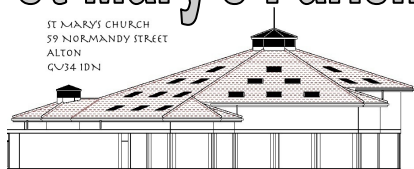


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PUBLIC MASSES TO RESUME

(WITH RESTRICTIONS)

MASS INTENTIONS

w/c Sunday 13th September, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year (A) (Psalter Week 4)

Saturday 5.30pm	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> Theresa Carter, RIP
Sunday 11.00am	<i>24th Sunday of the Year</i> The People of The Parish
Monday	<i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>
Tuesday	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>
Friday	<i>Feria</i>
Saturday 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Rosamma, RIP
Sunday 11.00	<i>25th Sunday of the Year</i> John McGinty, RIP
Confessions:	<i>Please email or call the Parish Office for an appointment</i>

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven..

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia !

Gospel Matthew 18:21—35

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Communion Antiphon

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

Fr. James will be taking is currently on annual leave on weekdays until 25th September.

Therefore, there will be no Masses on Wednesday 16th and 23rd September.

Fr. James will be Celebrating the week-end Masses (Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 11.00am) on 12th & 13th, 19th & 20th, 26th & 27th September. However, please note, that for these weekends, the booking system will be suspended and attendance will be on a first come first served basis.

The Lord is compassion and love

*Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart*

The readings this week speak of forgiveness, urging us to forgive others just as God forgives us. God loves us unconditionally. There is no limit to that forgiveness, so long as we ourselves show forgiveness to others, and don't hold on to any grievances.

The First Reading directs us to remember and live by the commandments, and especially not to bear any grudge against our neighbours. We are urged to let go of any anger, hate or resentment.

The Psalm is full of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. It tells of the strength of the Lord's love for us as well as his mercy; there is no end to his forgiveness nor love.

In the Second Reading, we hear of how the way in which we live our lives affects one other. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, he has shown us that we belong to him both in life and death, unless we choose to turn away.

The parable of the unforgiving servant in the Gospel emphasizes the message of forgiveness. So long as we forgive others with complete sincerity, God will show compassion towards us. So long as we repent, he will forgive our sins an infinite number of times.

Over the week ahead, let's pray for one another and welcome God's gift of forgiveness, together with the healing, reconciliation and restoring of any broken relationship that it brings.

Thought for the Week

“Question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air, amply spread around everywhere, question the beauty of the sky, question the serried ranks of the stars, question the sun making the day glorious with its bright beams, question the moon tempering the darkness of the following night with its shining rays, question the animals that move in the waters, that amble about on dry land, that fly in the air, their souls hidden, their bodies evident, the visible bodies needing to be controlled, the invisible souls controlling them. Question all these things. They all answer you, ‘Here we are, look: we are beautiful!’ Their beauty is their confession (Yet) Who made these beautiful changeable things if not One Who is beautiful and unchangeable?”

St. Augustine *Sermo CCXLI, 2: PL 38, 1134*



When Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who

were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘He took our illnesses and bore our diseases’. *Matthew 8:14-17*

General Prayer for Health

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Prayer for Health Staff

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness and breathed into us the life which is your own.
Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body.
Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. Mary’s 200 Club

For a full list of winners over the past months, please see the list on Page 3.
If you are a winner and are attending Mass, it would be much appreciated if you would collect your prize envelope from the table in the Church.
Please email the office if you are happy to do so. Otherwise prizes will be posted to the home address we have on record for you.

Praying Through the Storm

The Sacred Heart Church in Hook invite you to join them for a free online Spiritual Talk on 24th September.. These are difficult times and people are searching for answers. In light of the present crisis, we ask the same questions as the disciples: Where do we find hope? To whom do we turn? Where do we find help?
In this one hour talk, Fr. Liam and Fr. Yamai, Carmelite Priests, explore these questions, drawing insights from Carmelite Spirituality and the guidance of Saint Teresa of Jesus, teaching us how to pray through the storms of life.
REGISTER NOW: Contact the Sacred Heart Church Parish Office on hello@sacredhearthook.org (01256577007) or Joan Kent on tran_joan@yahoo.co.uk.
More information on www.SacredHeartHook.org

The next Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE) will be held on Saturday 19th September from 10.00am-12.45pm, including a mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk “Here is your mother” from Fr John Seddon,
Please register in advance for Zoom
For more information visit the ADoRE website.
<https://www.altonrenewal.com/>

Peer Talk

Peer Support Group, for those living with depression, anxiety and related conditions.
Every Tuesday 7.00pm—8.30pm
(Starting Tuesday, 15th Sept.)
Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road, Bordon, GU35 0BS
For more information please call 07719 562 617 or email enquiries@peertalk.org.uk
No booking required, just turn up and its free.

Please remember in your prayers

Adi Morando, Maureen Rogers, Carol & Margaret Conway, Kate Cradock, Francesca Adams, Les Carter, Bill Wood, Brenda Gregory, Rita Rawling, Margaret Collins, Alex Smith, Lily Jones, Theresa Davies, Michael & Jo Rogers, Annette Mott, Annie Tomlinson



**O GOD OF COMPASSION,
HEAR OUR PRAYER**

St. Mary's 200 Club

February, 2020

1st Prize: Catherine Short,
2nd Prize: Thomas Litton
3rd Prize: Morris Hopkins
4th Prize: Elizabeth Norris

March, 2020

1st Prize: Anne Bothwell
2nd Prize: Stella Light
3rd Prize: Hilary Keeping
4th Prize: Denise Graham

April, 2020

1st Prize: Catherine Morgan
2nd Prize: Steve Joseph
3rd Prize: Kay Hulbert
4th Prize: Dymphna Sinden

May, 2020

1st Prize: Steve Mather
2nd Prize: John Gregory
3rd Prize: Darren White
4th Prize: Josie Azzopardi

June, 2020

1st Prize: Norman Street
2nd Prize: Les Bothwell
3rd Prize: Paula Head
4th Prize: Roy Light

July, 2020

1st Prize: Pauline Fell
2nd Prize: Marie Cross
3rd Prize: Andrew Croom-Johnson
4th Prize: Michael Power

August, 2020

1st Prize: Sheila Hughes-Jones
2nd Prize: Regina Elliot
3rd Prize: Kevin Matthews
4th Prize: Rudi Azzopardi

Reopening the Church for Public Mass
**THE DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY
OBLIGATION REMAINS IN PLACE**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF THE
STEWARDS AT ALL TIMES**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK
(and gloves if you wish)**

Mass times will be

5.30pm on Saturday evening and

11.00am on Sunday morning

9.30am on Wednesdays

(This Mass is for the vulnerable and Over 70's)

**To book a place for week-end Masses please
email stmarysalton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
or telephone 01420 82030**

**PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 15
MINUTES PRIOR TO MASS TIMES**

I would respectfully request that the vulnerable and over 70s, for their own health and safety, avoid the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

**For those who fall into this category there will be
Mass at 9.30am each Wednesday.**

It will not be necessary to book for this Mass but you will be required to give your contact details to the Steward when you arrive.

Would you therefore please aim to be at the Church no later than 9.15am.

May I please ask younger parishioners to avoid this Mass, giving priority to those in the over 70's and vulnerable categories

**The capacity at this Mass will be reduced to
25 people to allow maximum space for
social separation.**

Following the recent announcement by the Bishops of England and in accordance with Government and Diocesan Rules I am delighted to say that we will be opening St. Mary's Church is now open for Public Mass
The following rules will be in place in accordance with COVID19 directives.

The Church will have, until further notice, a maximum capacity of 30 persons.

To be fair to all, there will be a booking system in place. You will need to supply your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. You may only book for yourself, in the case of a family (living in the same house) you may register your family, including all the names of those wishing to attend on your booking application. Booking will be by phone(82030) —if no reply, please leave a message and your contact number. or email (stmarysalton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Making a request is not a guarantee of a place. Please

wait until you receive an email or phone call to confirm. Upon arrival, please queue 2metres apart and wait for a Stewards to invite you in. Once inside, please sanitise your hands and wait to be directed to your seat.

Places you may use will be marked.

In Church please continue to wear your mask, which should only be removed for Communion.

Holy Communion will be ministered by the Priest alone and only under one kind, namely under the form of Bread. Holy Communion may only be received directly When approaching, Communicants should do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between themselves and the Priest. Hands, palms upwards, one on top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.

The Stewards will direct you at Communion time when a one way system will be in operation.

1 Meter rule applies.

There will be no mass sheets or books in use.

The Sign of Peace will not be exchanged during Mass. There will NOT be an Offertory Procession. The bread and the wine to be used during Mass will be prepared before-hand and kept safely on the Sanctuary.

There will NOT be a pause during Mass for the Offertory Collection so please place your offering in the basket which will be available inside the Church.

There is fresh encouragement for members of the Parish to make their offerings by Standing Order or Direct Debit. If you would like further details and/or a form, please email the Secretary :

stmarysalton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For the present time singing is not permitted at Mass as it increases the risk of transmission of the virus.

No cushions or soft furnishing are permissible and until further notice the toilets and halls will be closed.

This is allow the teams to clean and sterilise the Church after each Service, in accordance with the COVID 19 regulations .

These measures are in place for your protection and the protection of the community..

In accordance with COVID 19 regulations, Masks and gloves should be disposed of at home and not in the Church or its grounds. This is to protect the stewards and cleaners and others in the community.

Please DO NOT socialise after Mass in either the Church or Car Park.

in the hand (gloves may not be worn at this point.).

At the place where Communion is to be distributed, a small table will be placed to socially distance the Priest from Communicants.

Further details will follow as I have been informed that the Diocese is preparing revised rules in accordance with recently released Government directives and therefore the information above may be subject to change

Yours in Christ, Fr. James