

10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

"Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

(Luke 20:38)

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**Confessions:** Saturdays, 5.15 pm before evening Mass

**Rosary:** Wednesdays, starting 25 mins before Mass

**Hall Bookings:** [portswood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:portswood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Sat 9 Nov	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 10 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Remembrance Sunday
Mon 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours
Tue 12 Nov	St Josaphat
Wed 13 Nov	Feria
Thu 14 Nov	Feria
Fri 15 Nov	St Albert the Great
Sat 16 Nov	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 17 Nov	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 pm	-
8.30am	Deceased relations & friends of the White family
10.30am	-
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10 am	†Kevin McGloin
10 am	-
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6pm	Vocations
8.30am	†Iris Vella
10.30am	†Anna Zepler



#### Today's readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm – 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel – Luke 20:27-38

My dear Friends:

Today, we are celebrating Remembrance Sunday. A day in which, with liturgies, parades and ceremonies, we remember the ultimate sacrifice made by the countless men and women so that we can 'have lives' and live those lives in freedom and peace. For me, on this day, it is as if the world stops rotating for a few minutes. Those gallant, self-sacrificing, heroic men and women join us in a collective human quest for what life, and living life, are supposed to be about. And yet...

I remember the writings of the great Lebanese writer, Griban. He wrote a piece on "Good Friday" in which humankind awoke for a few minutes from its passive slumber and looked with great sympathy and pathos upon the crucified Jesus. People, who were engaged in their various all-consuming occupations, marinated in the various demands of life and living, cast a glance at Jesus, then returned to the routine of their lives unchanged. As I look at the political scenarios around the world, the civil wars tearing peoples and nations apart, hundreds of thousands of migrants fleeing their homes and livelihoods in pursuit of food, safety and a chance to 'live' – and seas turned into cemeteries as many die in this quest... The challenge for us, in creating a monument to those who sacrificed their lives that we might live, is to try be political aware and engaged in the building of peace. That recent movie, Official Secrets gives one a lot to think about.

Some of the horror and reality of war is summed up in a letter to my aunt, written on the 22nd July 1916, by S. L. Gordon, a comrade of my uncle William, who was killed on the 23 June, 1916: "I am surprised there was not more of us killed, it was a very rough day in the firing line, and we were on a working party, when we were started a short time the shell came that was the cause of poor Willie's death, he only lasted after he got it, up to the time he died he kept saying, God bless me. I don't think I can't say any more at present." May the Lord help us to truly appreciate the sacrifices of so many by being builders of peace within our country and world today.

Love, Peace and Blessings. Fr. Antony

**WELCOME** to our Masses this weekend.  
Please join us in the hall after 10.30 Mass for tea, coffee and refreshments.



#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MEETING OF 06/11/19 SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE

- Adrian Steblecki is now the Estates Pillar Leader. If you have any concerns regarding the Parish Buildings or property please contact him.
- In the New Year the parish office will be moved into St Michael's room in the Parish hall building. Plans are being prepared for implementation in the spring time.
- In 2020 the Parish Hall will become a Community Hub. More details in the New Year.
- Once the roof works are complete, the Church Floor is to be sanded and sealed.
- **PLEASE CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH COUNCIL?:** we require a Volunteer for 4 hours a month to attend the PPC meeting on the 1st Wednesday evening every month apart from August to take minutes and print them. If you can help please speak to David Deadman, another Parish Council Member or the Parish Office.

For any further information or questions please speak to Parish Council Members.

### MONEY LAST WEEK:

#### Main Collection:

Gift Aid Envelopes inc tax reclaim - £81.25

Loose plate collection - £288.04

Standing orders - £1080.27

#### Second Collection:

Bamenda - Inc tax reclaim: £1,052.59

CAFOD Cake Sale - £43.90

#### Second Collections:

Today - Remembrance

Next week - Roof Fund

**GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS** On sale after Mass. We would like to encourage everyone to buy tickets as there will be no Christmas fair this year and this will be our main fundraiser.

**VOCATIONS** "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God. Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest? To explore, contact Father John Cooke on Tel 01329 318 869 or email [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SWAYTHLING & BASSETT** The next meeting of the Ladies Group will be in St Alban's Church, Burgess Road on Friday, 15th November at 2.00 pm. All welcome.

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



All are invited to this CAFOD Memorial Mass and to gather in St Edmunds Hall afterwards for refreshments. There will also be a CAFOD Book Of Remembrance for you to enter any specific intentions.

**PEACE WALK - STEPS FOR PEACE.** Sunday 17th November, 12.15 pm - 4.30 pm. Meet at Queens Peace Fountain in East Park (near Jury's Inn) at 12.15 pm. A walking tour around Southampton visiting different places of worship and learning about some of the many faiths of the city. Experience some of the culture and food from the different communities.

**FAIR TRADE OPEN DAY** - Thursday 14th November, at 3 Willis Road, Swaythling, 9am and 6pm. Free Fairtrade drinks and snacks served all day. A range of Fairtrade items including Christmas cards and gifts. More info from Anne 023 80554674

### ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION - SATURDAY 7TH

**DECEMBER.** As you prepare for Christmas why not take some time out to be with the Lord at the beginning of the Season of Advent? The theme of the day will be the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of the Lord. The day will be held at Saint Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7DU. The day will begin at 10.00am for 10.30am and finish at 4.00pm. Mass will be offered and there will be time for personal reflection and input from Father Des. Please bring some lunch. A suggested donation of £25.00 would be very helpful please.

**CAFOD** | Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD**

**School Volunteer?** Schools Volunteers are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation - but there is a shortage in this area and we need your help. By becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. If you would like to find out more please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

### ADORE (ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL)

Held at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2NG, 11 am - 4 pm. These are themed monthly retreat days for anyone in the diocese to attend. They always follow the same format which includes Mass and, lunch followed a guest speaker. You can attend for the whole day or either the morning or afternoon. No need to book and completely free. The next one takes place on Saturday 23rd November. The guest speaker is the Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton Diocese. His talk will explain how learning to listen to God's Word and allowing it to take root in our lives will empower our prayer and strengthen our faith. More info at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) including the opportunity to listen to previous guest speaker talks. Leaflets detailing next year's programme can be found at the back of the hall.

**ART, CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE,** Sunday 24th November, 10 am - 4 pm, University of Southampton staff club building 38/40. Entry £2 (children free). Hundreds of stalls and an on-site café for refreshments.

**THE NEXT REPAIR CAFE** at St Denys community centre on Saturday 16 November from 10.30 to 1 pm. Bring items for repair/ advice - service is free but donations welcome. Tea/coffee and delicious homemade cakes also available.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues, Wed, & Thurs 9.30 am - 3.00 pm