

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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**23/24 November 2019**

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass Book: Year C, Volume 2, Page 167

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**Psalm Response:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Prayer for November:** Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**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.



## Sacred Heart Charity Carol Concert

With *The Blendworth Brass Band*  
Monday 16 December @ 6.30pm

Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards in the parish centre. *Donations raised to the work of our parish support group, 'St. Teresa of Calcutta' and Waterlooville Food Bank.* Donations of mulled wine & mince pies gratefully received - These can be left in the parish office - Please check that they will be in date for the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Fr. Jeremy writes...



The ill-advised interview between the Duke of York and Emily Maitless last weekend over his relationship with disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein and teenager Virginia Roberts has generated much critical debate and negative speculation in the past week and has resulted in Prince Andrew having to leave the public stage and relinquish nearly all his patronage of good causes. This goes to show once again, like the relentless hounding of the Duchess of Sussex (erstwhile Meghan Markle) by the tabloid press, that being a 'royal' is a mixed blessing. Meghan's misfortune is that she also adds film star to her CV. Every little girl who dreams of being a princess or a film star be warned.

One of my earliest memories is being carried on my father's shoulders through the crowded streets of Aldershot as its residents came out to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. In those days there was utter and unspoken respect and deference for the royal family. They lived in a pantheon of their own and were absolutely beyond reproach. There was never a whiff of scandal and, if anything, those newspapers which later became tabloids were more deferential to royalty than others. When I moved to Italy to study in the 1970s I began to see another story. Newspapers and magazines on the continent constantly carried stories about rifts and philanderings among members of the British royal family. Whether true or not, this was something we never saw at home.

In more recent times scarcely a week goes by when the misfortunes of the royals are off the front pages, be it for rifts and divorces, promotion of arms sales, use of private jets, hunting of wild animals, wearing of Nazi uniforms, wearing of fur, wearing the same hat as at Ascot last year, off the record racist remarks, ill-advised prorogations of Parliament or dangerous driving. It is always difficult to know how much, if any, of this is true or fake news or otherwise sensationalised hearsay, but it is yet another burden of suffering carried by the royal family, and by Her Majesty the Queen in particular. Yet she always stands above it all as a figure of immense dignity, integrity, wisdom and poise, a person of irreproachable decency, matchless stature and deep personal faith.

I have always thought the choice of the royal image of Jesus as Universal King, as celebrated in today's feast, an unfortunate and inappropriate comparison, but when I think of the Queen, I wonder.



## Sacred Heart Christmas Fair! Saturday 7 December 11am-3pm

**BOTTLES REQUIRED PLEASE**, alcoholic/non-alcoholic for Tombola. **'NEW GIFTS'** are also needed for the parish stall - only items suitable as presents please. Please think about help by bringing in some **YUMMY CAKES** for our Cake Stall please. **THE VOLUNTEER BOARD** is up in the narthex - Help is still needed please to set up on Friday 6 December from 4.30pm and tidy away from 3pm on the day.

*We wouldn't be able to organise these events year in year out without the amazing generosity of the parish, so thank you once again for volunteering your time and/or buying items to sell in aid of our parish! And to everyone looking for a bargain, please come along and experience the festive atmosphere created by everyone involved.*

*Hopefully see you all there on the 7<sup>th</sup>!*



Caitlin pictured here with Nina Pearson,  
Art Teacher at St. Peter's School

### NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL...

Congratulations to Caitlin in Year 3 at St Peter's who won an art competition run by Hampshire County Council. The Interfaith Calendar competition recognises and celebrates multi faith diversity in Hampshire and the artwork submitted is always of an exceptional quality. Caitlin's painting focused on the parable of the Lost Sheep and was the winner for the month of July. Caitlin was the youngest of the winners in the competition, and was presented with a copy of the calendar and a £10 book voucher at an awards ceremony in Winchester attended by County Councillors and Hampshire's School Improvement Manager.

*Richard Cunningham, Headteacher*

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 23 Nov	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>	<b>Bridie MacAleese RIP</b>
SUNDAY 24 Nov	10.30am 6.30pm	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>	<b>Tony Sweeney RIP</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
Monday 25 Nov	12noon	Feria [34 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]	<b>Deceased members of Reilly Family (FM)</b>
Tuesday 26 Nov	10.30am	<b>St. Peter's Years 5&amp;6 Mass in Church Everyone welcome!</b>	<b>Pupils &amp; Staff of St. Peter's</b>
<b>RED WEDNESDAY</b> 27 Nov	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [34 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]	<b>Mrs. Chester RIP</b>
Thursday 28 Nov		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 29 Nov	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [34 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]	<b>Deceased members of Lodrick Family</b>
Saturday 30 Nov	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

## Notices & Information...

**COLIN TROTT RIP.** Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Colin who died last week. Please also remember Colin's family and friends at this difficult time. His Funeral will be on Friday 6 December @ 12.30pm.

**BERNARD GRIFFIN RIP.** Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Bernard Griffin who has died recently. Bernard will be known by some for his Sung Rosary on a Tuesday after the evening Mass between 2013-2017 and also for leading our Confirmation programme in 2013 & 2016. Please remember Sue, his wife and their daughters and all family and friends of Bernard at this sad time.

**VOCATIONS.** "Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke, [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318869.

**ALPHA.** Session 14: Monday 25 November at Sacred Heart and Wednesday 27 November at St. Michael's Leigh Park. Both sessions begin at 7pm.

**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 GOD WHO SPEAKS.** Tuesday 26 November 7.30-9pm at St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park. Dominican Sisters offer a Biblical Evening in preparation for the Year of the Word 2020. The sisters present the evening and Sister Hyacinthe will record the testimonies of those wishing to share with the diocese their love of the Bible.

**RED WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 27 November.** Red Wednesday is a day to gather to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians. We are joining this enterprise by lighting up the outside of our church – probably only visible from dusk, but the support is there whether you can see it or not.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS.** Meet on Wednesday 27 November in church @ 2pm. Further information from Elizabeth 07791 753545.

**YOUTH ALPHA/CONFIRMATION.** Friday 29 November. This week the fun starts @ 6.30pm!

**AN ADVENT REFLECTION.** Canon Gerard offers An Advent Reflection with art, music and prayer on Saturday 30 November, 2–4pm. If you wish to attend please email: [gerardlynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gerardlynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS.** Meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre. **UCM Day of Reflection.** Wednesday 4 December, led by Fr. Jeremy and held in the parish centre. Day begins with Mass @ 10am and ends around 3pm. All very welcome to attend!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** Rowans Hospice, in conjunction with Portsmouth Cathedral and The Renaissance Choir, is hosting a Christmas Concert by Candlelight to celebrate 25 years of Rowans Hospice and raise money for our Silver Jubilee Appeal. The concert programme will include beautifully arranged music from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century and carols to celebrate the festive season. Light refreshments will be available. Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2HA. Central Nave: £15 | Sides: £10 | Children (under 13): £1. Tickets available to purchase from Portsmouth Cathedral: 023 9282 3300 or in person at Rowans Hospice or Portsmouth Cathedral or online: [www.rowanshospice.co.uk/events](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/events)

**VOICES FOR CHRISTMAS.** St Michael and All Angels Hall, Leigh Park on Saturday 14 December 4pm and 7.30pm. The Nativity story told by the people there! Written and performed by Kevin Walsh with carols for all to sing. Tickets: [jackychong@btinternet.com](mailto:jackychong@btinternet.com) or 01243 371074. Profits to Havant Passion Play Limited. (Advance Tickets: Adults £7; school age children £5, family tickets: 2 adults & 2 children £20, 2 adults & 3 children £25.)

**INVITATION FROM DENMEAD AND WATERLOOVILLE ROWANS SUPPORT GROUP.** TEA @TWO. Delicious cake and entertainment from Pianoman Justie. Sunday 15 December @ 2pm at the Denmead Pavilion. Tickets and more information from Trish 07947 611699 or [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DENMEAD CAROL SERVICE.** If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the choir for the Carol Service on Sunday 22 December, please join them for rehearsals at All Saints' Denmead on 29 November, 13 & 20 December @ 7pm. Final rehearsal on Sunday 22 December @ 2.30pm. Ability to read music is useful but not essential. For more information contact Tricia Gilbert on 023 9264 2424.

**PARISHIONER, SOPHIE NEGUS WRITES...** "I have recently been to France to work with the 'Care 4 Calais' charity, which looks after refugees in the camps around Calais port. I have seen first-hand the appalling situation these young men are living in (many of whom are under 18), and want to help by sending out coats to help combat the harsh French winter that is coming. Having gone to Oaklands, grown up going to Sacred Heart and talking to the community when my family does tea duty, I know how kind people are and how this community can really make a difference. I am not asking for money, but just if anyone has any second hand coats (small or medium men's) they would be willing to donate to this cause. There is a box next to the food bank box in the welcome area. Thank you."

**THANK YOU.** Sister Maria writes... "Sincere thanks from the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity to all those who supported the coffee morning for Lourdes in any way on 24<sup>th</sup> November. It was a tremendous success and the amazing amount of £856.60 was raised. This amount will enable a child with special needs to travel to Lourdes at Easter."

**THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA.** Parishioner and AoS representative, Maggie Mellor, is once again collecting Christmas gifts for seamen who come into Portsmouth. The items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, bars of chocolate, soap and small crucifixes can be left in the box in the narthex. Thank you.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR.** Why not try reversing the 'traditional' process and put something in a box every day that can be given to people who need a treat at Christmas? Your gifts can be any item of non-perishable food, especially little Christmas treats such as chocolate Christmas tree decorations, a chocolate orange, a box of dates or a bag of nuts. A big box for your contributions will be near the front door until Tuesday 17 December. Thank you.

**CATENIAN APPEAL FOR ROSARIES FOR AFRICA.** My many thanks to parishioners for the magnificent response to my request for rosaries and crucifixes. The latest collection will be distributed by the Catenian Association to African missions, UK prisons and the QA hospital in Portsmouth. *David Lodrick - Portsmouth Catenians.*

**SUPPORT TRADCRAFT THIS CHRISTMAS.** Available in the narthex a selection of Christmas cards and Advent Calendars. These are obtained through the agency of Traidcraft and sales go to support those in the developing world who are struggling against all odds to provide for their families and communities.

**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 Higon, Matthew, Marion Greeham, Elizabeth Evelyn, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield, Paul Evelyn, Mary Ling, Margaret Bush, Boris Mayfield, Stephen Condon, Nicola O'Neill, Mary Harrington, Dave Hill, Amrutha Anthony, John DeBattista, Dr. Peter McErean, Michael Lowe, Sabine Khan & Mary Daly. For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and Rowans Hospice.

**LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING.** Offertory: Loose cash: £710.09, Standing Orders: £981.23, Direct Debits: £34.60, Gift Aid: £238.03. Total: £1,963.95.

**The Poppy Appeal:** Thank you to everyone who supported the British Legion over November. The parish has raised £121.44 and the district raised £5,300.30.