

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, YEAR A**

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
(Matt 5:3)

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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**Enquiries re the Sacraments:**

please make an appointment by email.  
**Hall Bookings** are **not** being taken at present .

**BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS**

**PLEASE NOTE** due to current government guidelines, available capacity in the church is limited to 40 persons / 14 households except Saturday when it is 24.

**Therefore, attendance at mass is advised through the BOOKABLE SYSTEM**

**Details of how to book a place for Holy Mass are on the last page of this newsletter and on the parish website.**

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| Sun 01 Nov   | 10 am      | <b>ALL SAINTS &amp; BAMBENDA SUNDAY</b><br><b>Sunday Mass</b><br><b>available from 10 am on:</b><br>Youtube, Face-book & the Parish Website<br><b>*Saturday</b> Mass is recorded for Sunday | -  |  <p><b>SUNDAY'S READINGS</b><br/> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Revelation 7:2-4,9-14<br/> <b>Psalm:</b> 24:1-4<br/> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3:1-3<br/> <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:1-12a</p>  <p><a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/hgaw10q482tldhc/Children%27s%20Liturgy%20Video%2001.11.20.mp4?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/hgaw10q482tldhc/Children%27s%20Liturgy%20Video%2001.11.20.mp4?dl=0</a></p> |
|              | 5.30 pm    |   | -  |   |
| Mon 02 Nov   | —          | ALL SOULS   | NO SERVICE                                       |   |
| Tues 03 Nov  | 10 am      | St Martin de Porres   | -  |   |
| Wed 04 Nov   | —          | St Charles Borromeo   | NO SERVICE                                       |   |
| Thurs 05 Nov | —          | Feria   | NO SERVICE                                       |   |
| Fri 06 Nov   | (10.30 am) | Feria   | (Funeral – Dittmar Bockle RIP)                   |   |
| *Sat 07 Nov  | 10 am*     | St Willibrord   | Anna Zepler RIP                                  |   |
| Sun 08 Nov   | 10 am      | <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>   | Deceased relatives & friends of the White family |   |
|              | 5.30 pm    |   | -  |   |

**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***

**The Parish Bank Account details are:**

Name: PRCDTR Immaculate Conception Church  
Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account No: 00887995  
For donations please give a reference e.g:  
ERF = Emergency Relief Fund,  
GEN = General Fund (offertory collection),  
followed by your gift aid number if you donate in this way.  
*Thank you for your support and patience at this time*

**Contacting the parish .....**

The Parish Office is open on Tues, Weds and Thurs, 9.30 am – 4 pm. Please make contact during these hours wherever possible. For non-urgent matters please send an email to [portswood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:portswood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
Unless it is an emergency, please keep calls/emails to a minimum on Mondays as this is Fr Antony's day off.

**November is traditionally the month in which the Church remembers the dead and in a special way we are invited to remember our family and friends who have died, especially those who have passed in the previous year.**

The month begins with All Saints day, a feast which has been celebrated by the Church since the early beginnings of Christianity, when in particular there was a wish to honour the great number of martyrs who died during the persecutions of the early centuries. On this day we honour all of the Saints and ask them to pray for us. All Saints is then followed by All Souls day on 2<sup>nd</sup> November when the church encourages the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of ALL the faithful departed.

Additionally we have Remembrance Sunday and under normal circumstances we would also have the blessing of the graves, a special Mass for all in the parish who have died during the past year and a book of remembrance in the church.

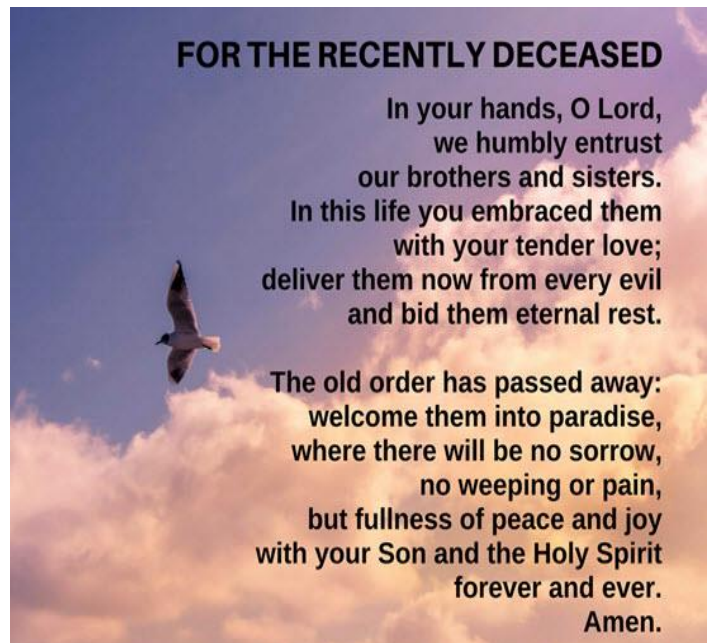
Death can trigger a wide spectrum of emotions. Death means we have entered a new chapter of our lives in the risen Christ. As we hear in the preface of the Mass for the dead; Life is changed, not ended.

The Apostles Creed reminds us of our belief in the “communion of saints”. The Communion of saints means a communion of “holy ones”, both the living and the dead. In the New Testament “saints” means not canonized saints (a much later development), but rather all the people of God. Paul began one of his letters, “To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi” So the communion of saints encompasses all those on earth, those still journeying to God and those who now abide in God.

The best thing about the communion of saints is that it connects us all—because we are one body. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we pray with all those who have gone before us. We living can pray for the dead, who need prayers on their journey to God, while the multitude in heaven pray for the rest of us, inspire us by their example, and remain present to us in ways of which we know not. “I will spend my heaven doing good on earth,” said St. Thérèse of Lisieux before her death.

So we are bound, in some marvellous, inexplicable way, to those who’ve gone before us, hence in the Catholic tradition, we call this “the communion of saints.

Throughout the year almost every Mass can include a special intention. If you would like a Mass intention for a member of your family or a friend please let us know.



## SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> November: Bamenda

This weekend we celebrate our Diocesan link, since 1974, with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for Bamenda, for the six wonderful priests we have on loan from the Archdiocese working in our Diocese, for peace and justice to be restored in the region and for the safe reopening of their schools.

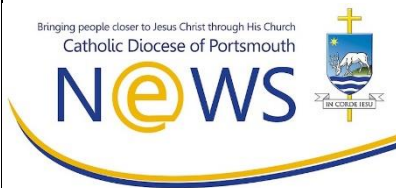
Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support during the coming year. Please read the Bamenda Sunday Newsletter for an Overview of the last year and an update on the projects funded. We appreciate that this is a difficult time financially for many parishioners, but please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in the very challenging times they are facing.

There will be collection buckets after Mass in which to leave donations, or you can donate on line via the Bamenda and Portsmouth website at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php> If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page: £5 per month would meet the annual primary school fees for an orphaned or vulnerable child. Thank you

NEXT SUNDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> November: Day for Life

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### Bishops Weekly Newsletter – E NEWS



Latest round up of news from the Bishop and around the Diocese. Lots of interesting notices, articles, reflections, online events, and videos and other opportunities both locally and further afar. Click on the logo for access.

### Ananias Training

Many of us long for our friends and family to have faith but we don't know how to start a conversation and often there is a culture of silence around talking about God. Yet everyone is searching for meaning and purpose to their lives. How can we listen, understand and accompany our families and friends according to where they are? There is some new training available in the diocese, which shows how to encourage others, affirming them gently and showing them the next step in a possible spiritual journey. It is called Ananias training and is named after the disciple who played an important role in accompanying St. Paul. We will offer 3 weekly sessions initially, in small groups on Zoom, with options of mornings or evening. To find out more, please email Clare at

[csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Prayer Requests

*"Why should we not expect great things of God? We serve One who is all powerful"* (St Teresa of Avila)  
Do you have prayer requests that you would like others to pray for? The diocese has 70 intercessors who pray for others in need. Our intercessors have discerned that God uses their prayers to change people's lives and situations. Please contact them with any prayer requests which will be treated with full confidentiality through emailing Sr Rosaleen [intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### MASS BOOKINGS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> November, in order to ease the management of Mass bookings, we would ask that you make bookings before 12 noon on the Friday before the Mass you wish to attend. If you decide you would like to come to Mass later than Friday, you are welcome to turn up and see if there is any availability, but please do be prepared for the possibility that you may not be able to stay. See letter sent with this newsletter for further details.

### NAMES FOR CEMETERY VISIT

Do let the Parish Office know as soon as possible, of anyone you would like Fr Antony to remember on his visit on behalf of the parish to the graves at Stoneham cemetery this November.

### NEXT SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10 am Mass will be a little shorter to ensure all are able to get home to watch the cenotaph service.

### ONLINE COURSES FOR ADULTS (Diocesan Formation For Mission Team)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Every Monday during November, 7 pm – 9 pm

**The Sacrament of the Eucharist** – January – dates/times to be confirmed

Open to all adults but will be helpful especially to parents and catechists who will be supporting children to prepare for these sacraments.

#### BACK 2 BASICS – Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)



The FFM team have created an online group input that will help all adults wanting to know more about their faith, especially parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our Back 2 Basics offers 6 sessions that aim explore the beautiful meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of God's infinite mercy. We will be looking at this sacrament using artworks, group activities and discussion, and offer an introduction to Catholic morality, looking at topics such as the



dignity of the human person, grace, sin, freedom, conscience, human happiness, and the call to holiness. This online course is open to everyone: all adults, parents, grandparents and catechists. The Back2Basics Reconciliation will be presented **this November, every Monday from 7 pm to 9 pm** We will finish each session with a time of prayer, with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

To Register for this course:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArcuusrDkuH91xaOhE8B\\_Kzyj2Q3yGpk7V](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArcuusrDkuH91xaOhE8B_Kzyj2Q3yGpk7V)

### QUIZ CORNER (Answers at bottom of p 5)

1. Where am I? The major shrine of St Martin de Porres, the patron saint of mixed race people.
2. Who am I? I was born in 1965 and became a priest in 1992 at the age of 26. I became a Bishop in 2013 and was recently appointed Archbishop in December 2019.
3. What am I? I am the oldest building still used as a catholic parish church in South West Hampshire and East Dorset Area, built in 1859.
4. Who said? "If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself."

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Charity Christmas cards available to buy online in support of Marys Meals:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/christmas-shop>

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS' NEWS** can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS FROM AROUND THE UK** free online: <http://www.churchpaper.co.uk>

**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL HELP AND SUPPORT**

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

and **CITY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR THIS WEEK**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHAMPTON/bulletins/2a6d875>

**PARISH WEBSITE:** Don't forget you can access many resources on the parish website by going to this link.

<https://www.immaculateconception.church/downloads> Go to documents/resources.

## POETS CORNER.....

### FIRST NAME TERMS

"God loves me," youthful Hal remarked,  
Because my name's the same:  
For when we say 'Our Father'  
We say "Harold be thy name."  
"That can't be true," his sister said,  
Your hearing's on the nod;  
You know the Vicar says a pray'r  
And then, "Thanks Peter God."

*Dennis B. Wilson*



QUIZ ANSWERS: (1) Basilica and Convent of Santo Domingo, Lima, Peru (2) Bishop Andrew Nkea Fuanya: the new Archbishop of Bamenda in Cameroon. (3) Our Lady and St Joseph's Church in Lymington (4) St Charles Borromeo