

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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## 14/15 September 2019

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Psalm Response:** I will leave this place and go to my father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Prayer for September:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



The Alpha Course is coming to Sacred Heart & St. Michael's Leigh Park 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.

**There is a 'Taster' session on Monday 16 September at Sacred Heart and Tuesday 18 September at St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park. Both sessions from 7pm. Everyone welcome!**

#### 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...

### LOST & FOUND



You occasionally read about someone who lost a wedding ring whilst holidaying in Brighton (for example) in the 1970s and, in spite of combing the beach and every rock pool and litter bin for hours came home desolate because they could not find it. Then, many years later, they are back holidaying in Brighton and quite by chance, while tickling sea anemones with their grandchildren in a rock pool, see something glinting in the depths and, lo and behold, find the long lost ring forty years after. Imagine their delight and the incalculable odds that such a thing should happen. We can imagine the rejoicing, the tears of happiness and the glasses of something cheering raised to celebrate the miraculous event.

A wedding ring is worth much more than the precious metal and gem stones it is made of; it symbolises the unity and everlasting love of two people for each other; its loss has a high emotional cost. It is similar for the woman who has lost a coin in the parable today. This coin would have been a portion of her dowry and formed part of a headband to be worn, along with other coins, as a symbol of her marriage. Its loss would have been a traumatic event and her joy at finding the lost coin ecstatic.

With these parables, Jesus conveys in a powerful way, the rejoicing in heaven when a repentant sinner returns and the lengths to which God goes to try to reach out to those who have strayed from the faith and wandered far away from Him. As a priest I feel something of that joy whenever, as happens occasionally, someone comes into confession and tells me that this is the first time in thirty years that they have been to the sacrament and that, after a long time in the wilderness, they now wish to come back to the practice of their faith. This is a real cause for rejoicing and very often such people make the very best and most committed Christians thereafter. If there is anyone out there reading this and thinking about coming back to the fold, feel free to come along to Confession or go along to the Alpha course starting on Monday, but, whatever, be sure of a very warm welcome - both here and in heaven.

### THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE HOME MISSION SUNDAY

We are invited to find ourselves in the Gospel story as we accompany the characters who call out, 'Rejoice with me!' These words express the joy of finding something, or someone they had lost. Imagine the joy in your own heart when you see someone you love coming home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ. Occasionally this happens by direct divine intervention, but more often we are called to be the face of Christ, praying for, inviting and welcoming those we love into a relationship with Him.

Thankfully we are not alone in this task. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online please visit [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)

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

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

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

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 14 Sept	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Gerard Whittaker RIP</b>
SUNDAY 15 Sept	10.30am 6.30pm	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>John Hartnell RIP People of the Parish</b>
Monday 16 Sept	-	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 17 Sept	<b>9am</b>	<b>Feria [24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</b>	<b>Eileen Leahy RIP (FM)</b>
Weds 18 Sept	-	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 19 Sept	7pm	<b>Feria [24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</b>	<b>Rita Tania Oaks' Intention</b>
Friday 20 Sept	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang &amp; Companions, mem</b>	<b>Union of Catholic Mothers Int</b>
Saturday 21 Sept	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Joseph Higgins 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.

**THIS SUNDAY:** We welcome the children and their families from this year's First Holy Communion programme this morning to celebrate with the rest of the Parish Community and after Mass we will be distributing their certificates as a memento of their special day.

**DON'T MISS!** A two-part documentary entitled 'Inside the Vatican' starting on BBC2 on Friday 20 September.

**WOMENS MONDAY EVENING GROUP.** Meet on Monday 16 September @ 7.30pm in the parish centre room 1. Speaker: Andrew Perrin on 'Local History'. Fundraising Raffle.

**PAT MOFFATT RIP.** Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Pat who has died recently. Pat was a member of the parish for many years before moving away to be closer to her daughter. Her Funeral will be on Wednesday 18 September @ 12.15pm at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Chichester.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS.** Meet on Wednesday 18 September @ 2pm in the parish centre. Call Jean Hartnell on 023 59 9875 for more details.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP.** Meet on Wednesday 25 September @ 2pm in the church.

**BARRY JOHNSTON RIP.** Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Barry and remember his family at this sad time. There will be a Service for Barry's Ashes on Friday 27 September @ 11.30am.

**ANNA WILLIAMS RIP.** Please pray for Anna who passed away at Easterlea Nursing Home in Denmead. Please remember her family and friends at this difficult time. Anna's Funeral will be on Monday 30 September @ 11.30am.

**NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.** At St Peter's Catholic Primary School we understand that choosing the right school for your child can be daunting. Every parent wants the best for their child, and wants to make the right decision. The Headteacher, Mr Cunningham, warmly invites all families who have to make this decision in the near future to join us on one of our Open Days this Autumn. No appointment necessary, just arrive for the start time of any of the dates listed here:

*Tuesday 8th October 9.30-11.30 am  
Wednesday 23rd October 1.15 -2.45 pm  
Thursday 11th November 1.15 -2.45 pm  
Monday 18th November 9.30 -11.30 am  
Monday 25th November 6.00 -7.00 pm*

**OAKLANDS APPLICATION FORMS - Information for parents regarding admission to Oaklands September 2020:** There is no need to call the presbytery for an appointment to see Fr. Jeremy, you will only be contacted if there is an issue. Parents will need to complete the entire form, including Part B – Father will just need to sign and stamp where indicated. Please include a family photo and a copy of your child's baptism certificate and bring it into the presbytery. If there's no answer at the door just pop it through the letterbox. You will then be called when the form is ready to collect, please remember to include your mobile on the paperwork/envelope.

**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.

**THE WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER CONTINUES.** There will be an opportunity to set up small groups to share our journeys in faith on Tuesday 15 October @ 7pm in the narthex. 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)

**YOUTH ALPHA/CONFIRMATION 2020.** 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 Monday 30 September**, explaining why Confirmation is important to them. Sessions will begin on Friday 18 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 **EMAIL** Sue at the Presbytery ([shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) **by noon on Friday 20 September** if you would like your child to be included in next year's programme. Include your child's full name, address, mobile number, date of birth and date & place of baptism. 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.

**KEEPING THE CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL.** Please continue to support the sale of books which provide the finances to buy garden plants: they are expensive purchases and unfortunately the funds are at a low ebb, so we need to build up the account in order to undertake the necessary re-planting during the next few months. Minimum donation per book 50p.

**MASS FOR THE SICK.** Every third Saturday of the Month at St. Edmund's Church, Horndean. Beginning on 21 September: 9.30am Confession, 10.00am Eucharistic Liturgy, *Thereafter* Mass, Service of Anointing, Exposition, Benediction, Lunch, Adoration, Confession and Consultation with Fr. Daniel, 2pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome!

**LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING.** Offertory: Loose cash: £414.15, Standing Orders: £1,028.53, Direct Debits: £34.60, Gift Aid: £196.42. Total: £1,673.70.



The Macmillan Mobile Information Support Service will be situated near Waitrose, Dukes Walk, Stakes Hill Road PO7 7HS on Tuesday 17 September from 10am-4pm, and will be available to provide information on issues ranging from how to deal with the side effects of treatment, what local support is available for carers, where to turn if you are struggling with your finances and information on where to get travel insurance. They provide face-to-face, free and confidential information about cancer, plus emotional support, staffed by skilled Macmillan cancer information specialists.