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

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Seventh Sunday of Easter 2020

Saturday 23rd May/Sunday 24th May 2020

A Happy 50 Days of Easter Festivities to you!

IMPORTANT PARISH UPDATE

All our Parish Staff have now been put on Furlough by the Diocese along with the majority of the Diocesan Staff on the Government Furlough Scheme. We still have no news when this situation might change, despite many priests having had their workloads double as a result.

This means that Fr Ross is holding the fort for both Parishes at this time without any office or diocesan support during what has become a very busy period.

Fr Ross is also helping out when the need arises in neighbouring parishes as some of our more senior clergy self-isolate due to being in the at risk category.

Thank you to everyone for your patience during this time of isolation and pandemic.

Fr Ross

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES

ARE CANCELLED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Fr Ross will say Mass daily in St Patrick's

Church for Intentions at 12 noon.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen White RIP (the sister of John White and Ann Winstanley) who sadly died on Thursday 7th May, funeral service to be held at Southampton Crematorium East Chapel on Thursday 28th May. Immediate family only.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Carmel Ingram; Celia Moore, John Ackland; Rose and Monty Dougherty; John Dearlove; Olive Allison; Hilda White; Sean and Nancy Doyle; Cathy McCann; Cathy Feeley; Josephine Byron; Mary Curley; Christopher; Mary Corbett; June Paris; Margaret Kavanagh; Margaret Dunnings, Krystyna Szewczyk, Janine Murphy, Julianna Burley; Daphne Wijesinghe, Christine Bartlett, Margaret Beirne, Sylvia Terry.



The Rosary Group and Stations of the Cross Group are praying at the same time each week in their homes as a way of keeping each other in prayer.

Mass Intentions

Thank you to those who have popped Mass Intentions through the presbytery door or online at this past week. It means a lot to be saying Mass for the intentions of Parishioners during this time of isolation.

From the 23rd June to 30th June there are currently no Mass intentions booked in the diary. So if you wish to book a Mass Intention please do so in the usual way, shown below in red ink.

Mass Intentions will be said as scheduled for each day but 'behind closed doors' (congregation not allowed!) So be assured that 'your' intention will be offered. If you still want Masses offered for intentions, please contact the Parish Office by telephone, email, post or by posting your intention and donation through the Presbytery door in Woolston, whilst out on your daily exercise of course. 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 below.

Mass intentions shown for the rest of May and early June with Saints Days included.

Saturday 23rd May – For the wellbeing of Fr Ross and all my friends at St Patrick's (SM)

Sunday 24th May – **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**In thanksgiving to the NHS for the care of Paul Rogers and Keith Clarke (PR)

Tuesday 26th May – For the wellbeing of Carmel Ingram and family (AS)

Wednesday 27th May- **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY** In thanksgiving for the kindness shown by Irene and Max Chapman (AS)

Thursday 28th May- **BLESSED MARGARET POLE**

For the wellbeing of Fr Ross (AS)

Friday 29th May – Jimmy Mitton RIP (1st Anniversary) (IC) Saturday 30th May – Cicely Easterby RIP (IC)

Sunday 31st May – **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

For the People of the Parishes of Netley and Woolston Tuesday 2nd June – Kathleen White RIP (CW)

Wednesday 3rd June – In thanksgiving for the help and support from the Parishes (TE)

Thursday 4th June – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (feast)** – Michael McCarthy RIP (AJ)

Friday Eth June ST PONIEACE Margaret Podnath

Friday 5th June – **ST BONIFACE** – Margaret Redpath RIP Saturday 6th June – The wellbeing of Doreen Toop

Sunday 7th June – **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** – The wellbeing

of the people of the parishes of Woolston and Netley Tuesday 9th June- The Intentions of Mark Roger's on his birthday (PR)

Wednesday 10th June – The wellbeing of the Rogers Family (PR)

Thursday 11th June – **ST BARNABAS** - Birthday Intentions of Pat Rogers (PR)

Friday 12th June – Kathleen Adamson RIP FM

Saturday 13th June – **ST ANTHONY OF PADUA –** The wellbeing of the People of the Parishes

Sunday 14th June – **CORPUS CHRISTI** – Roger Patient RIP (4th Anniversary MP)

THE DIOCESAN PRAYER AND LISTENING SERVICE

Prayer and listening to God is a vital part of our everyday life, but sometimes it is difficult to pray when we are exhausted or in stressful situations or by ourselves. The diocese has created a team with experience in both praying with others and in spiritual listening, all of the volunteers are trained in this service and have been through the essential safeguarding training and other requirements. They are offering a service where people fill in a short form on the diocese website requesting a phone call of 10—15 minutes usually. Additionally, they are asking key workers if they would like to give them their name and work place and we will pray for them by name each day. Please go to the home page of the diocese website and under "Coronavirus" you can click on a box called "Prayer Support". For more information, email Clare Simpson on csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Website https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/prayersupport

Easter Egg Appeal 2020

A Thank You from Stella Maris



Dear Irene

Please would you pass on my huge

thanks to all your parishioners who donated Easter Eggs to Stella Maris. They have proved to be a tremendous asset throughout the lockdown period when I have not been permitted to go on board ships in the port. Instead I have provided welfare packages including your Easter Eggs for seafarers which I leave at the foot of the gangway to be collected by the crew. Your gifts have been a lovely tangible link with Easter for seafarers unable to leave their ships for months on end and who endure extended periods of separation from family and friends at home. Your gifts have offered a beautiful touch of friendship for which many thanks.

God Bless

Charles Stuart.

Regional Port Chaplain, Southampton and Southern Ports May 18th 2020

SEA SUNDAY 2020

There is still much uncertainty about when churches might reopen for public Masses. We are writing to let you know that, in the light of this, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided to postpone Sea Sunday 2020 from July to December. The date has not yet been finalised, but it is likely to be either Sunday 13 or Sunday 20 December. We are very grateful to the Bishops that Sea Sunday has only been postponed and not cancelled.

Despite the immense challenges posed by Covid-19, Stella Maris remains as active as possible, here in the UK and overseas. Please visit our website, Facebook site and other social media feeds to stay up to date with our activities. Also, we would urge you to look at our Centenary website: https://centenary.stellamaris.org.uk/ and, if you haven't already done so, send us your story as to why you became involved with Stella Maris.

We will be in touch nearer the time in the usual way with the Sea Sunday resources and in the meantime we would encourage you to keep seafarers and fishers in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours.

Spiritual aspects as home

- Create a 'sacred space' (crucifix, statue, bible etc) to focus prayer
- Read all or some of the Sunday scripture readings (obtain 'Magnificat' booklet OR access 'Universalis' on line at https://us.magnificat.net/free
- Recite the Rosary
- Access the Diocesan Website for ideas and for links to live Masses: https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/
- www.churchservices.tv/
- From Catholic Bishops Website: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/
- From CAFOD for children: https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Anne Davies has produced a Taize Prayer Session which can be found at: https://ldrv.ms/u/s!AsXnTH3MWPdOIIT-3MiogAJEkh6x?e=AOxujw

Support Network for our parishioners isolated at home.

I have asked Irene Chapman (St Patrick's) and Di Olsen (Annunciation) to co-ordinate for me a support network for those isolated at home during this difficult time. We now have a team of volunteers including Deacon Peter and Fr Ross who have a group of people they call by 'phone each week to give social contact, assure them of our prayers and to identify any need they may be struggling with. We have created a list of those now isolated at home who would benefit from this support. If you or someone you know would like to be on this list please contact the parish office at eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 023 8044 8671 to give us details.

Would you like to chat via ZOOM?

A few of us are meeting every Thursday evening via an internet Zoom video conference call to catch up and stay in touch. If you would like to join us please contact Anne Davis (atdavis7@gmail.com) or Chris Bick (cbick@hotmail.co.uk) to receive details of how to join.

Support in the wider community.

Southampton City Council has set up a volunteering website:

https://www.southampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid19/i-need-help.aspx

So if you know anyone wanting to volunteer for the wider community you could point them that way.

There is also the 'Love Southampton' website for volunteers OR those seeking help:

http://www.lovesouthampton.org.uk/?LMCL=jeu4IO

Also Communicare who are looking at 'befrienders' and other areas:

www.communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

Hound Parish Council also has support networks in place:

https://www.houndparishcouncil.gov.uk/covid19.html

Eastleigh Borough Council also has support networks: https://www.eastleigh.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.

A huge thank you to those who currently give to our two churches 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 'DONATION'

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 'DONATION'

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

Lucky the parish cat continues to enjoy the warm summer sunshine and the manuring of Fr Ross' vegatable patch, so some netting has been put up to discourage Lucky's ever helpful gardening skills.

Lucky has also been to Mass (photos below) and Fr Ross is thinking about putting Lucky in charge of the Covid-19 response plan for the reopening of our churches. Lucky says, God bless you all!

Some photos of Lucky below; top photo – Lucky coming up into the Sanctuary during Mass; bottom photo – Lucky waiting to receive Holy Communion.

I think we may have a new Eucharistic Minister in our midst!



