

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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**24/25 August 2019**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Psalm Response:** Go out to the whole world proclaim the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**Prayer for August:** Mary, our model and mother, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Please help us by your powerful assistance to overcome all our weaknesses, and to fulfil perfectly our tasks in life. Amen.



*The Alpha Course is coming to Sacred Heart this autumn. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to go back to basics and grow your faith, encounter Jesus in a new way, be renewed in your spiritual life and learn from others on the journey.*

For more information take a flyer/application form from the narthex or visit [https://youtu.be/fViYK\\_Xb3Wg](https://youtu.be/fViYK_Xb3Wg)

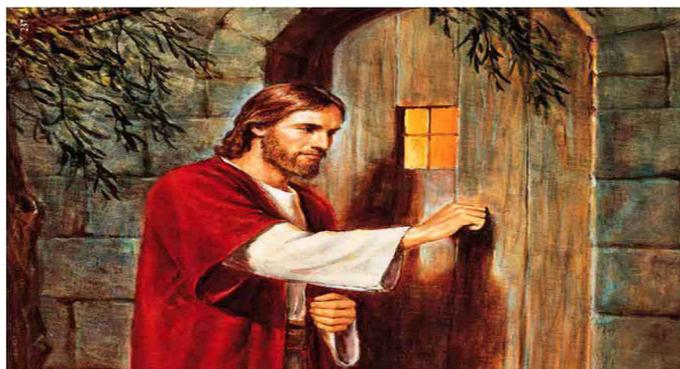
### Prayer for the Alpha Courses

Loving God, bless with success our Alpha Courses and bring more people to know, love and serve you and dedicate their lives to you. We ask that you also bring many of our young people to a deep and lasting love of you through Youth Alpha and that you renew the Pastoral Area to become a community of fervent disciples, living and witnessing to the Gospel for the salvation of souls and the glory of your name.

We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Jeremy Writes...

Christian Prayer (11): "Knock, knock". 'Who's There?'



**"Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Revelation 3:20)**

Today's gospel passage from St Luke has a few references to doors. Jesus tells us to enter by the narrow door. Not only is this door narrow but many who try to get through it will not succeed, and then it will be locked and there will be no good those outside knocking to get in because they won't be admitted! This doesn't seem to be a very encouraging message. The door Jesus refers to is the way into heaven and the point he is making is that many of his audience believe they will get to heaven simply because they belong to God's people, no matter how they live and behave. But the message of the narrow door is that admittance to God's Kingdom is selective and only those with the right credentials can expect to enter. These credentials are clearly expressed in the Ten Commandments and come down to love of God and love of neighbour. Unless our Christian identity is backed up by a life lived in a committed relationship to God and in service to others we may not be given the key to the door!

Elsewhere, though, Jesus gives us a more positive message about knocking on doors. He reassures us that, in our prayer, if we knock he will open the door to us: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you". (Matthew 7:7) Some translations see in the Greek here a good reason for translating the passage 'keep on asking...keep on searching...keep on knocking' so that it becomes an exhortation from Jesus to keep on praying and our prayer will be answered. God never leaves our prayer unanswered but He will not always answer in the way we would wish or expect. However, as this passage goes on to ask, would a father 'give his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or would he hand him a snake when he asked for a fish?' This means that even if God does not give us exactly what we ask for he will obviously not give us something bad or unhelpful instead he will give us what we really need to grow as his children.

The passage from Revelation 3:20 is even more encouraging. Here it is Jesus who is knocking on the door of our hearts earnestly seeking to be let into our lives: 'Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him'. Who would want to turn down an invitation like that?

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

John O'Neill, Maria Carmen Martin, George O'Shaunessy, Thomas Andrew (TJ), Pat Moffatt, Geoffrey Tompkins, Anne Littlefield, Damien Haughan, Betty Groves, Carole Higton, Matthew, Marion Greeham, Charlotte West, Elizabeth Evelyn, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield, Paul Evelyn, Agnes Smith, Mary Ling, Margaret Bush, Boris Mayfield, Stephen Condon, Nicola O'Neill, Bernard Griffin, Mary Harrington & Dave Hill.

For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and Rowans Hospice.

*If you ask for someone to be prayed for and their name is placed on the Prayers for the Sick in the newsletter, it is your responsibility to ensure that the presbytery is kept informed about their condition. For the long-term sick, a quarterly update would be appreciated. Thank you.*

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 24 Aug	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Joyce Greaney RIP</b>
SUNDAY 25 Aug	10.30am 6.30pm	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Mary Elizabeth Stone RIP</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
Monday 26 August	-	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 27 August	-	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday 28 Aug	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>St Augustine of Hippo</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Thursday 29 Aug	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b> , memorial	<b>Dec. Members of the Lodrick family</b>
Friday 30 August	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>Feria [21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Saturday 31 Aug	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Adriano Persiano RIP</b>

## Notices & Information...

**WELCOME TO ANY NEW PARISHIONERS!** It would be helpful if you could provide us with some basic contact information. Please complete one of the 'New Parishioner Preliminary Information' cards (on the table in the narthex) and hand it to Fr. Jeremy.

**WHAT CAN I DO?** Please pick up today a copy of the August/September edition of the Leaflet.

**'A DAY WITH MARY'**: A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917 will be held at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday 7 September. For more information, please see poster on notice board.

**THE TUESDAY CLUB** is open to everyone on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre. You can expect a warm welcome plus fun, friendship, card games, scrabble etc. along with a cup of tea or coffee & cake. For more information please contact Trish on 07947 611699.

**DORSET PLANE PULL in aid of Home-Start Hampshire.** On Monday 26 August Steve Leigh will be joining a team to pull a 35,000kg Boeing 737 airliner a distance of 50 metres, and as an extra challenge, in the fastest time! He is very eager to acquire sponsorship; he has left some forms on the table in the narthex and will be present after Masses during weekends in August to take your money! You can also donate online [www.everyclick.com/hshplanepull2019](http://www.everyclick.com/hshplanepull2019) If you would like to attend as a spectator on the day, there will be lots going on including a DJ and live bands as well as a children's entertainer – all for free! Delicious food and drink available to purchase all day. 10am-5.30pm at European Aviation, Bournemouth Airport, more details via [www.planepull.co.uk](http://www.planepull.co.uk)

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS.** Meet in church on Wednesday 28 August @ 2pm. For more details, see the notice board in the 'Welcome' area.

**CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 10.30AM MASS:** Fr. Jeremy and the First Communion Team would like to invite the children and their families from this year's programme to attend Mass on this day to celebrate with the rest of the Parish Community. Children can come dressed in the First Communion outfits if they wish and after Mass we will be distributing their certificates as a memento of their special day.

**CAKE SALE in aid of FIRST STEPS 2 SCHOOL PERU!** This Sunday 25 August after 10.30am Mass – Please pop in for a coffee and cake to help support parishioner, Dorothy Pople's, very worthy cause.

**THE WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER CONTINUES...** Recently, 17 members of the parish experienced a sharing of spiritual companionship and support with 6 prayer guides. This is just the beginning for any of those who would like to continue to support each other in nurturing their spirituality. **There will be an opportunity to set up small groups to share our journeys in faith on Tuesday 15 October @ 7pm in the narthex.** Some websites which can be helpful in continuing the journey in prayer: [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org) [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) [www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org) If anyone is interested in finding a personal ongoing Spiritual Director, or for more details or to find resources please contact me, Chris Bryden at [spirituality@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING.** Please see the new calendar for Safeguarding Training (Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults) on the Notice Board.

**RECRUITMENT.** For details of all job opportunities in the Diocese go to: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/)

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI, 24-31 October, 2020.** As flagged up recently, I would like to lead a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi next year. Arrangements are underway and the cost is likely to be between £1295-1395 (depending on flight costs not yet available). This figure to include flights, transfers, 4 nights at the Hotel Lancelot in Rome and three at the Hotel La Rocca, Assisi; Rome city taxes, daily continental breakfast, 3 lunches and 7 dinners, wine and water with meals, excursions and transfers in Italy, entry charges, Mass offerings and coach driver tips. Shortly I will be inviting interested parties to sign up indicating a strong wish to be included. Watch this space. *Fr. Jeremy Garratt.*



Applications are invited from anyone 13 years or older (or, in the school system, anyone entering Year 9 or above this coming September). Applicants should apply personally by hand-written letter to Fr Jeremy before 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, explaining why Confirmation is important to them. Sessions will begin on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, time to be confirmed, in the parish centre and will continue weekly every Friday evening until Easter, school holidays excepted. There is no date set yet for Confirmation but we will let you know when the Bishop decides.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Please contact the Presbytery by noon on Friday 20 September if you would like your child to be included in next year's programme. Children are required to be in Year 3 or above and throughout the duration of the programme it is expected that the candidate and their family attend the Sunday 10.30am Mass together after each session. Registration will be on Sunday 13 October and the sessions will begin on Sunday 5 January with First Reconciliation on Saturday 28 March and the First Holy Communion Masses will be on Saturday 11 & 18 July, so please make sure your commitments allow you to be here for these important dates.