

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

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Trinity Sunday 2020

Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th June 2020

The Re-Opening of our two Parish Churches.

This is going to be a very slow and gradual process and is not going to be easy one. No date has yet been set by the government for the reopening of churches and when the date is confirmed, it is sadly not going to be for divine worship and Mass as usual. The logistics and legal requirements for the reopening of churches is highly complex and at the centre of this is the truth that we want people to be safe and to feel protected and welcome when we do re-open.

We also need to be aware that within this Diocese of Portsmouth some of our clergy have been seriously ill during the pandemic and that many of our senior clergy are shielding along with some of our younger clergy who have underlying health issues. This means they will be unable to do the 'face to face' pastoral work and public liturgies for the foreseeable future. This will have a huge impact on clergy deployment around the diocese and locally within our Deanery here.

I have now set up two working parties for our two parishes to discuss and implement what needs to be put in place when permission is given to open our churches, which initially will be for limited periods and private prayer only. Dave Harper is co-ordinating the working party for Annunciation Church and Irene Chapman is co-ordinating the working party for St Patrick's. The Diocese has given us a detailed check list of what needs to be considered and the items we may have to purchase such as sanitisers, gloves, masks and other PPE, tape, one-way systems, signage etc.

I know many of you are wanting to get back into our churches, which is great because it means the buildings are important to us; almost like 'another home'; in a sense, our 'community spiritual home'. But we must be careful that we only open up when permission is granted and when we have all the measures in place. We must do our best to eliminate any possibility of the virus being transmitted because of a visit to the church! Other Christian communities and other Faiths are in the same situation. Our plan currently is to open both of our churches if we get enough volunteers to help with this and that is what we desperately need! **The churches cannot open unless we get more volunteers stepping up to the plate to help!**

For both our parish churches to be open, even if only for a few hours each day, we will need volunteers to be welcoming stewards and to be present during opening times. Such people have to be present to make sure that good practice is exercised: 2 metre distancing; sitting only at designated places; only one person at a time near a statue/candle stand, keeping people to a one-way system, sanitising on entry and exit. You see how complicated it is going to be!

So please let me know if you can volunteer for a few hours each week at either parish church or indeed at both. We will gather names and people will be 'briefed' as to what to do and provided with the necessary PPE when we have sourced it. Please email the parish office at:
eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Thank you all,
Fr Ross

A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all those kind people who donated financially towards Altar Wine, Sanctuary Lamps and Tapers after my appeal last week. Due to peoples overwhelming generosity, which I was totally bowled over by, we far exceeded the amount needed. The excess funds will be used to purchase extra Sanctuary lamps and tapers and other items like candles which will hopefully last us the remainder of the year at St Patrick's. Bless you all for this and for your kindness

One parishioner stepped up to the plate and has kindly agreed to purchase the Altar wine wherever we run low on a regular basis and even delivered a box of it this week from their visit to Lidl. Thank you.

A massive thank you also for those kind souls who wished me on my 4th anniversary of priesthood and for the cards and gifts I received. It was a busy day with a quiet celebration in isolation with Lucky the Parish Cat in the evening.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**Fr Ross will say Mass daily in St Patrick's
Church for Intentions at 12 noon.**

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES SADLY POSTPONED

When we suspended the First Communion sessions back in March we had no idea as to how long the lockdown would last. At present no confirmed dates have been given by the government as to when Churches and other religious buildings can re-open, though July looks like a distinct possibility, and when they do re-open strict social distancing will be in place which will limit numbers of people allowed in church greatly, may be as low as 15 to 20 people at one time. Like the schools, things will not automatically go back to normal. There's a lot of work being done to organise how the return to private prayer and the worship of the Mass will happen with the social distance requirements.

This means that suggested First Communion Masses that had been arranged cannot happen during July, August or September.

New dates will be rearranged. Obviously the children need to complete their preparations too, which means we need to resume sessions. At the moment that is not possible. It would be sensible to restart sessions in the new school term (in September - if all things are well). We will send out dates for the sessions in the very near future.

Obviously Fr Ross and his team need as much help as possible to organise the opening of the Church in a safe and sensible way - if you can help please do let Fr Ross know through the parish office email.

Thank you for your continuing patience and support during these very uncertain times.

God bless you

Angela Wood and her team Catechists in consultation with Fr Ross.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ackland RIP (the husband of Christine Ackland of Netley Parish) who sadly died on Wednesday 3rd June at Countess Mountbatten Hospice. Please keep Christine and her family in your prayers at this sad time. Funeral date to be arranged.

Margaret Kavanagh RIP who sadly died on Monday 1st June and who was a parishioner at St Patrick's for many years. Our prayers go out to her family at this time. Margaret's funeral service will be on Friday 19th June at Wessex Vale Crematorium with immediate family only.

Celia Moore RIP who sadly died on Tuesday 26th May. Please pray for the soul of Celia and for her family at this sad time. Celia's graveside service will be take place on Friday 12th June with immediate family only.

Bernard Tallon RIP who sadly died on Sunday 24th May. Bernard's funeral will be a graveside service at St Mary's Extra Cemetery with immediate family only on Tuesday 9th June.

Jodie Diamond RIP who sadly died on Tuesday 26th May at Southampton General Hospital. Graveside Service to be held on Thursday 18th June with immediate family only.

David Dixon RIP who sadly died on the 21st May and whose funeral service will take place on the 23rd June at Wessex Vale Crematorium with immediate family only.

Arthur McInally RIP who sadly passed away on Wednesday 13th May and whose funeral service took place at Southampton Crematorium on Friday 5th June, with immediate family only.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Carmel Ingram; 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 Dunning , Krystyna Szewczyk, Janine Murphy, Julianna Burley; Daphne Wijesinghe, Christine Bartlett, Margaret Beirne, Sylvia Terry.

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 June in the parish mass diary. July does not currently have many Mass intentions booked in the diary. So if you wish to book a Mass Intention for July 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.** 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 up to late June with Saints Days included.

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)
Tuesday 16th June – **ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER** – In thanksgiving for the kindness of Di Olsen for keeping in touch with us all (MH)
Wednesday 17th June – For the Holy Souls (CI)
Thursday 18th June – John Ackland RIP (CA)
Friday 19th June – **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** – For the intentions of the Ingram family (CI)
Saturday 20th June – **The Immaculate Heart of Mary** – John Ackland RIP (CA)
Sunday 21st June – **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**- For the People of the Parishes
Tuesday 23rd June – **ST ETHELDREDA** – Mrs O'Hare RIP (MF)
Wednesday 24th June – **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** – Margaret Redpath RIP
Thursday 25th June – Mary Teresa Thomas RIP (KM)
Friday 26th June - John Ackland RIP (CA)
Saturday 27th June – **ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA** – Marget Mogg RIP
Sunday 28th June – **ST PETER AND ST PAUL (Solemnity)**
The People of the Parishes (BL)

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/prayer-support>

IMPORTANT PARISH UPDATE

All our Parish Staff have been put on Furlough by the Diocese along with the majority of the Diocesan Staff on the Government Furlough Scheme until at least the end of June. 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 for the 'face to face' pastoral work (such as funerals and sick visits) 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.

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://1drv.ms/u/s!AsXnTH3MWPdOII-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.

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/>



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.

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 herself in and around the garden, the Presbytery and the Church. She continues to be regular to Mass and is advising Dave and Irene on our Covid Response Plan for the re-opening of our two parish churches. Some photos of Lucky below, from the top down: Lucky pondering what Dave and Irene have proposed; Lucky looking over the arrangement of chairs; Lucky focusing during the Eucharistic Prayer; and next column, Lucky coming up for Holy Coomunion and yes she did receive on the paw and then legged it as usual after Mass! A very Catholic Cat!

