

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

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Weekends of 15th/16th August 2020 and 22nd/23rd August 2020

PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASSES FOR AUGUST

**Tuesday 9.30am Annunciation Church,
Netley (15 persons)**

**Wednesday 9.30am St Patrick's, Woolston
(40 persons) followed by Exposition till
11am**

**Thursday 7pm Annunciation Church,
Netley (15 persons)**

**Friday 7pm St Patrick's Church, Woolston
(40 persons)**

**So two Masses at 9.30am during the week
and two Masses at 7pm during the week
(This temporary change only affects the
Thursday Mass time in Netley).**

**NO NEED TO BOOK come on first come
first serve basis**

**A change of arrangements for
booking a place at weekend masses
during August**

The change now is: For a guaranteed seat at any of our Sunday Masses you will still need to book in advance for the remainder of August, up until 12 noon on the Thursday before that Mass takes place. However, you can now turn up for Sunday Masses **on the day** for a **'first come, first served basis'**.

Sundays remain very full, particularly at Annunciation Church, but there are the odd cancellations. You will need to **arrive at least 10 minutes before mass starts**, and be prepared to wait for vacancies /cancellations.

Please do let us know if you need to cancel, or make a change to your current Mass booking, by emailing the parish office on eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone the parish office during usual office hours. Those with **existing bookings will continue as usual.**

**REVISED SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR
AUGUST**

**Saturday Vigil Mass St Patrick's 6pm
(unchanged) 40 persons**

**Sunday morning Mass St Patrick's 11am
(unchanged) 40 persons**

**Sunday afternoon mass Annunciation
Church 2.30pm during August and early
September (changed from 9am) 30 persons**
PLEASE BRING A SUN HAT/UMBRELLA

**BOOKING a place at a weekend mass is
required, please see newsletter or website
for details**

**BRING YOUR OWN FACE MASK
AND GLOVES.**

Booking arrangements for weekend Masses during September.

Firstly, inventing a booking a system from scratch for weekend masses is not something I would ever have ever expected to do in my time as a priest, let alone during my first year as a new Parish Priest. It has pretty much been a trial and error approach and extremely time consuming with little guidance from the Diocese. So it has been a trial and error approach as we discover a system that works best for our two parishes here.

As we move into September I am going to trial a new system which will require you to book at place at Mass via the Parish website. This will enable you to book a place at a weekend Mass up until noon of the Thursday before that Mass is due to take place. All you need to do is go to the Parish Website, click on the link 'Booking a place at Mass' and it will take you through to a site where you can book a place at any of our Sunday Masses for September providing you leave your contact details and the details of those in your household you may be booking for. This booking system will go live on the 21st August.

If you don't have internet access or someone who can book for you on-line or are in a household of over five people, then you will need to telephone or email the Parish Office and let us know which Mass it is you want to attend and the names of those wishing to attend from your household. We will book you in centrally from here providing there are still places available.

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cancellations. You will need to **arrive at least 10 minutes before mass starts**, and be prepared to wait for vacancies /cancellations.

All this will again be a trial and error approach and we will see how it goes. For weekday Masses there is currently no need to book.

I want to personally say a huge thank you to all those involved with the reopening of both our parish churches and responded to my call for help in doing this. The truth is we would not be having any public masses if these people had not stepped forward to help with the organization of it all. Huge amounts of work have gone on behind the scenes to do this, from rearranging the churches, completing risk assessments, training stewards up, organizing rotas etc etc. Thank you! We still need more volunteers stepping up to the plate to help with this. Please let me know if you are able to help with this.

God bless you all, Fr Ross

The wearing of face masks in church is a legal requirement. Please do bring your own if you are able too.

Fr Ross writes...

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of those unique Catholic celebrations which is not shared with our Protestant Christian brethren. Although the Assumption was only defined in the official teaching of the Church in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, it's origins and traditions go right back to the days of the Early Church.

What the Assumption celebrates is the truth that at the end of her earthly life Mary was taken up into heaven body and soul, and *'exulted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death'* (CCC 966).

It has been an ancient tradition from the Early Church that all of the Apostles except Thomas were present at the end of Mary's life here on earth. The continued mystery is that we don't know if Mary died first and then was assumed body and soul into heaven, or was she taken up into heaven like Elijah was in a whirlwind? The tradition is skant on detail, but the Eastern Church calls this Solemnity the falling asleep of Mary.

The Western Church favours Mary actually dying, just as her son Jesus died and that it was at the moment of her death that she was assumed into heaven. Mary became in the end the Resurrection of her Son, so her assumption could be called an arrival.

Mary we know had a life like ours, she was in the nitty gritty of the everyday as we are. Her life was sometimes full of light and hope and at other times her life was full of pain, suffering and darkness.

So what does this mean for us as Christians today? Well, the assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary into heaven confirms for us, just as Christ's resurrection did, that death is not the end but a new beginning. Jesus triumphed over death and opened the Kingdom of heaven to all believers – so it should be no surprise to us that Jesus' mother, immaculately conceived into the world should also be assumed into the heavenly realm.

As Catholic's we often ask to Mary to intercede on our behalf with the understanding that every good son always listens to his mother. Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Canaan after Mary's appeal for action. Jesus listened to his mother and acted, it continues to be the same today. Jesus listens to his Mother, so if we find we are not getting any answer to prayer, why not ask Mary for her help and intercessions and a nudging of her Son in the right direction.



Resumption of the Sacrament of Reconciliation **(Confession)**

I hope to be able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at the usual published times from Friday 14th August (weather permitting). Since neither Church has a proper Confessional with a secure screen and separate entrance and exit points for both priest and penitent, I will have to hear confessions outside in the grounds of the Church with a temporary screen in place. I hope to restore the original confessional in St Patrick's Church before the end of summer.

If you have an urgent need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the meantime, please contact the Parish Office.

Usual times of Confessions from Friday 14th August
Friday 1800-1840 – St Patrick's Church
Saturday 1700-1740 – St Patrick's Church

God bless
Fr Ross



BAPTISM AUGUST BAPTISMS. Baptisms are now taking place in our Churches with reduced numbers present. We welcome into our faith community:

Ingrid Cole being baptised on Saturday 29th August at 12 noon. Please keep Ingrid, Helen and family in your prayers.

If you would like to have your infant baptised you will need to be registered for at least 6 months. Registration cards are available from the parish office. An application form must also be completed which is available on request from the Parish office.

St Patrick's Accounts

It was my intention to publish the accounts for St Patrick's Church during Lent this year and for John Sowerby (Chair of our Joint Parishes Finance Committee) to give a talk and explanation of them at the end of each of our weekend Masses. Unfortunately, lockdown put an end to this, so we publish them below in a very simplistic manner for ease of reading. The full published version will be emailed out with this newsletter as an attachment and can be obtained from the Parish Office upon request for those who access the newsletter via the parish website.

What becomes clear is that the costs of running St Patrick's are far greater than the Offertory income (the 1st collection), which is meant to finance the Parish. If we allow for Annunciation's contribution (£9250, which is increasing to £15,888) and remove expenditure on the Hall (which pays for itself), last financial year St Patrick's expenses came to £87,929, giving day-to-day running costs of £1691 per week, but we only received £529 in the Offertory. Luckily much of that was gift aided: if all the Planned Giving, £330 per week, was gift aided this part would increase to £412, plus £199 in Other Offertory Income – on which we can also claim Income Tax – but we would still need to find more than £1000 per week extra.

Fund raising together with income from the Hall do help; unfortunately, we may get little or no income from the Hall this year, and may even have to subsidise it.

Can you help? If you pay Income Tax, you can gift aid your Offertory and thus each £1 that you donate becomes £1.25; you can contact Irene Chapman or the Parish Office for a form. Can you increase your Offertory contribution? At the end of the full published financial report attached to the newsletter you will find an explanation of the Parish's monthly and weekly per capita costs, and how they are calculated.

So in summary the costs last year involved to enable you to be present at St Patricks Church was £10.07 per week per person based on the average weekend Mass attendance of 168 adults. Your average collection per person was £3.15. As you can see this is a shortfall of **£6.92 each visit (More if you do not come!) Please can you support your parish by increasing your contribution and attaching gift aid to your giving as this net's us another 25% from the chancellor's pocket! Gift Aid and Bank Forms available from the office or Irene Chapman.**

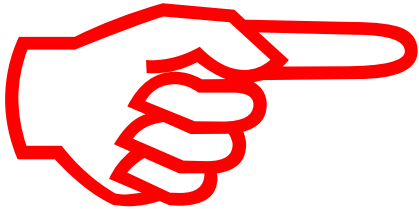
The problem for us at St Patrick's is that although we are not a business enterprise that seeks to make a profit, running at a loss as we currently do each year clearly inhibits our ability to function properly as the Catholic Church serving the parish of Woolston. The stark reality is that if you want a thriving local parish church you need to support it, not only financially through the collection and fund raising activities but by volunteering to help the Church grow with your time and talents. More on this as the weeks pass.

St Patricks Accounts

	2019	2018	2017
Total Expenditure	£103,145.00	£124,777.00	£76,347.00
Less Netley Contribution	£9,250.00	£8,250.00	£8,250.00
Divide by 52	£93,895.00	£116,527.00	£66,097.00
Less Hall costs	£5,966.00	£15,001.00	£4,514.00
Divide by 52	£87,929.00	£101,526.00	£61,565.00
Weekly cost	£1,691.00	£1,952.42	£1,184.00
Divide by 168	£10.07	£11.62	£7.05
Weekly Per Capita Costs	£10.07	£11.62	£7.05
Total Income	2019	2018	2017
Total	£93,086.00	£74,098.00	£76,374.00
Divide by 52	£1,790.11	£1,424.50	£1,468.73
Divide by 168	<u>£10.66</u>	<u>£8.50</u>	<u>£8.72</u>
Weekly Income	£10.66	£8.50	£8.72
Overall Weekly Per Capita Income	<u>£10.66</u>	<u>£8.50</u>	<u>£8.72</u>
Offertory Income	£36,869.00	£31,124.00	£35,955.00
less tax rebate	£9,368.00	£1,683.00	£4,375.00
	£27,501.00	£28,441.00	£31,580.00
Divide by 52	£528.87	£56,617.00	£607.30
Divide by 168	£3.15	£3.37	£3.61
Weekly Collections Per Capita Income	<u>£3.15</u>	<u>£3.37</u>	<u>£3.61</u>
Shortfall	£6.92	£5.13	£5.11

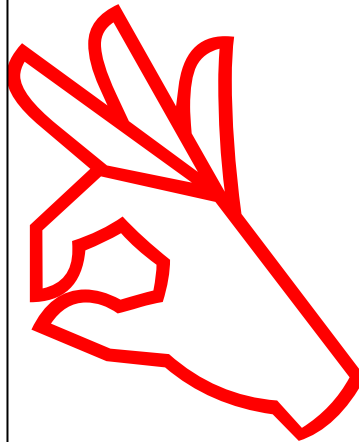
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Your Church Needs You



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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 '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.



The parish office will remain closed to visitors until further notice due to Covid 19 risk. If you wish to contact the parish office please telephone or email. Thank you



WANTED - EMPTY SHOE BOXES - Annunciation Shoe Box Appeal.

The Shoe Boxes are going to be sent this year. We need donations of toiletries ie soap, flannels, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc. as well as Balls and Packs of Cards. Please see Di Olsen.



REPOSITORY

John has kindly offered to open up the repository shopping on line. He will have the catalogues at home and the plan is as follows:

1. Parishioner to email requesting what they would like to order
2. John will send photographs back of what is available
3. Parishioner chooses
4. John orders goods.

Orders will be sent off once a month.

The Christmas Catalogue is now available and orders for Christmas Cards become out of stock very quickly as happened last year.

John's email address is: jspinhead72@gmail.com



AUGUST : Peter Isham (16 Aug); Samuel O'Callaghan (20 Aug); Hyder Babahami (21Aug); Margaret Champion (25Aug); Ellie Nelson (26Aug); Lorraine Scurr (26Aug); Olive Allison (27Aug); Alicia Sepiolo (28Aug)



RECENTLY DIED: Eileen Knight RIP. Our prayers are with her family at this sad time.



Anniversaries: AUGUST: Michael Fennelly RIP; Jean Dowd RIP (Anni 20Aug); Margaret Howard RIP; Patricia Stephenson RIP; Joyce Cramp RIP; Elizabeth Ryan RIP; Sheila Jeffs RIP; Doris Keohane RIP; Margaret Jamieson RIP (B'day 24Aug); Catherine Lenahan RIP; Norah Beggs RIP (31Aug); Carmel Balfie RIP (Anni); George Manser RIP; Edward White RIP; Melanie Hicks RIP; Sr Angela Glynn RIP



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Korrie

(daughter of Loretta Weir); Anne Jack ; Flora Vales; Robert Sanday; Rene Boobyer, Carmel Ingram; Rose and Monty Dougherty; John Dearlove; Olive Allison; Hilda White; Sean and Nancy Doyle; Cathy McCann; Mary Curley; Christopher; Mary Corbett; June Paris; Margaret Dunning; Krystyna Szewczyk; Janine Murphy; Julianna Burley; Daphne Wijesinghe; Christine Bartlett; Margaret Beirne; Sylvia Terry.



Apologies from Lucky



It's too hot to think and write this week!!!!!!

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.

There are now Mass intentions booked for the whole of August and September. October does not currently have many Mass intentions booked in the diary. So if you wish to book a Mass Intention for October please do so in the usual way, shown below in red ink.

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.

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 FOR AUGUST WITH SAINTS DAYS INCLUDED

AUGUST

Saturday 15th August – Our Lady on Saturday –
6.00 pm Mass St Patrick's – Tommy and Chrissie Callaghan RIP (Tommy's anni)(MC)

Sunday 16th August – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (solemnity transferred) –
11.00 am Mass St Patrick's – Celia Moore RIP (ML'E)
2.30 pm Mass Annunciation - Christopher Ivan Bick RIP (Anni 15th August) (CB)

Tuesday 18th August – Thomas Knight 5th Birthday on 12th August (CB)

Wednesday 19th August – St John Eudes - Mary Goss RIP (IC)

Thursday 20th August – St Bernard – Maria and Sidney Hemy RIP (IC)

Friday 21st August – St Pius X – Holy Souls (CI)

Saturday 22nd August – The Queenship of Mary -
6.00 pm Mass St Patrick's - Michael Fennelly RIP (4th Anni 24 August)(MF)

Sunday 23rd August – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –

11.00 am Mass St Patrick's – Holy Souls

2.30 pm Mass Annunciation - Louie Knight (aged 2 yrs) undergoing treatment in hospital (CB)

Tuesday 25th August – St Louis IX - Lena Harper RIP (Anni 1 July) (DH)

Wednesday 26th August – Blessed Dominic Barberi – Wellbeing of Chrissie Ackland (B&ML)

Thursday 27th August – St Monica – Kathy Cable RIP (Anni 7 July) (DH)

Saturday 29th August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

6.00 pm Mass St Patrick's – Dinah Stallard RIP (IC)
Sunday 30th August – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –

11.00 am Mass St Patrick's – Robert Bushell RIP (FM)

2.30 pm Mass Annunciation – Wellbeing of Isabel on her 13th Birthday (RF)