O'Neill, who will be baptised at the 10am Mass.
- **Parents and 9.30am Servers:** New serving rotas available in the Sacristy. Please take your copy. Thank you.

TUESDAY 3 AUGUST:

- **Parish Mass at All Saints' Church, Denmead.** 7pm – All welcome.
- **New Church Committee.** Sacred Heart Room @ 7.30pm.

TUESDAY 10 AUGUST: Property and Finance Committee. Presbytery @ 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST: Mothers Prayers. At the home of Anne Loxton: 22 Freshfield Gardens @ 9.45am. Everyone welcome!

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST: Justice & Peace Group. Sacred Heart Room after 6.30pm Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Resumes on Tuesday 14 September after the summer break.

TRADCRAFT STALL: In light of the reduced numbers and Masses during August, the next Tradcraft Stall will be available after all Masses on **Sunday 5 September**. If you require any supplies before then, please contact Philip on 9225 1593 or email philiphayllar@hotmail.com

BUY-A-BRICK: Available from the rear of the centre aisle. Place money in a blue envelope and post in the metal, wall mounted box near the main door, under the hymn numbers board.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy continues for all preschool children and those in Key Stage 1, i.e. school year 1 & 2, during the summer holidays.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP – DAY OF PRAYER

Wednesday 18th August, 10am for 10.30am at "Benchmark", Speltham Hill, Hambledon for a day of prayer, finishing at 3.30pm.

It is hoped that you will begin the prayer day by attending the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart.

All welcome! Please bring food for a shared lunch - If you haven't been before please contact Margaret Day (9263 2533) or Tom Wilkinson (9259 4268) so we can share lifts and/or tell you about parking.

CONFIRMATION – Thursday 14 July 2011

The Bishop wishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Pastoral Area in our new Parish Church for the first time in the summer of 2011.

If there are any young people, in Year 9/10, who are hoping to be confirmed at this time, they are asked to personally write to Father Kevin, expressing their interest.

MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY 10AM MASSES

As the rota's have already been issued for this period the following will apply: this Sunday - Ministers from 9.30am Mass and the next weekend Ministers from the 11am Mass, and so on – up to and including Sunday 29 August.

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday 4 September: Parish Quiz Night. Cost £2 per person. All welcome. Sacred Heart Room after 6.15pm Mass.

Saturday 11 September: "Ride & Stride" – An event that involves people of all ages. Spend a day raising money for repairs and restoration to Hampshire churches and chapels. Half of any money raised goes to our own Church Fund! Want to take part? Cycle, walk, hop, skip, toddle, ride a horse... you choose. Sponsorship packs available from **Frances Halliday 9223 0942** or email fundraising@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk
For further information:
www.hampshirehistoricchurches.org.uk

AVAILABLE THIS WEEK FOR PARENTS

- Children's Liturgy Group Newsletter for Assumption-tide.
 - Special booklet, prepared by the Children's Liturgy Group, to help parents and their children when attending Mass.
- Do take a copy please.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RECENT PARISH EVENTS

Electronic copies of photographs taken at *Blues on the Lawn* and *One Mass Sunday* can be obtained through martinlewis20@hotmail.com Please state if you would like to view all the photographs from a particular event or just require one or two for printing (ref numbers required for the latter). If hard copies are required or there are any other enquiries, these should be directed to Martin on 9279 6265 or 07711 661918.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (18/7/10):

Parents who ordered a disk of photographs taken at the Mass can collect their disk from the Sacristy. Any queries should be directed to Martin Lewis on 9279 6265 or 07711 661918.

When I was sick...

Pastoral training for community and hospital visitors
September-December 2010
at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth

The Chaplaincy Department of the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust is running a course for those who want to develop skills for visiting the sick, or people with other pastoral needs, in hospital or in their homes.

For more details and application form please contact the Chaplaincy Department on (023) 9228 6408, or email susan.bishop@porthosp.nhs.uk