

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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2/3 March 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'POVERTY SUNDAY'

Mass Book: Year C, Volume 1, page 141

Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

Psalm Response: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

Prayer for March: Act of charity. **O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.**

ASH WEDNESDAY 6th March

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Masses: 7.30am & 12noon & 7.30pm

(Distribution of ashes at each Mass)



Full details of our recently updated LENT PROGRAMME are available from the Welcome Area, which includes complete information about our parish Lent course, Churches Together in Denmead Lent groups, Lent Lunches, Stations of the Cross, the additional Mass at 7.30am each morning through Lent and CAFOD Lent Fast Day (Friday 15 March). **Please make sure you pick up your copy this weekend!**

PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- Thursday 21 March @ 7pm here at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville.
- Tuesday 26 March @ 7pm at St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

John O'Neill, Myrna Coleman, Maria Carmen Martin, Chris Hyson, 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, Ian Cuthbert, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield & Beryl Treloar. For the housebound, lonely, homeless, those in nursing homes, hospital and the Rowans Hospice.

Fr. Jeremy writes...

CARDINAL GEORGE PELL



Earlier this week Cardinal George Pell was convicted on a unanimous jury vote of the sexual abuse of two 13 year-old choirboys in the 1990s. This is a very grave and scandalous finding and an ignominious end to a glittering ecclesiastical 'career' at the very top of the Church's hierarchy. However, I am reserving my judgment on Cardinal Pell - at least for the moment. Why? Because some journalists and others who were present at Pell's trial are deeply concerned that justice was not done to the Cardinal. For one thing, this was the second trial of the Cardinal on the same charges. In the first the jury returned a not guilty verdict by a majority of 10 to 2. A retrial was ordered by the judge since he was seeking a unanimous verdict. In the second trial, the jury voted unanimously to convict Pell on the same evidence, a fact which is itself disturbing. Moreover, the evidence as reported would seem scarcely credible to anyone who has any understanding of the circumstances surrounding the celebration of a Catholic Mass, especially a Mass celebrated by an Archbishop. Please check out the links below and judge for yourselves. These journalists are people of repute; George Weigel, for instance, is the highly respected author of the biography of Pope St John Paul II. In the light of this evidence, I think it would be wiser not to pass judgment on this particular case until the appeal process has been completed.

This is not to deny in any way that the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable people by clerics and others church workers in the Catholic Church has not taken place on an alarming scale. The evidence is there in abundance and will only grow over the coming years as the Church in countries across the world comes under investigation. This is a terrible scandal and a revelation that should shock and shame us all. However, we should be circumspect about some of the findings and the way they are reported and communicated to the outside world. The reporter John Steinfeld, in an article in *Commonweal* in January this year, found aspects of the shocking Pennsylvania Grand Jury report into the sexual abuse of minors in the Church "grossly misleading, irresponsible, inaccurate, and unjust. It is contradicted by material found in the report itself—if one actually reads it carefully. It is contradicted by testimony submitted to the grand jury but ignored—and, I believe, by evidence that the grand jury never pursued." The truth of these cases is bad enough without deliberate distortion and sensationalisation in reporting them lest 'fake' news diminishes the impact and veracity of truth itself.

<https://nypost.com/2018/12/31/the-unfair-anti-catholic-conviction-of-cardinal-george-pell/>

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/differences-cardinal-pells-prosecution-defense-61313280>

<https://www.mercatornet.com/mobile/view/cardinal-pell-felled-by-abuse-claims-but-are-they-credible>

Look here for Cardinal Nichols reflections on last week's meeting of the world's bishop on child sex abuse

https://youtu.be/rzie3_BBM_s

Disgusted with the Church? Before you leave, listen to Chris Stefanick. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChrisStefanick/videos> and select 'Why I am not leaving the Church and 3 things we can do about it. Or go direct to this link https://youtu.be/vQhOD_012-M

The Power and Message of the Cross



For some years now an internationally renowned artist in metal has been working to produce a standing crucifix for our sanctuary. We hope this will be ready by Easter. As a way introducing it, I will be preaching on the power and message of the cross each Sunday during Lent using examples of different styles of crucifix which have historical or personal significance. These will be accompanied by a newsletter note on the artistic interpretation of these crosses and a post-communion meditation. (Illustration: The crozier of Pope St John Paul II)

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 2 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: Eighth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Helma Kennedy RIP
SUNDAY 3 Mar	10.30am 6.30pm	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Wilkinson RIP People of the Parish
Monday 4 Mar	12noon	Feria [8th Week in Ordinary Time]	Cynthia Condliffe's Intention
Tuesday 5 Mar	7pm	Mass at All Saints', Denmead – ALL WELCOME!	
BEGINNING OF LENT			
Weds 6 Mar	7.30am 12noon 7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	Margaret Beauvoisin RIP Deceased members of the Lodrick family Marie O'Keeffe RIP
Thursday 7 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Alice Wilkinson's Intention Holy Souls
Friday 8 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Friday after Ash Wednesday <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Friday after Ash Wednesday	Kath & Jack Garratt RIP Joe & Teresa Siou RIP (FM)
Saturday 9 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Thérèse Johnson RIP

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.

BAPTISM INTO THE LIFE OF JESUS AND THE CHURCH. We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Roberta Hodge, who will be baptised Sunday at 12noon.

PETER TRELOAR RIP. Parishioners will be saddened to hear of the death of former parishioner, Peter, who has died recently. Anyone who knew Peter will remember him as someone who was always doing something to help the church. He worked tirelessly to look after the Scout Hut and sat on various committees including Finance and Parish Centre. Peter was the parish's Health & Safety Representative until he moved to Fareham. He was also an active member of the Catenians and organised various boating excursions for parishioners to enjoy. Please keep Peter's wife Beryl and his family in your prayers in this difficult time for them. His Funeral Service will be at Portchester Crematorium on Friday 15 March @ 3.15pm. All welcome.

GREEN GIFT AID ENVELOPES are ready for collection from the narthex.

THE 50P SALE IS BACK! Saturday 9 March from 2-4pm in the parish centre. Clothes for everybody, women, men, children and infants – all at 50p each item. This is not a fundraising event, this sale is primarily for people who find themselves in financial difficulty. Please spread the word – and if you know of anyone who might benefit from this, please let them know.

FOR VOCATIONS... "Therefore... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord," Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon or religious? Wondering what God is calling you to? The Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly (on the first Friday) at Sacred Heart, Fareham, for food, prayer, reflection and friendship. For more details please contact Fr. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

JESUS YOUTH invites you to be a part of 'Awakening', a 100 days Eucharistic Adoration initiative happening all across the UK and Europe, and now it's our turn at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville on:

12noon on Monday 18th March until 12noon on Tuesday 19th March.

Come join us as one family in prayer as we pray for our mother Church, intentions of Holy Father, stronger family and marriage bonds, for peace in the world and for Jesus youth and all other movements within the catholic church.

Anyone interested should sign up to come and sit before the Eucharistic Lord, in the 'sign-up sheets' on the notice board in the narthex. Also, please pick up a prayer card/leaflet for more information on Awakening.

LOST PROPERTY. This weekend there will be a table up in the narthex with all the items which have been left in the church and parish centre. Please take a look and see if any of your belongings are there.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Each year, St Peter's Catholic Primary School makes available an additional 4 pupil places for children entering the start of Year 3 in September. Do you have, or know of people who have, a child who is currently in Year 2 and would like to apply for a place to start Key Stage 2 (Year 3) at St Peter's in September 2019? Please contact the school on 02392 262599 or via adminoffice@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk to arrange to meet the Headteacher Mr. Cunningham and have a personal tour of the school.

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. PS. March 5th is PANCAKE DAY. Don't eat too much lunch before you come to leave room for your pancakes! For more information please contact Trish on 07947 611699.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH HAYLING ISLAND: There will be 2 identical sessions on the first Thursday (@ 7.30pm) and Friday (@ 11am) of each month, to enable access to all. Everyone welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT. Cowplain Funeralcare will be holding a bereavement support group once a month to be held on the last Tuesday of each month. This is open to everyone for a chat and refreshments, regardless of whether or not you have used their services. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 26 February @ 4pm at Cowplain Funeralcare, 41-43 London Road, Cowplain PO8 8DF.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP. Monday 4 March In church @ 2pm. All are invited to a hour's quiet prayer and meditation led by a member of the group. Further information from Margaret Day 023 9263 2533 or Tom Wilkinson 023 9259 4268.

This year the **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WILL BE LED BY BISHOP PHILIP** assisted in many aspects by young people from throughout the Diocese who will lead music, catechesis, social activities, help pilgrims with their mobility by offering a steady hand or pushing a wheelchair. All pilgrims will stay at the Hotel La Solitude (bedrooms are air-conditioned, and there is a swimming pool) which is quite close to the Shrine on a full board basis. Young pilgrims (those that will be assisting when in Lourdes) will travel there by overnight coach. All other pilgrims will travel by plane, flying from Southampton airport. If there are any young people who would like to take part in this pilgrimage as part of the group supporting pilgrims please contact Tom, our Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. We are taking a few aged 14-16, but most will be 16/18+ For more information please contact Sue Field, Project Assistant to Fr. PJ Smith on 07780 221686 or Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Sue's hours in the Portsmouth office are few but she regularly checks both the phone and the email account.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Please see the notice board for full details of Child Protection Awareness, Vulnerable Adult Awareness and Refresher Training.

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING.

Offertory: Loose cash: £454.33, Direct Debits: £1,007.40, Gift Aid: £195.58. Total: £1,657.31.