

7th March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

'Destroy this sanctuary in three days and I will rise it up.'

(John 2:19)

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please make an appointment by email.

Hall Bookings are not being taken at present .

**ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT
www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur**

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES IN LENT

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions	 THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS 1 st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm: 118:8-11 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Gospel: John 2:13-25
Sun 07 Mar	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Attendance bookable The Gorham Family Attendance bookable †Fr Conceicao d'Silva RIP	
Mon 08 Mar	of the 3 rd week of Lent	-	No Mass	
Tues 09 Mar	of the 3 rd week of Lent	10.00 am	ONLINE ONLY	
Wed 10 Mar	of the 3 rd week of Lent	10.00 am	ONLINE ONLY	
Thurs 11 Mar	of the 3 rd week of Lent	10.00 am	ONLINE ONLY †Bill Chandler RIP	
Fri 12 Mar	of the 3 rd week of Lent	10.00 am	ONLINE ONLY	
Sat 13 Mar	of the 3 rd week of Lent	10.00 am	Attendance bookable	
Sun 14 Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Attendance bookable †Terry Gurd RIP Attendance bookable	

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

BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS

Bookings for the weekend Masses must be made by the Wednesday beforehand by e mail or by phone (if you don't have internet access). Please let us know your name, and how many seats you would like.

E mail: icmassbookings@gmail.com

Tel: 08002461372 (only for those without internet)

The Parish Bank Account details are:

Name: PRCCTR Immaculate Conception Church
Sort Code: 30-93-04
Account No: 00887995

For donations please give a reference followed by your

gift aid number if you donate in this way. e.g:
GEN = General Fund (offertory collection),
ERF = Emergency Relief Fund

Parish office hours

Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

The Holy Wrath of God

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” John 2:15–16

Jesus made quite a scene. He directly engaged those who were turning the Temple into a marketplace. Those selling animals for sacrifice were doing so as a way of trying to make a profit off of the sacred practices of the Jewish faith. They were not there to serve the will of God; rather, they were there to serve themselves. And this brought forth the holy wrath of our Lord.

It's important to point out that Jesus' wrath was not the result of Him losing His temper. It was not the result of His out-of-control emotions pouring forth in extreme anger. No, Jesus was fully in control of Himself and exercised His wrath as a result of a powerful passion of love. In this case, His perfect love was manifested through the passion of anger.

Anger is normally understood as a sin, and it is sinful when it's the result of one losing control. But it's important to note that the passion of anger, in and of itself, is not sinful. A passion is a powerful drive which manifests itself in various ways. The key question to ask is “What is driving that passion?”

In Jesus' case, it was hatred for sin and love for the sinner that drove Him to this holy wrath. By turning over the tables and driving people out of the Temple with a whip, Jesus made it clear that He loved His Father, whose house they were in, and He loved the people enough to passionately rebuke the sin that they were committing. The ultimate goal of His action was their conversion.

Jesus hates the sin in your life with the same perfect passion. At times we need a holy rebuke to set us on the correct path. Do not be afraid to let the Lord offer this form of rebuke to you this Lent.

Reflect, today, upon those parts of your life that Jesus wants to cleanse. Allow Him to speak directly and firmly to you so that you will be driven to repentance. The Lord loves you with a perfect love and desires that all sin in your life be cleansed.

Lord, I know that I am a sinner who is in need of Your mercy and, at times, in need of Your holy wrath. Help me to humbly receive Your rebukes of love and to allow You to drive all sin from my life. Have mercy on me, dear Lord. Please have mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

**A reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent 2021
From 'Catholic Daily Reflections'**

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

If you are able to make a donation to the following you can bring your donation to the church next time you are here, in an envelope marked with the cause you are donating to, or drop it in the presbytery letter box. Alternatively you may use the online donation links listed below.

- THIS SUNDAY- No second collection
- NEXT SUNDAY- Clergy Assistance

Supporting the care of sick and retired priests in the diocese. Donation link to be listed next week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communion will be starting again with a new group later this year once, Covid restrictions are no longer needed. The dates therefore are not as yet fixed but in the meantime we are sending out appropriate pre-course learning materials to any children we know of who would like to be part of the next programme, so that they are already well in tune with the faith and the church when they start the formal programme.

If you have a child in year 4 or above who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the parish office for a registration form which can be e mailed or sent in the post to you. We can then add your child to our mailing list and to the list of participants for the formal programme starting in a few months time.

VOCATIONS

“If God is with us, who can be against us?” Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. John Cooke. Call 01329 318 869 or e mail vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



LENT SERVICE OF REFLECTION & INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Thursday 18th March 10.00 am

Pre-booking is essential. This service will be available to join on our Church Services TV website and recorded so you can watch it later at your convenience.

**Additionally Fr Antony will be offering individual absolution on after the weekend Masses on the weekend of 20th & 21st March for anyone who would like this and is unable to get to the service on 18th March.

LENT THIS WEEK.....

Stations of the Cross

A recording from our church is available on our Church Services TV page to join at your convenience. It will also be showing on our page at 3 pm on Sundays during Lent.

Lent Reflection Talk and Discussion Group

Fr Antony's talk will be live on Church Services TV on Tuesday at 7.30 pm followed by a Zoom discussion at 8 pm. Zoom meeting link details are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88388563852?pwd=WE5UUUVFBRW9tR2RKcVAvdmFkWXp1dz09>

Meeting ID: 883 8856 3852 Passcode: 478403

All very welcome.

(Note Fr Antony's talks are also available to watch as recordings on our Church Services TV page)

Rosary

Live on our Church Services TV page on Friday after 10.00 am Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Online for much of the time when services are not taking place. Please visit the church at any time of the day or night to spend a few minutes with the Lord.

MASS DURING LENT

During Lent the church will be open for public Mass at 10 am on both Saturdays and Sundays. Pre booking is essential. See front of newsletter for booking details.

LENT RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

The Catholic Academies and Schools Office have prepared a selection of resources to support families in marking and celebrating the Lenten season. The resources include practical activities, Sunday prayers and Stations of the Cross and can be accessed at <http://www.casopportsmouth.org.uk/lent/>.

They are encouraging schools and families to create an image of one of the stations of the cross for inclusion in the weekly powerpoint. Any submissions can be sent to rdare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

24 HOUR LIVE CHURCH



You can watch all our Masses and Services Live at Church Services TV

using the link below. All services will also be recorded and remain online for at least 7 days. Additionally you can visit the church online at any time as the cameras are on 24 hours/day.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur>



This Lent, CAFOD invites you to Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day for 40 days to raise money. It is not too late to join.....

PARISH CAFOD TEAM

A big well done to our Parish Team who, so far, have done 421,000 steps and raised £595, Walking for Water in solidarity with villagers of Northern Ethiopia who have to walk 10 hours a day to get water for their families and other many other people who do not have CLEAN WATER on a daily basis.

PLEASE JOIN US: Just send your steps to: sdeadman@cafod.co.uk and I can add them to our Team.

If you are able to make any donation towards these steps, please go to the Just Giving page at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/southampton-parishes> and click on 'DONATE', where you can also see their progress. All part of the national Cafod Lent Appeal .

To find out more about this CAFOD project go to the following website link

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>
Thank you for your support and generosity.

A PERSONAL WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE!

John Hare is aiming to achieve a personal challenge this Lent for a solo 400,000 steps! If you would like to encourage him with a sponsorship donation please visit his Just Giving page at:



<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water2018>

DO PLEASE SHARE A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER with other parishioners who may not have access to the internet. If anyone without internet access would like a copy sent to them each week while we do not have regular access to the church, please let the parish office know.

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<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue312?e=34c55ac6ce>

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<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/eeNVEhl6p?languageTag=en&cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af#/main>

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHAMPTON/bulletins/2c3dddb>



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The above link has been added to the home page of our parish website (www.immaculateconception.church)

There are hundreds of retailers who will make a small donation to a charity of your choice if you shop online with them via the Give as you Live website. If you are buying anything online, log into the store website by clicking on the Give as you live link on our website to enable your purchase to make a small difference to our parish fundraising. You can click on the link above to try it!