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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13 September 2026

Fr. Tom writes...

A warm welcome to Fr Andrew, who will be introducing himself on this page next week. For now, another reflection from me. This coming Monday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. For Carmelites like St Therese of Lisieux, this would traditionally mark the beginning of what one might call a super-Lent. Although they would break to honour such glorious moments as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Octave of Christmas itself, this nonetheless marked the beginning of a fast that ran all the way to Easter Morning. Now, they only ever ate fish, instead of meat, and I don't think indulgent snacks were exactly a problem for them for the rest of the year, so an outsider might have struggled to notice the difference. But they did. This launched them interiorly into preparation for that most sacred of all prayers – the 3-Day (in Latin 'Triduum') liturgy that leads from the Last Supper, through Good Friday, to an encounter with the Resurrected Christ.

At a time when the basic structures of society (family life, political stability, even the meteorological seasons) seem newly fragile, the Church continues to give us the same liturgical year, in all it redemptive power. And, put simply, the more we engage with it, the more it will provide us with the stamina and sanity (and supernatural joy!) we long for. Having a little Catholic pocket diary, or an app like Hallow or Universalis, means always being conscious of where one is, sensing the company of the inspiring saints that dot the path, and the moments when the Church calls us to stop and be still. Carmelites prepare like this because they take Jesus seriously. Their whole life revolves around his gift of eternal life to us, like the earth around the sun. There is nothing more beautiful. They may seem to us like Olympic athletes of the spiritual world, and in many ways they are, but is Jesus not the centre of our lives too? And, in our own way, can we not emulate them?

This Sunday is Education Sunday

In his message for Education Sunday, The Rt Rev Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and Chairman of the Catholic Education Service, encourages us to pray for all those involved in Catholic education as a new academic year begins. He invites us to give thanks for teachers, support staff, chaplains, leaders and governors, and to reflect on the Gospel message of forgiveness. During this Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, he also asks us to be inspired by the Saint's example of peace, simplicity, service to the poor and care for creation.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 12 Sept Feria [23rd Week in Ordinary Time] **Vigil TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration and Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Mass for the Parish Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Sunday 13 September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 11.30am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	For our parish family, especially our mothers with us here on earth and in heaven John Boyle, Intention Fr. Kevin Bidgood, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Feast	7.30am 12.30pm	Mass followed by Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	William Joseph White, RIP
Tuesday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows, memorial	7.30am 10.30am 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Hour Mass Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Patrick St Edmund St Edmund	 Vera Murphy, RIP
Wednesday 16 Sept Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, memorial	7.30am 10.15am 12noon 6.30pm	Holy Hour Mass Followed by Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick	 For seminarians returning to seminaries and on placements Fr. Kevin, RIP
Thursday 17 Sept Feria [24th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	 Pat Webb, RIP
Friday 18 September Feria [24th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Marek & Marzena Plaskota, Int
Saturday 19 Sept Our Lady on Saturday **Vigil TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Healing Prayer Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 For all those who are sick Special Intention
Sunday 20 September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 11.30am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Welfare of all members of the Parker Family Canon Peter Turbitt David Jones, RIP People of the Parish

What's going on...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Saturday 12 Sept	**Fundraising Social Evening – Ticketed Event**	7.30pm	Sacred Heart
Monday 14 Sept	**The Breakfast Club** For all the early-birds among the parish, join us after Holy Hour for breakfast.	Second Monday of the month after Holy Hour	Wetherspoons Denmead Queen
	Team Clean Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.	9-10am	Sacred Heart Church
	Rosary Group	10am	St Michael
Tuesday 15 Sept (Cont...)	**Employee Conference** It's always great to get together with other members of staff from across the diocese, and the Employee Conference today is a wonderful opportunity to meet, catch up and share experiences with colleagues from other parishes and departments. The conference also gives us the chance to hear from members of the Curia, who come along to talk about a variety of topics that are relevant to our day-to-day roles. It's a really useful and enjoyable day, giving us the opportunity to learn about new developments, ask questions, exchange ideas and most importantly, put faces to names and strengthen the sense of being part of one Diocese and one team.	10am-4pm	Sacred Heart

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Tuesday 15 Sept	**Rosary Group** All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 17 Sept	**Macmillan Coffee Morning** Come along and enjoy a lovely morning with friends, delicious cakes and our raffle – all while helping to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. ***Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.*** ***If you are able to help out on the day, please contact Lucy via WhatsApp.*** Everyone is very welcome – we'd love to see you there!	10.30am	St Edmund
Sunday 20 Sept	**Annual Mass Count for National Statistics** It is the time of year when for the next 4 weekends we are asked to complete our Parish Mass counts. The counting starts with this Saturday's Vigil Mass and continues every Saturday & Sunday until and including Sunday 11 October.	All Masses	All churches
	Second Collection for Home Missions Observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel—a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart.	All Masses	All churches

Notices & Forthcoming Events

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Toby Alexander Carvalho, who will be baptised this weekend at Sacred Heart. Please pray for Toby, his parents, Godparents and family, that God will bless and guide him through the journey of life.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Brian Kidd who has sadly died recently. Please also remember Brian's family and friends at this sad time. Details of his Funeral will be announced when confirmed.

Care of Creation Event

Philip Hayllar from our Justice & Peace Group writes...
When: Saturday 19 September at 4 pm
Where: Sacred Heart Parish Centre
As part of this Season of Creation our Jesus Prince of Peace J&P group invite you to a meeting to pray, learn and discuss together how we can act to care for our common home. We have invited Jenny Lelean from Caritas Portsmouth who will share information about the new Diocesan Environmental Strategy. Look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. We will be finished in plenty of time for those wishing to attend evening Mass.

Autumn Alpha 2026

Have you ever done an Alpha course? If not, this could be your time? Or maybe you know someone you would like to invite.



The Alpha course is a free course for anyone who is interested in exploring the Christian faith. No prior knowledge is necessary – likewise, prior knowledge does not exclude you! You will receive a warm welcome at Alpha and enjoy a meal with your group, watch a video about the Christian message and then have some time for discussion and exploration of faith. There's no pressure or judgment - it's just an informal and safe space to explore what we are thinking.
We have three Alpha courses running this autumn starting:
Monday 28 September, 7-9pm, at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
Tuesday 29 September, 7-9pm, at St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park and
Wednesday, 30 September, 7- 8:30pm Online
For further information, email alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk or click on the QR code to register.

Synodality focus group

Josie Higson writes... The diocese has asked that we collect a few people from our parish to discuss the following questions on synodality to feed back to a diocesan meeting in November. The questions are:

1. How are we as a Diocese living the reality of synodality?
   - · How do I personally contribute to the life and mission of the parish?
   - · How are we as a parish adopting a synodal approach?
   - · Through our approach to listening
   - · Through our approach to welcoming
   - · Through how we discern in our decision-making
2. How can this be improved and developed further?
   - · Where would I have wanted my parish to be at this time regarding Synodality?
   - · How can I contribute to help my parish achieve this goal?
   - · How can we contribute to help our parish achieve this goal?

We propose to hold a focus group on Saturday 19th September from 13:30-14:30 in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to contribute to this, please email, alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk. Because of the nature of the listening and discerning process, places will be limited and given on a first come-first served basis.

Coming Very Soon – Saturday 26 September

We warmly invite all parishioners to come together as we celebrate becoming one community: **JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE**.
Mass will be at Sacred Heart @ 4pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre.
This is a joyful moment in the life of our parish, and we would love to see as many people as possible from St. Patrick, St Coman, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Ss Thomas, St. Michael, St Edmund and Sacred Heart.
Come and celebrate this new beginning together as one family in Christ.

Planning for the music for our first Jesus Prince of Peace Parish Mass has begun.

Dear Friends,
A reminder again, that if you wish to be included in arrangements or to participate in any way with the wider Music Ministry, you will need to complete your expression of interest so that we can hold your information in a secure format and use it to keep you updated. Here is a link to the form: https://forms.office.com/e/KBikiyMbd9 or if you prefer, a QR code which will take you straight there →
You are also commended to the Jesus Prince of Peace Music Ministry Whatsapp [output] Channel, from where news and information is distributed straight to your 'phone. There is no need to sign up and no one can obtain your contact details or contact you from following this channel. You can also search for it, in the "Updates" tab at the bottom of your WhatsApp screen with this icon:
←Here is a QR code which takes you straight to the channel.
We look forward to hearing from you.
Jesus Prince of Peace Music Ministry Team

News from our schools

Richard Cunningham, Executive Headteacher (St Peter's and Oaklands) writes… The summer has definitely ended this week as we returned to school at St Peter's. Even after all that heat, the rain was only partly welcome during the first few days of term, but at least the school field is starting to look a little greener. We welcome new children and staff starting at St Peter's in different year groups, and we are especially looking forward to our new Reception class children beginning their school journey with us next week. No sooner are we back than we have to plan for next year, and parishioners may want to take a note of or share the following dates for those looking for school places in September 2027. Below are the dates for St Peter's only. The dates for open school events at Oaklands and St Thomas More's will follow in upcoming bulletins.

St Peter's Open Events 2026
Thursday 15th October 2026: 9.15 – 10.45am
Tuesday 20th October 2026: 1.15 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 4th November 2026: 9.15 – 10.45am
Monday 9th November 2026: 1.15 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 11th November 2026: 6.00 – 7.30pm
Applications for Year R September 2027 open in November 2026
Applications for new children to join St Peter's in Year 3 September 2027 open now!

Oaklands Catholic School Open Evening

Families of children currently in Year 5 and Year 6 are warmly invited to attend the Oaklands Catholic School Open Evening on **Monday 28 September, from 4.30pm to 7.30pm**.
This is an excellent opportunity to explore our school, meet staff and students, discover our Catholic ethos and learn more about the exciting opportunities available at Oaklands.
We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes our school such a special community.

Mass for the Sick at St Edmund, Horndean

Maureen Graham writes… Please note that the next Mass for the Sick will be on Thursday 8 October @ 10am. You are cordially invited to add your name to the sheet at St. Edmunds or contact Sue in the parish office at Waterlooville. We will have coffee/tea and biscuits after Mass followed by lunch at 12noon. Sue Woodward and I look forward to welcoming you all.

St Edmund's Red Missio Box Holders

Irena Murphy writes… Please leave your boxes on the table in the church hall to be emptied. The quarterly magazines are available there for collection. Any queries, please email me: irena_murphy@hotmail.com

Spectacles – A Small Donation that can make a Big Difference!

Our Justice and Peace Group are collecting surplus and unwanted specs to send to developing countries, where they can make a real difference to someone's everyday life. If you have any old or unused glasses at home, please consider donating them. Simply place your unwanted specs in the collection basket in church. Thank you very much for your generosity and for helping to give your old glasses a new lease of life!

Church Fundraising Concert

The well-known Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert on Sunday 11 October @ 3pm at Sacred Heart to help raise funds for the parish. Tickets available online via www.hampshirepolicechoir.org.uk or on the door. £10 per person. A couple of parishioners are members of the choir who will be singing all types of music including songs from the shows, hits from the sixties as well as a selection of sacred classics. There is even a sea shanty made famous by Fisherman's Friends included in the programme. Do come along and enjoy the unique sound of a male voice choir while at the same time helping to boost the church finances!

Sacred Heart 500 Club

Marie White writes… Here are the results of the latest draw. If you are interested in joining the 500 Club, please contact the Parish Office for details. Numbers are £1 each and fifty percent of monies raised each month goes to help our Parish, the remainder goes towards prizes. Ten percent of the entries each month goes towards the Grand Draw, so the more participants we have, the bigger the prize! Thank you to all our participants for your continued support, it really does make a difference!

June 2026			**July 2026**		
1st Prize	£60.50	No. 493	1st Prize	£60.50	No. 215
2nd Prize	£24.20	No. 342	2nd Prize	£24.20	No. 339
3rd Prize	£12.10	No. 241	3rd Prize	£12.10	No. 219

Mass Intentions for St Edmund, Horndean

Jo Webb writes… I am unable to currently attend mass in person but please be assured that the Intention box is being checked after Sunday mass and envelopes requesting a mass are kept next to it. Please specify your intention, ideal date, and please put your name and phone number so that I can contact you to confirm all is well with the date requested. A suggested donation is £10. Please email me on: intentions@stedmundhorndean.org.uk if you have any queries. Many thanks, God bless, Jo.

Sacred Heart 11am Sunday Mass Tech Support

Nicola Hordell writes... We are still in need of a volunteer or team of volunteers who could take over from Barry to set up/manage the tech we use at the 11am Mass (microphones, laptop, livestream system). Barry has done a great job and is about to begin a well-earned retirement. If anyone is able to volunteer to take on this role, we would be delighted and very, very grateful to hear from you. If enough volunteers can help, a rota could be arranged. Please contact me by emailing Sue in the parish office as soon as possible if you would be able to help and we can organise a time for you to find out how the tech works etc. *Please note, all slides will be prepared by another volunteer so we only need people who can set up, manage the laptop and tech etc. at services.*

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

We are delighted to welcome the Relics of St. Gerard Majella to St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth PO1 3HG on Saturday 31 October. There will be a Mass at 12.15pm, celebrated by Bishop Philip, with the relics available for personal prayer from 11am. There will also be an opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics after Mass. St. Gerard is the patron saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those seeking work and those wishing to make a good confession. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and pray with the relics of this much-loved saint and all are warmly welcome.

Important Information on the Car Park at St Joseph's, Havant

To deter unauthorised parking in St Joseph's Church Car Park, a new parking system will be enforced from 1st October 2026. Management of the system will be undertaken by Horizon Parking Limited who are under contract by Portsmouth Diocese. Many parishioners will have encountered similar systems at the Cathedral and in other Portsmouth Diocese parishes.
Parishioners with key roles and volunteers who are likely to be regularly requiring longer duration parking, should apply to the parish office for permanent authorisation.

Key Points:

- Your vehicle registration number will be automatically captured on entry and exit from the car park and the corresponding times noted by the parking system.
- Maximum stay from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm is 3 hours.
- Maximum stay after 6.00 pm is 1 hour.
- If attending an event and requiring longer than the maximum stay, please enter your registration number in the parking tablet sited in the hall or church.
- Vehicles parked for longer than the maximum stay and not authorised for longer parking via the tablet, or otherwise, will be charged by the Management Company Horizon Parking Limited in accordance with the Terms and Conditions displayed in the car park.

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Our Newsletter

All news items and forthcoming events to office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk by 2.30pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit any articles prior to publication due to space. Articles may not be published immediately and may be held in reserve for future use. If you would like to receive a copy via email please contact me. As part of our efforts to reduce costs, we ask that you only take a hard copy of the newsletter if you do not have access to the internet.
For contact information on different departments, an information sheet is available alongside the newsletters in the church.

Welcome to ChurchSuite – Online Parishioner Registration Database

The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database. To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form online. There is a separate adult and child registration form. If you do not have access to the internet, pop into the parish office at Waterlooville or Leigh Park and we will be happy to upload your details.

- **The Adult Registration Form**:
  https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ngzjrmr1
  or by scanning the top QR code:

- **The Child Registration Form**:
  https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/0h3dnrqd
  or by scanning the bottom QR code:

Payments to Sacred Heart, St Edmund & St Michael

There are several ways to make a donation to Sacred Heart, St Edmund or St Michael:

Sacred Heart:
Cheque made payable to 'CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart'
'Donate with Dona' button on our Webpage
Online payments in church using the Dona machine [by the Sacristy]
BACS: Lloyds bank account 01861043, sort code 309304, CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart
St Edmund:
Cheque made payable to 'CDP Horndean St Edmund'
Donate using the Sum Up machine in the narthex
BACS: Lloyds bank account 00880222, sort code 309304, CDP Horndean St Edmund
St Michael:
BACS: Lloyds bank account 00882004, sort code 309304, CDP Leigh Park St Michael