

St Patrick's (Woolston, SO19 9BD) & Annunciation (Netley, SO31 5AF) Parishes

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Weekend of 10th & 11th April 2021

WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Week beginning 12th April

Tuesday, sorry NO MASS

**Wednesday 9.30am St Patrick's Church,
Woolston (65 persons) followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until
11am**

**Thursday 9.30am Annunciation Church,
Netley (30 persons)**

Friday, sorry NO MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

**6pm Saturday Vigil Mass St Patrick's
(65 persons)**

**9am Sunday Mass Annunciation Church,
Netley with room for 30 persons with extra
capacity if couples and families can sit
together as a bubble.**

**11am Sunday Mass St Patrick's
(65 persons)**

**BOOKING a place at a weekend mass is
preferable and can be done through the
parish website (or telephone during office
hours if no internet)**

**If you miss the booking deadline you can just
turn up for Mass on a first come first served
basis 10mins before Mass begins.**

Easter Thank you from Fr Ross

**A massive thank you to those who kindly
gifted me with Easter Eggs and other edible
goodies such as hot cross buns and cakes
over Holy Week and Easter, very kind and
thoughtful and made me feel that I have
not been forgotten during this time of
lockdown, restrictions and social isolation.**

**I was very touched by the huge number of
Easter cards I received (which are not easy
to get hold of with card shops closed) and
the very touching messages of support for
me as your parish priest contained within
them. My Easter greetings to you all in
return.**

**A very sincere thank you also to those of
you who contributed to the Easter Offering
this year. Your generosity at this time is
greatly appreciated when so many were
unable to attend church over Easter.**

**Should you still wish to make a financial
contribution to the Easter Offering which
supports me in my vocation and mission in
our two parishes and have not yet done so,
then the Easter Offering envelopes are still
available in both churches and can also be
made via cheque or online through the
parish website or online banking (details on
the final page of the newsletter).**

**Please be aware of scams and remember we
would never contact you directly asking for
money or your account details or passwords.**

Easter Thank you to our volunteers.

Fr Ross also wishes to thank all our parish volunteers for all that they have done during the season of Lent and Holy Week during this particularly trying time of Covid Restrictions.

We have had amazing floral arrangements and church decorations in both our churches. We have been blessed with our volunteer stewards and welcomers in all that they do to make us feel covid safe in our two churches. We are also gifted with great tidy uppers, readers, church linen washers and ironers, wonderful sacristans, people with good ideas for Lent such as the popular online stations and those persons who help to look after the grounds of both our churches making a welcoming presence in our two parish communities.

I wish to thank especially Chris Bick for all that he does for our online presence with the recording of masses and other liturgies and then the editing and uploading of it all so that people can watch online.

Thank you to Mr Lobo (Head Teacher of St Patrick's School) who runs our parish website for us.

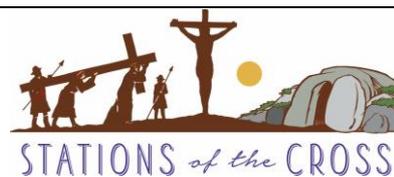
And finally a huge thank you to Dave Harper (Annunciation) and Irene Chapmen (St Patrick's) who do so much organising the Covid seating plans for bubbles and individuals attending Mass in both our churches and for organising rotas for stewarding. This not only happens for our Masses, but also for the many funerals we have had this past year especially at St Patrick's - all of which require seating plans, contact tracing and stewarding. It is an exhausting task and very time consuming on all involved.

God bless all of our wonderful volunteer CAN DO CATHOLICS!!!!

ONLINE SUNDAY MASS NOW AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

with homily from Fr Ross
available on our FACEBOOK Page
or click here.

As previously reported in this newsletter, we were recently awarded a grant of £6000 to help us obtain the necessary equipment to livestream masses and also record them for posterity. Fr Ross has obtained a number of quotes for this and I hope that in the coming month this will be installed at St Patrick's Church and then later at Annunciation Church. Getting quotes for anything is time consuming as we all know and with so many churches wanting livestreaming at the same time some of the equipment needed is in short supply. So onwards and upwards and we will get there eventually.



The recent Stations of the Cross reflections are still available to watch online and were very popular. If you would like your own copy please let us know your preference out of the following options?

- Video copy on a DVD
- Video copy on a USB stick
- Audio copy on a CD
- Audio copy on a USB stick

There will obviously be a charge for producing these, which will depend on how many copies are required, we will advise you of the cost once we know numbers. Please email your preference to eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk . If you don't have access to email please put a note through the office letterbox or in Netley put a note through the house letterbox marked for the attention of Chris Bick. Many thanks.

“You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not yet seen and yet believe.”

This Sunday we reach what we call the Octave Day of Easter, the eighth day and thus it is a week since we celebrated Easter. The number eight or an octave is highly symbolic for us as Christians. As an example of this, have you ever wondered why fonts have eight sides to form an Octagon? Well they do so because when we are baptised, we are baptised into eternal life the eighth day!

It is such a shame then that the old octagonal font in St Patrick's was removed some years ago in favour of our current and rather curious four sided font, which no doubt was thought to be trendy at the time, but as a result of its four sides has lost its symbolism and meaning as a visual aid at baptisms. **If anyone knows what happened to the old font in St Patrick's, please let me know. I would also be very interested to learn where the old St Lawrence font from the original mission church ended up when a new font was placed in the current church upon completion in 1939. A bird bath in someone's garden perhaps and now long forgotten?**

The eighth day is the everlasting day which has no end, upon which the sun never sets and there will be no more mourning or tears. This eighth day is what we enter when we die or if we are living to experience it, the eighth day is when Jesus returns at the end of time. The eighth day is the eternal day that has no end and we are baptised into this eighth day as believers at our baptism, hence fonts have eight sides and not four. So it is then on this Octave day of Easter that we are focused on what the Resurrection means to us! Jesus says to the Thomas: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Jesus is addressing us and our situation.

During this past week the daily Mass readings of the Octave Days of Easter cover the Post-

Resurrection appearances of Jesus in the Gospel narratives and in the Acts of the Apostles we get the great enthusiasm of the disciples and believers of Christ during the early years of Christianity. This enthusiasm of the Apostles and the early Christian Community portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles is in stark contrast to the Gospel narrative of the disciples whom lack belief in the resurrection. The Gospels present us with a group of demoralized disciples who are frightened. They don't believe the women returning from the tomb. When Jesus reveals himself to them on that first evening he is surprised by their unbelief. Thomas, otherwise known as doubting Thomas did not believe that the other disciples had seen the risen Lord, he would only believe if he himself saw and was able to examine the wounds himself. Thomas eventually believes because he saw the risen Christ and saw the wounds. Jesus says to him: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not yet seen and yet believe.”

This comparison between what happened during the first week of Easter and what is happening in the Act of Apostles several months later is startling. Unbelief and fear has been swapped for enthusiasm and missionary zeal with no fear even of death. We can conclude then that the faith of the disciples in the resurrection came from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus's resurrected body is filled with the Holy Spirit and so it is that he breathed on his disciples and said: receive the Holy Spirit! A Pentecost moment and an event we will celebrate fifty days after Easter. Their encounter with the risen Christ changed everything!

So what about us Christians today? We have not physically seen Jesus, but there are signs of him being present to us and we encounter Christ in other ways, through the breaking of bread, the things that Jesus says to us through prayer, through others, through the Church's teachings,

or by the touching of our heart through the faith of another person or a felt presence that Jesus is somehow walking with us or watching over us. Our faith and belief in the resurrection is based on the historical witness of the disciples and the affect it had on their behaviour and faith. The disciples encountered the risen Christ and it changed everything.

Christ's resurrection gives us a glimpse into how our own future resurrection will be on that eighth day! For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. The risen Christ lives on in the hearts of his believers here on earth, as we await our own fulfilment in the resurrection when our own eighth day comes.

So let's praise God who made us for so good an end as this, that we are capable of eternal life with him who made us and that we too will share in the immensity of God's glory in heaven at the end of time. Something I am certainly looking forward too, for Christ is risen as he said, Alleluia!

God bless you all, Fr Ross.



The "St. Lawrence's" Font.



Roy Biles on his 60th Birthday
4th April 2021. Very many belated congratulations.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUNERAL NOTICES

Alec Dennis Gillette (known as "Denny") RIP
who died on 21st March. Funeral Service at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 13th April at 11.15 am followed by burial at St Mary Extra Cemetery.
Invited mourners only. Our prayers are with Gillian, his wife and family at this sad time.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Anna Calleya; Elizabeth Hodgkiss; Mary Taylor; Colin Dodds; Ann Sammit; Doreen Nelson; John Dearlove; Melinda Silsbury; Rose & Monty Dougherty; Carmel Ingram; Olive Allison; Hilda White; Sean & Nancy Doyle; Cathy McCann; Mary Curley; Mary Corbett; June Paris; Margaret Dunning; Janine Murphy; Julianna Burley; Daphne Wijesinghe; Christine Bartlett; Margaret Beirne; Terry Hutchinson.



Mass Intentions and Anniversaries:

Margaret Moran RIP; Ida Capinpuyan RIP; Anne Renouf RIP; Mary Goss RIP; Grace Dell RIP; Bridget McKenzie RIP; Catherine Reed RIP; Margaret Carr RIP; Kate McKee RIP; John Adams RIP; Mike Elmore RIP; John Moran RIP; Doris Spinks RIP; Mary Holmes RIP; Edward White RIP; Anthony Lawrence RIP; Leo and Gregory Ingram RIP (Anni); Ramsing Nursing RIP; Rita Maguire RIP; Hugh O'Donnell RIP; Anne Guthrie RIP; Sheila Craft RIP.; Anne Clothier RIP



Rose and Monty Dougherty
(9Apr) and Betty and Mike Lucas (18Apr)



April: Stephanie Bennett (3Apr); Barbara Reed (6Apr); Stella Carroll (16Apr);



Baptism: This Saturday 10th

April we welcome **RYAN MUNYARDZI MUKUZE** into the parish community. Please keep Tendai, Edward and Ryan in your prayers.

THANK YOU



Nancy and Sean wish everyone a very Happy Easter. They would also like to say a very **BIG THANK YOU** to all the kind parishioners for the cards, food, flowers, prayers and kindness shown to them over the past months.



EGGcellent!!!!

On behalf of seafarers visiting Southampton ports, Stella Maris (A.O.S.) wish to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the parishioners of St Patrick's and Annunciation parishes for your fantastic response to the Easter Egg Appeal. You contributed an amazing **260** Easter Eggs this year.

Thank you all so much. *Irene Chapman*

Urgent appeal From Southampton City Mission Basics Bank

TOILETRIES AND BABY GOODS

We have been asked by the local Basics Bank to ask if our parishioners are able to donate any toiletries and baby goods. If you feel able to donate anything to this good cause, the box is in the porch of St Patrick's Church or leave it at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HOW TO REFER TO HOUND BASICS FOOD BANK

Just a reminder that Hound Basics Food Bank stands ready to help those who are in financial need, providing food, toiletries and household cleaning items for those living in Netley Abbey, Hamble and Bursledon areas but will help those slightly further afield if there is no suitable help

Email: hound.basics@netleycf.org.uk

Tel/Text/WhatsApp Message on 07485 007800

Facebook message:
www.facebook.com/houndbasics

Alternatively you can telephone Eastleigh Borough Council helpline 023 8068 80000 who will refer to us.

We operate Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30 am-2 pm at our premises 30 Queens View, Netley Abbey, Southampton SO31 5EA.

Essential Training for Catechists

Sr Hyacinthe will be running our popular Essential Training in 5 weekly sessions on **Monday evenings, starting on Monday 19th April at 7.00 pm.** This training is not exclusive to catechists, but is open to everyone who seeks to understand how to proclaim the faith more effectively to children, young people and adults. This training is a short introduction to the principles of faith transmission for seasoned or new catechists, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word and for anyone interested in passing on the faith or in growing in their own faith. Find out more details [here](https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists):
<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>.

Sign up for training here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHg5EfXZR](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91234567890)

Readers' Training Workshops 17th and 24th April

The two workshops form together a comprehensive training or refresher for new or seasoned parish readers, looking at the Liturgy, the practical skills for reading, as well as the Bible and how to understand the readings. The training also involves a 1:1 practice session with an experienced diocesan listener, to improve the quality of reading. Find out more details here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

Workshop 1-17th April 2021 – 10 am to 1 pm:
register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIduGorzwiHdcAqEFveyBR-RPN8MnHZh0V](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91234567890)

Workshop 2-24th April 2021 – 10am to 1 pm:
register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdeiuqDgtGtGp8nhAF651zA-dB-xB-xB31lg](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91234567890)

Lucky's News

Thank you Val Baker for the beautiful cat blanket which I am very comfy on, especially since it has turned cold again.

Thank you to my friends who donated so many nice Easter treats for me to eat! Fr Ross says that I am more popular than the Parish Priest!

I had a lovely Easter relaxing and staying in due to the cold and have been contemplating the mystery of the Resurrection, whilst helping Irene with seating plans and the covid risk assessments.

Lucky full of the joy of the Resurrection after the Easter Vigil!



Lucky contemplating on Easter Day



MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you to those who have popped Mass Intentions into the post box or on line recently. It means a lot to be saying Mass for the Intentions of Parishioners during this time. There are NO spaces for April now. If you wish to book a Mass Intention for May onwards please do so in the usual way, shown below in red ink.

If you want a Mass offered for intentions, please contact the Parish Office by telephone, email, post or putting your intention and donation into the Presbytery post box in Woolston.

Mass donations and Second collections can now be made on line by a one-off payment via Internet banking using the details shown further on in the Newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL WITH SAINTS DAYS INCLUDED.

SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

Saturday 10th April – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Reg and Dora Hutchinson RIP (IC)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 11th April – Annunciation

9.00 am – Leonard Jarvis RIP (AW)

Sunday 11th April – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Brian Rogers RIP (L & CD)

Wednesday 14th April – St Patrick's

9.30 am – Gerry and Margaret Weatherstone RIP (IC)

Thursday 15th April – Annunciation

9.30 am – Eileen Doel RIP (CB)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 17th April – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Michael Fennelly RIP (MF)

Sunday 18th April – Annunciation

9.00 am – John Ackland RIP (CA)

Sunday 18th April – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Sr Perpetua Kilroy RSM

Support of the Church

Our two churches like other charitable institutions are losing vital income at this time through the loss of revenue from our weekly collections, hall bookings and fundraising activities now that the churches are closed.

SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER

To set up a standing order you will need the following account details depending on which Church you wish to contribute to and also for what purpose; **so the reference is important.**

You must put your name followed by **COLLECTION** (for your usual weekly collection), **SECOND COLLECTION** for the second collection as stated in the newsletter followed by which second collection eg CAFOD, or **DONATION** (to make a one off Donation).

NETLEY – THE ANNUNCIATION

Sort Code: **30-93.04**

Account Number: **00882888**

Account Name: **PRCDTR NETLEY THE ANNUNCIATION**

As a reference put your name followed by 'MASS' or 'COLLECTION' or 'SECOND COLLECTION' or 'FR ROSS XMAS' for the Christmas collection.

SOUTHAMPTON – ST PATRICK

Sort Code: **30-93-04**

Account number: **00888665**

Account Name: **PRCDTR SOUTHAMPTON ST PATRICK**

As a reference put your name followed by 'MASS' or 'COLLECTION' or 'SECOND COLLECTION' or 'FR ROSS XMAS' for the Christmas collection.

Please be aware of scams and remember we would never contact you directly asking for your account details or passwords.