

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mass Book: Year A, Volume 1, Page 300

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Psalms Response: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Prayer for February: Here I am Lord; body, heart and soul. Grant that with your love I may be big enough to reach the world and small enough to be at one with you. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: John O'Neill, Maria Carmen Martin, Thomas Andrew (T.J), Geoffrey Tompkins, Anne Littlefield, Damien Haughan, Betty Groves, Carole Higton, Marion Greeham, Elizabeth Evelyn, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield, Mary Ling, Margaret Bush, Boris Mayfield, Stephen Condon, Nicola O'Neill, Mary Harrington, Dave Hill, Amrutha Anthony, John DeBattista, Dr. Peter McErlean, Michael Lowe, Sabine Khan, Mary Daly, Conor Mills, Ian Cuthbert & Geoff Readman. For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and the Rowans Hospice.

The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story

All you ever wanted
to know about the bible
starting from scratch!

Over eight sessions, the Bible Course takes you through the whole bible starting at the very beginning. Join Fr Jeremy at the Sacred Heart parish centre, Waterlooville, Monday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning Feb 17. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. A one-off charge of £10 is made to cover materials. Ends before Easter - the perfect Lent Course!



Fr. Jeremy writes...



The Presentation of the Lord

Giovanni Bellini, c. 1460

It is always wonderful when a couple bring their newborn baby to church and proudly present the child for a blessing. This has happened four times in the past few weeks and in some cases the baby has been only a few days old. There is something almost instinctive about wanting to bring a newborn into the House of God to present it proudly before the Lord and Creator of all life, to seek His blessing and affirmation, His ongoing protection and guardianship, and to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to Him for a safe delivery and for the miracle of such a beautiful, wondrous new life.

Doubtless there was something of these sentiments in the hearts of Mary and Joseph when they brought the child Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord, but in doing so they were also doing what the law required (Leviticus 12:1-4). Forty days after the birth of a baby, the infant was to be presented in the Temple for the service of God and the mother of the child was 'purified' since it was believed that childbirth made a woman ritually unclean. The presentation marked the end of the ceremonies of initiation that attended the birth of a child and concluded the mother's period of 'lying-in' or rest after giving birth. In this way the feast brings the Christmas season to an end and, traditionally, in many churches, including ours, the nativity scene remains on display until today. The words of the holy man, Simeon, that the child will be "destined for the fall and for the rising of many...destined to be a sign that is rejected" and his prediction that a sword of sorrow will pierce Mary's soul because of her Son's rejection give a hint of the ominous events to come as Jesus grows to maturity, begins his ministry and treads his inevitable path to Calvary.

Come and Meet Jesus!

at 'The Great Story of Jesus' retreat day on Saturday 8th
February, 10am - 4pm at St Michael's, Leigh Park

The retreat will present the whole story of Salvation from Creation to Jesus's death and resurrection and give you opportunities to make a personal response to Our Lord. The retreat is especially helpful for new Catholics and those who have recently completed the Alpha Course, but anyone and everyone is invited to come. The cost of the day will be £10 per person. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch!

Please sign up on the list in the narthex by Sunday 2 February.

Lent 2020

Ash Wednesday 26 February. Masses at 7.30am, 12noon and 7.30pm with distribution of ashes at each Mass.

Fr. Jeremy will be celebrating an extra **Mass at 7.30am** Monday to Friday (please check newsletter on a weekly basis) at which there are no intercessions. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, occasion, private intention or thanksgiving during this time please contact Lisa at the Presbytery to arrange. Mass Offering envelopes can be found in the narthex.

A **Decade of the Rosary** will be introduced during the Sundays of Lent. The 'Sorrowful Mysteries' will be recited at 10.20am, just before the Sunday morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Sunday afternoons at 5pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are **no floral arrangements** during Lent as it is a penitential season.

There are **no Baptisms** as it is a season of preparation for Baptism.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day (Friday 6 March). Can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to those in need? Fast Day envelopes will be available from church on the weekend of 31 February/1 March.

Full details of our **Lent Programme** will be available next weekend.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 1 Feb	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 2 Feb	10.30am 6.30pm	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Dec'd members of the Walton Family (FM) Intention of the Hodges' Family
Monday 3 Feb		NO MASS	
Tuesday 4 Feb	10.30am 7pm	Year 5/6 Mass at St. Peter's School – EVERYONE WELCOME! Feria [4th Week in Ordinary Time] at All Saints', Denmead	Staff & Pupils at St. Peter's Holy Souls
Wednesday 5 Feb	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial	Mary McNally RIP (FM)
Thursday 6 Feb	7pm	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial	Surgery for Teresa & quick recovery
Friday 7 Feb	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [4th Week in Ordinary Time]	Union of Catholic Mothers' Intention
Saturday 8 Feb	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Norah Middleton's Intention

Notices & Information...

ANN HARTRIDGE RIP. Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Ann who sadly died last week and please pray also for her family and friends at this time. The family have decided on a private cremation for Ann and there will be a Mass to celebrate Ann's life on Tuesday 18 February @ 12.30pm in Church, all welcome to attend – absolutely no black to be worn please. There will be a reception in the parish centre afterwards.

ALEX NERI RIP. Please pray for the peace of the soul of Alex who died last week. Some may remember her from the 10.30am Mass on a Sunday morning before moving to a nursing home in Hayling Island and finally moving back 'home' to Waterlooville. Alex's Funeral will be on Friday 28 February @ 10am.

VOCATIONS. Are you ready for "a living encounter with the Lord in his people?" Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869. **Vocation Seeker Evening.** Join the monthly group to explore further on Friday 7 February 7-9pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham PO16 0NF, for food, prayer, reflection and friendship.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. St Peter's has been a hub of worship these past two weeks as we have begun our spring term Liturgies and Masses. Both the Reception Year classes and Years 3 and 4 took inspiration from the parable of the Good Samaritan for their Liturgies and Mass respectively. It was wonderful as ever to have our worship led by the children, and a delight to welcome family members of all ages to join us at school. In the Year 3 and 4 Mass, reading from a children's bible of St Paul's Letter to the Romans, was a line that sums up the very essence of what we aim to teach our children at St Peter's, and what would really make our world a better place if more people could live by the sentiment: *'Love never hurts a neighbour'*. Richard Cunningham. Headteacher.

THE REFUGEE PROJECT. We are in URGENT need of someone with a large van plus extra manpower to move furniture collected to the house. Also some temporary storage is needed please – If you are able to help please contact Clare clare.burke24@hotmail.com or Philip philiphayllar@hotmail.com

DVD SALE. Check out the table in the narthex for a bargain! All DVDs @50p – Available until Friday 28 February.

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.

☕ Pancake day is coming early to the Tuesday club. We will celebrate on Tuesday 4 February. Don't have too much lunch, save a space for your pancakes. see you from two till four on Tuesday. Any questions call Trish on the number above.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. Wednesday 5 February @ 2pm in the parish centre. Everyone Welcome!

YOUTH ALPHA/CONFIRMATION. Friday 7 February @ 7pm at Sacred Heart.

OUR 50p CLOTHES SALE IS BACK! Saturday 8 February in the parish centre from 2-4pm. Nina and her team of volunteers have been running this initiative now for the last few years and it has benefited a number of people in our community. Donations made from the sale go towards food, wash kits and nappies for people in desperate need. Volunteers are still needed to help bring the clothes down from the tower and take them back up afterwards. So if you are available on Friday 7 February from 5-7pm or Saturday 8 February 4-5pm and would like to help, please contact Nina.

'WHAT CAN I DO?' LEAFLET. Next weekend (8/9 February) the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. This month's *What can I do?* Leaflet offers a reflection on this theme – please pick up a copy today.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP MEETING. Monday 10 February in Church at 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.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING. Monday 10 February at Sacred Heart from 7.15pm-9pm. Sally Kitchener will give a talk about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe, and will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people's lives. Everyone is welcome so please let Jo know if you are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385. Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth

PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING. The PCP SCITT is looking for graduates with outstanding potential to train as primary teachers. Train to teach with the Primary Catholic Partnership SCITT either for a PGCE, through School Direct or with a Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship. We will be holding an information event on **Thursday 13 February 9.30 – 11.30** at St. Peter's Catholic Primary, Stakes Hill Rd, Waterlooville PO7 7BP. You will be able to:

- find out about the different routes into teaching
- ask questions, including about the application and interview process
- meet the PCP Director

The PCP offer personalised, school-centred training rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. You will be taught by practising teachers and leaders, and be supported in schools by high-quality, trained mentors. If you would like to attend, please contact the PCP on 02380 779753, on admin@pcp-scitt.org.uk, or just turn up on the day. More information about the PCP can be found at www.pcp-scitt.org.uk

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS. Bishop Philip and the Nigerian Catholic Priests, Religious and Laity in Portsmouth Diocese invite everyone to a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. Sunday 23 February @ 3pm at St. John's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Members of the Nigerian Community and friends are all invited to attend. The Catholic TV of Nigeria will be covering the Mass. Traditional/cultural dress is highly encouraged. If you are attending or you wish to make further enquiries, please contact Fr. Daniel Agber nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com or 07424 426845 or 07778 8666137.

ALPHA FOLLOW-UP. For those who recently completed the Alpha Course there will be four meetings focused on prayer in the Christian life. They will take place at Sacred Heart on the last Mondays of the month from 7-8.30pm: **February 24, March 30, April 27.** Contact Steve Leigh for further details: stephenleigh10@gmail.com

THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION meet at 10am on the second Tuesday of the month at St Michael's, Leigh Park. Come and join us for coffee, the rosary and prayer for any particular intentions that are brought forward. We share, in confidence, any concerns we may have about our children and grandchildren. Newcomers are always welcome!

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING. Offertory: Loose cash: £469.48, Standing Orders: £876.47, Direct Debits: £34.60, Gift Aid: £198.28. Total: £1,578.83.

The Cathedral. Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's collection. £628.83 was raised.