

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

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### **FIRST SUNDAY of LENT.**

**Weekend of 20th & 21st February 2021**

### **PUBLIC MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED**

We still have to follow the social distancing rules which are a legal requirement and I once again ask you to follow what our lovely volunteer stewards are asking you to do in church and that there are to be no holy huddles in entrances/exits or in car parks.

**REMEMBER HANDS, FACE, SPACE.**

### **WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

**Wednesday 9.30am St Patrick's Church,  
Woolston (65 persons)**

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

**Friday, sorry NO PUBLIC MASS but there  
will be a Mass in St Patrick's School for the  
students and staff**

### **Lenten Reflections on the Stations of the Cross**

*by Parishioners of Annunciation Church,  
Netley and St. Patrick's Church,  
Woolston.*

As we journey through the season of Lent please use these reflections to aid you on your journey towards Easter. We begin with Stations One and Two with the other stations following in regular intervals until Easter Sunday

**[CLICK HERE FOR STATION I](#)**

**[CLICK HERE FOR STATION II](#)**

**[CLICK HERE FOR STATION III](#)**

*(Available from the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb)*

### **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 for Mass on a first come first served basis  
10mins before Mass begins.**

## LENT 2021

### Parish Activities during Lent *with social distancing in place*

#### **Rosary**

Monday's at 1.30pm in St Patrick's Church

#### **Station of the Cross**

Friday's at 1.30pm at St Patrick's Church

#### **Confession**

Saturday 5pm – 5.40pm  
or by prior appointment

### Online Parish Activities during Lent

We are looking to produce some online content to help our parishes journey through Lent. Can you help in any of the following ways?

We are looking for readers to help us record reflections on the Stations of the Cross. You can either record these yourself or we can arrange to meet you in church and record you in a socially distanced way! We can provide the reflections, or you can use your own material, just check the copyright statement if you are reading from a book. Scripture is copyright free!

We would also like to record the Palm Sunday Gospel to release online so again if you feel you could read one of the roles please let us know.

In any recordings if you prefer not to be seen on camera we can use audio only and add images.

If you can help in any way or if you have any other ideas please email the parish office [eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### The Journey through Lent for kids

Start to ponder about what you might do this year in ways of fasting, penance, and almsgiving/charity. Draw a picture of what you decided to do this lent to help us creating an Easter mosaic.

You can draw/paint some pictures representing the Stations of the Cross or any other Passion topic (children or adults welcome to take part!)

Do you fancy to decorate some hard-boiled eggs or pebbles?

Send your pictures to [eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or put them into the Presbytery post box. A chocolate egg for each participant!

We are looking for kids willing to record a video of a station of the cross. All materials will be provided. We need 14 children to record one station each. See more details above. Get in touch via parish email or Facebook page to take part or if you would like to have a chat about it.

Many thanks Father Ross, Chris Bick, Anne Davis, Kat Cirino and Clare Wilson

## REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS.

*“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and He remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.” Mark 1:12-13.*

Mark's wonderfully short one sentence account of Jesus' temptation leaves us with no doubt as to the result - **Jesus did not give in to the temptation.** Jesus 1 Satan 0 - Simple!

Jesus then returns out of the wilderness and begins his public ministry proclaiming *“the time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News!”* Jesus did not succumb to the temptations set before him by Satan and nor should we!

Easier said than done you might say? But some of the best conversion stories in the Bible and in the history of Christianity, both Catholic and Protestant, have their great stories of those who against all odds won against the various temptations they encountered or struggled with. We might think of St Ignatius of Loyola, St Augustine, William Wilberforce, St Theresa of Avila, John Newton etc. This is why reading the lives of the great Saints or converts is such an inspiration for us.

The lack of detail of how Jesus was tempted in the Gospel of Mark gives us an opportunity to ponder

what may have happened or as St Ignatius of Loyola would suggest, we might like to imagine ourselves in the place of Jesus, how would Satan tempt us, as a way of revealing how we are tempted in our own life, what we call an imaginative contemplation exercise.

Once we accept that we are tempted, and we all experience it, or admit to ourselves that we struggle with a particular bad habit or vice, we can do something about it with the help of God and the support of others. By naming the bad habit we shine the light of the Gospel on it and we can start working on reducing the bad habit, getting help with it, and banishing it all together. Repentance enables us to face the dark side of our lives.

One thing I do know is that Satan always operates in the realm of secrecy, in the dark recesses, or out in the open as a wolf in lambs clothing, Satan's mantra being anything is permissible so long as you don't get found out! People with extreme bad habits or vices like to keep them secret, look at problem gamblers, alcoholics, porn addicts, or abusers of any kind, they are all case book examples of this.

We also know of big organisations or institutions which try to cover things up or cloak things in secrecy are often hiding something sinister. By sweeping things under the carpet, what or who is being swept under the carpet we might ask. Or the dreaded elephant that looms large in the room, who or what is the elephant that nobody is prepared to name?

The Catholic Church we know full well is not exempt from the action of covering things up. The recent reports concerning the cover up of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults is shocking reading for us all, but we also know that other organizations like the BBC, The Anglican Church, Oxfam, and Football Clubs have also fallen foul of covering things up and not shedding the light of Truth on extreme sinfulness and vice.

Evil always lurks in the dark and in secrecy. But when a person or an organization owns up, admits there is a problem and asks for help, the truth comes out, something can be done about it and a

light can be shone on the issue for all to see. This allows for justice and healing to take place and possible future harm to be avoided. For ***“Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.” (Luke 12:2).***

So what does all this mean for us on the first Sunday of Lent?

God calls each of us to different states of life, to different vocations and He has a plan for all of us. Satan wants to draw us away from this, being tempted is to be drawn away from who God calls us to be. The good news is that any temptation can be overcome with God's faithful and loving help.

Pope Francis recently said in an interview concerning the traditional wording of the Lord's prayer and who it is that leads us into temptation: “I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen,”. “A father doesn't do that; a father helps you to get up immediately. It's Satan who leads us into temptation, that's his department.”

Christian morality is about being the person God created you to be – a person who chooses to be good and fight the good fight! To be tempted in spiritual and physical terms is to be deceived with the purpose of drawing us away from who we are called to be by God.

Lent gives us the opportunity to be led by the Holy Spirit into the wildernesses of our lives. To examine more closely those areas in our lives that lead us away from God, to own up to them, to shine the light of the Gospel upon them, to seek help or guidance if a bad habit has formed and to repent of it through a good confession.

The Angels watched over Jesus during his temptation and we can be very sure that our Guardian Angels and the loving providence of God watch over us to lead us to true repentance and there we will find Christ in the heart of that wilderness, banishing evil for good! For: “A broken and contrite heart you will not despise O God.”

A Happy Lent to you all, Fr Ross

# STAY AT HOME

Approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it.

Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space.'

## FACEBOOK

When I started the Annunciation Facebook page in March 2016 it was our first tentative steps into the world wide web and now has 125 followers. In recent months it has been another useful avenue of communication while our churches have been closed. I have been in discussion with Father Ross and Kat Cirino about the best way to feature St Patrick's on Facebook. Our two parishes share many things in common, the newsletter, our website, youtube channel and most importantly of course our Parish Priest. I felt it made sense to change the name of the Facebook page to Annunciation Netley and St. Patrick's Woolston. A link to the new page is below. We invite you to like and follow the page. Over the coming weeks the content will be adapted to reflect the life of both parishes. Myself and Kat Cirino will look after the page. Anyone else who would like to help us manage page content is more than welcome, please contact Father Ross first.

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationandstpatricks>

Chris Bick

**NB** I am very grateful to Chris for all he has done over the years on the Annunciation Facebook page which been an invaluable window into the life of the parish for parishioners and the casual visitors to our site. Please do support Chris and Kat in this new Facebook venture and thank you to Kat for taking this on for us too. God bless you both and all that you do for the parish.

Fr Ross



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Colin Dodds (Monty and Rose's son-in-law); Adam and Trudie Bellamy (Liz Bellamy's son and wife) recovering from Covid-19; 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; little Louis Knight



**Mass Intentions and Anniversaries:**  
Abbie O'Rourke RIP (B'day 19 Feb); Canon Dermot Macdermot/Roe RIP (Anni 20 Feb); Louella Dougherty RIP (Anni 22 Feb); Alec Jack RIP (Anni 22 Feb); Pamela Parr RIP



**FR ROSS Tuesday**  
23<sup>rd</sup> February. God bless you and thank you for all you do for our Parishes and schools.

**happy birthday** February: **FR ROSS (23 Feb)**; Victoria Lodge (23 Feb); Julian Kwasniak (23 Feb); Austen Quigley-Pratt (23 Feb); Madelyn Capinpuyan (27Feb); Ava O'Rourke (27 Feb)



**First Sunday of Lent – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021.** "Christ suffered for sins once for all". Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

### **CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY – 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

CAFOD Lent Appeal. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else.

Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or phone 0303 303 3030. You can also give via text. Text LENT 5 to 70460 to donate £5 or Text LENT 10 to 70460 to donate £10 or LENT 20 to 70460 to donate £20. Many thanks for your support. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications text LENTNOINFO to 70460.*

### **AN URGENT APPEAL FROM THE FOOD BANKS**



We have been asked by the local food banks to bring to the attention of our parishioners the desperate need they are in to supply food and toiletries to the local community.

We have Food Bank Boxes ready for your food donations at the entrances of both our parish churches which support our local food banks in Hound and Woolston.

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.

If you have a family/person who is struggling, please feel free to contact us, details below. Please include name, address, contact number, how many in the household (adults and children), any allergies, pets. We will then contact them and arrange for a food parcel delivery (we are currently delivering all parcels during the Covid pandemic). Often we will help them for a few weeks if you feel they need it. Everything is confidential and we do not share information with third parties.

Email: [hound.basics@netleycf.org.uk](mailto:hound.basics@netleycf.org.uk)

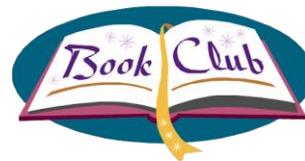
Tel/Text/WhatsApp Message on 07485 007800

Facebook message:

[www.facebook.com/houndbasics](http://www.facebook.com/houndbasics)

Alternatively they 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.



### **Lenten Book Club and**

**support to the people of the Holy Land.** Why not join us to share thoughts and insights on The Friends of the Holy Land book, Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land – a book of Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter (only £7.99 with forewords by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby). Spirit filled conversation and contemplation in preparation for Easter.

**All at 7.45 pm-9.15 pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

**E-mail: Rev Richard Wise at [rwise@talktalk.net](mailto:rwise@talktalk.net) for the Zoom link.**

## Lucky's news

Happy Birthday Fr Ross. Thank you for looking after me so well.

Thank you to Brian and Linda for the lovely cat food you delivered this week, I do like my food whist I isolate in the presbytery. I am still waiting for my letter from the vets for my vaccination jab. Fr Ross cannot understand why I have not been called yet on account of my great age. So we wait for Boris Johnson to instruct all elderly cats to telephone the help line.

Whilst I await my letter I remain inside and spend most of my day sleeping and contemplating. I have found the online children's stations very helpful which I watch on my cat.pad.

I know that Valerie from Netley is most concerned that my cat blanket has not yet been used as my bedding. Fr Ross says he is almost too scared to have me use it as the design and stitching is so good.



To gain an insight into what it is to be a street pastor why not come on an observation with a patrol. To book up a convenient date just contact the office, details below.

The next training dates are (Friday 7.30-9.30 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9.30 am-4.30 pm) Friday evening 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021; Friday evening 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Followed by online/video training sessions (no IT knowledge needed). Applications needed by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. See more on YouTube, title 'Southampton Street Pastors 2021'. Just call or email us to find out more, book an observation or apply. Call 023 8033 3387; email: [southampton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:southampton@streetpastors.org.uk). Website: [southamptonstreetpastors.org](http://southamptonstreetpastors.org) – application form available Facebook: Southampton Street Pastors.



Alton Day  
Of Renewal

We are continuing our 2021 Programme **"Alive in the Spirit"** which is in response to the invitation from Pope Francis. For more details on the ADORE website [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com). The next session is on **27<sup>th</sup> February 10.00-13.00 "Salvation"**. **Speaker Fr Paul Leonard** Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Hook and Mass celebrant at Celebrate Southampton Conference. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREFEB2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREFEB2021). See Poster in porch.

## 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 dates left for Intentions in February and March is almost full. If you wish to book a Mass Intention 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 FEBRUARY WITH SAINTS DAYS INCLUDED.

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – The welfare of "All" at this difficult time (R&MB)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Annunciation

9.00 am – Wellbeing of Ann Winstanley (N&SD)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Alex Jack RIP (Anni)(AJ)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – St Patrick's – 1.30 pm

Rosary

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent -

Annunciation

9.30 am – Wellbeing of Kathleen Mallon (N&SD)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February –of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of

Lent - St Patricks

9.30 am – For Carmel Ingram's Birthday (AS)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February – of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent  
– Annunciation

9.30 am – Wellbeing of Dave, Sharon O'Callaghan and family (N&SD)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent – St  
Patrick's

1.30 pm – Stations of the Cross

School Mass (in school) - Grace Dell RIP (IC)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Patrick Culnane RIP (NC)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Annunciation

9.00 am – The wellbeing of the Jamieson Family (JJ)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February – St Patrick's

11.00 am – John Stone RIP (IC)

## **Census 2021 is coming!**

Households across England and Wales will soon be asked to take part in the Census on the **21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly on line, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, 'phones or tablets. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them.

There's language support and accessible census guidance and lots of helpful documents on our website. You can also get help from census staff in the contact centre over the telephone, in a web chat or on social media. A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed, this could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk)

## 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.

**St Patrick's Church has been particularly hard hit by this and is currently losing around 60% of its monthly income via the plate collection, hall hire and other fund raising activities. St Patrick's outgoings are still higher than what we have coming in via Standing Orders as we still have to pay our monthly loan repayments to the diocese (one for the tower repairs and one for a historic loan taken out some years ago) and we also have to pay the dreaded Diocesan Levy, which currently is set at 25% of our yearly income based on last year's total income to the parish. So we are as a result getting ourselves more and more into debt by around £1400 per month. We are of course not the only parish church or charity to be in this situation, but I want you to be aware of this issue as we move to have the St Patrick's Parish Accounts published later in the year.**

A huge thank you to those who recently signed up to give via Standing Order to our two parishes and also to those who have increased their giving via Standing Order, it really is greatly appreciated. If you currently give cash via the collection plate in church and are still in a position to do so, why not consider giving by Standing Order on a weekly or monthly basis. This is now very easy to do if you have Internet Banking or a Banking App on your smart phone.

Please do remember the Church financially during these difficult times if you are able to. Cheques to the parish office are also an option, but state clearly what they are for on the back and use the payee details below.

## 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.**