

9th August 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

'Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'.'
(Matt 14:27)

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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.

Sun 09 Aug	10 am	19th Sunday Ordinary Time Sunday Mass available from 10 am on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youtube • Facebook • Parish Website *Saturday Mass is recorded for Sunday	Alex Michels RIP	 <p>SUNDAY'S READINGS 1st Reading: 1Kings 19:9,11-13 Psalm: 84(85):9-14 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matt 14:22-33</p>  <p>https://www.dropbox.com/s/zw15cxmactwndih/Children%27s%20Liturgy%20Video%2009.08.20.mp4?dl=0</p>
	5.30 pm		-	
Mon 10 Aug	—	St Lawrence	No Service	
Tues 11 Aug	10 am	St Clare	Kathy White RIP	
Wed 12 Aug	7.30 pm	St Jane Frances de Chantal	-	
Thurs 13 Aug	11 am	St Pontian & St Hippolytus	-	
Fri 14 Aug	—	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	No Service	
Sat 15 Aug	10 am	Our Lady on Saturday	Joe Gobbi RIP	
Sun 16 Aug	10 am	19th Sunday Ordinary Time	Audrey Reid RIP	
	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

<p>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. <i>Thank you for your support and patience at this time</i></p>	<p>Contacting the parish While the Parish Office is often physically closed, the Parish email is still checked. For non-urgent matters please send an email to 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.</p>
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If fear is the last word in our love, we will communicate only fear to those we cherish. Such fear is a futile strain, as if we could walk, by our puny skills, on water. But fear faced, and released in faith, allows us to love the beloved more freely, and the giver of the gift, more authentically. (John Kavanaugh, SJ)

My dear Friends

How many times have we heard those amazing words, 'Love means letting go of *fear*'?! Last Sunday, if you remember, we reflected on those awesome words, *NOTHING, can come between us and the LOVE OF GOD made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. God loves us into change, growth and transformation.*

Fear, as many of us have experienced, is a crippling and paralysing emotion. It gnaws at the very core of our being! It insidiously scatters the seeds of self-doubt, worthlessness, and fear of failure. We can go through life, endlessly comparing our looks, intelligence, popularity and successes with others. Every other person's success and giftedness can represent a threat. Like air hissing out of a punctured tyre on a car, fear can haemorrhage our confidence, and throw us off course in becoming the awesome creations God created us to be!

In today's gospel, Peter, filled with titanium faith in God's love, '*made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord*', leapt into the raging waters to walk towards Jesus. The howling winds and mountainous waves challenged this titanium faith and confidence. His fears increased as he became aware of the threatening forces around him. He was gripped by doubt, and the seeming stupidity of his actions...until his feet broke through the waters' surfaces... and he began to sink!

I think we have all had that experience, haven't we! We set out on a visionary quest with great determination, enthusiasm, confidence, love, hope and joy...then the howling winds of disparate voices; challenging and threatening circumstances, and ever-pressuring, evolving scenarios break the waters and we feel that we are about to be engulfed... and sink. Just when we feel things cannot get any worse...they do!

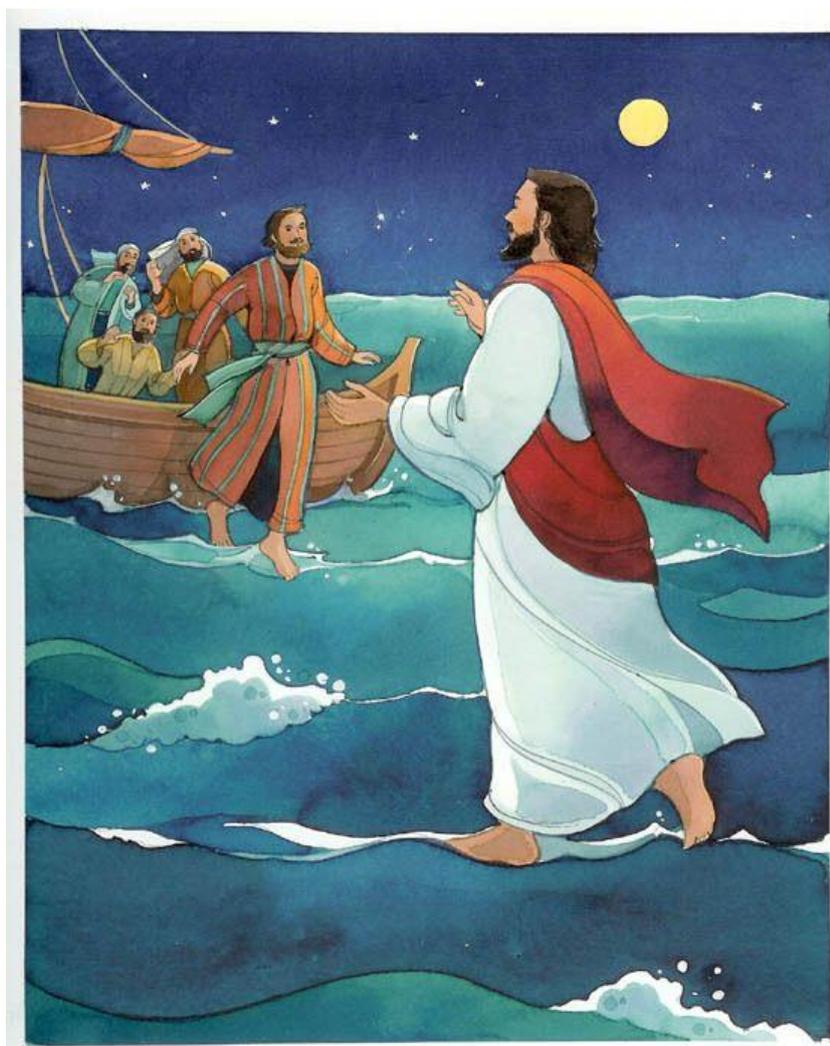
At this moment, my thoughts and heart are with the people in Beirut, who have been striving to live, realise their dreams and hopes amid civil conflict, economic collapse, COVID19, and now, the recent explosion which has devastated multitudes of lives, families, communities, and reduced much of the city to

rubble. Like Peter, and the rest of us, this is the time when our *cri du cuore* is indeed, *Lord, save me!*

In our own personal trials, tribulations and fears, as well as in the catastrophic events we are witnessing around the globe, that Loving God will restore our haemorrhaged strength, our punctured courage, and our battle-worn confidence. He will break the shackles of fear, embrace us with healing, and lift us out of what can seem to be a living nightmare. Fear not...He is with us...and will calm those turbulent waters.

Remember me as loving you,

Fr. Antony



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Pastoral Team is looking for volunteers to join our parish St Luke's Bereavement Group which is really short of help. No previous experience required as Fr Antony will be providing training, but an interest in providing some practical and emotional support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please have a chat with Fr Antony or contact the parish office if you would be interested in finding out more.



LENTEN JAM JARS

Now that we are open again for Mass, if you took home a Jam Jar before Lockdown for our Lenten Challenge to fill with change, please bring in any Jars you have and give them to the stewards in the porch as soon as possible. Thank you

HIROSHIMA BOMB 75TH ANNIVERSARY

6th August 1945 was the date of the bombing of Hiroshima, the world's first nuclear attack in which the city was totally destroyed and 40% of Hiroshima's population died either at the time or in the subsequent few months from radiation-related injuries and illnesses. Days later, the U.S. dropped another atomic bomb on Nagasaki. The atomic bombings effectively ended WWII, but they have since served as a brutal lesson about the dangers of nuclear warfare. Three-quarters of a century later, tensions over nuclear weapons and how to ensure they are not used again are still very much with us. We remember all those who were and still are affected by this event and for those who are in positions of power and authority in making decisions concerning warfare which affect our world.

BEIRUT EXPLOSION

It is likely that there will be a National Disasters Emergency Appeal in the next week or so to support the provision of aid to Beirut after the massive explosion earlier this week which killed and injured many and has displaced over 300,000 people from their homes. When the details are available we will be organising a collection in the parish. However, in the meantime, if you would like to make a donation 'Aid to the Church in Need' are now asking for support. You can make a donation via their website at the following link: <https://acnuk.org/news/beirut-charity-offers-emergency-food-package/>

QUIZ CORNER (Answers at bottom of the next page)

1. Where am I? The birthplace of a Saint who gave his life for someone in a concentration camp.
2. Who am I? In 1906 I received a vision from Our Lady that told me I was to be martyred. I travelled to Japan.
3. What am I? According to Islamic tradition, I was build by Abraham around a black stone.
4. Who said? "Never be afraid of loving the blessed Virgin too much. You can never lover her more than Jesus did".

BISHOPS NEWSLETTER – E NEWS Latest round up of news from the Bishop and around the Diocese. This weeks issue can be found at: <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue286?e=34c55ac6ce>

PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST

https://shoutout.wix.com/so/28NDDwK_w?cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af#/main

CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ NEWS can be found at:

<https://mailchi.mp/cbcew/230320-1183545?e=d8f421addf>

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 – includes youtube video update from Council Leader**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHAMPTON/bulletins/2982ffd>

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.

SVP SUMMER CHALLENGES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

‘Young Vincentians Summer Challenges’ which all young people are invited to engage in over the next 6 weeks - “Seeds of Hope” Garden Design challenge and the “Summer Reading Challenge” for older young adults. More information at the following links:

Garden Design

<https://www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp/seeds-hope>

Closing Date 28th August

Summer Reading Challenge

<https://www.svp.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/Youth%20SVP%20Summer%20Challenge%202020.pdf>

To find out more about the work of SVP:

<https://www.svp.org.uk/>



QUIZ ANSWERS: (1) Zdunska Wola, Poland, (2) St Maximilian Kolbe (3) the Ka’ba Shrine in Mecca (4) St Maximilian Kolbe

Join as a Street Pastor
and show God's love where
it's needed most.



Pictures Taken pre-lockdown and social distancing.

For over 11 years our teams have been patrolling the streets of Southampton offering reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. Volunteers come from over 50 churches, giving 4-6 hours for a patrol once a month to show the love of Jesus in the City and suburbs in various ways, from the practical to the spiritual. Throughout lockdown we have continued to patrol adapting our patrol format, times and places to be where we are needed. With the growth and requests for patrols we are in need of more volunteers for night-time patrols, evening community patrols and for afternoon community patrols.

To gain an insight into what it is to be a street pastor why not come on an observation with a patrol. To book up a convenient date just contact the office, details below

The next training dates are (Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat and Sun 9.30-4.30):

Friday eve, 9th, Saturday, 10th, Sunday, 11th Oct.

Friday eve, 23rd, Saturday, 24th, Sunday, 25th Oct.

Friday eve, 6th, and Saturday, 7th Nov.

Saturday, 14th Nov

Applications needed by Friday, 2nd October 2020

Apply now or find out more, just call or email us.

Call 023 8033 3387 Email: southampton@streetpastors.org.uk

Website: southamptonstreetpastors.org—application form available

Facebook: Southampton Street Pastors

SOUTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS

We are in need of more volunteers for Night-Time Patrols , Evening Community and Afternoon Community Patrols.

Could you help as a Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor?

More information here on the posters or view the Street Pastor website at:

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/southampton/join/>

Ever thought about being a
PRAYER PASTOR with
Southampton Street Pastors?



Pictures taken pre-lockdown and social distancing.

Southampton Street Pastor patrols always have a Prayer Pastor team praying, whether it is a night-time, evening or afternoon patrol. Prayer for individuals and situations found on the street are requested from the Prayer Pastors in real time. Powerful answers to prayer are seen throughout the patrols. Our

11 years in the community has enabled us to be a tool for the churches to pray deeply and effectively for Southampton where it is needed most. James 5 v16 says: *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"*.

Could you give 4-6 hours once a month?

Prayer Pastors can apply at anytime. You are placed on a team of your chosen patrol type, praying once a month and you know your rota a year in advance.

Call us or email us to find out more or book an observation .

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Monthly meeting of
the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal

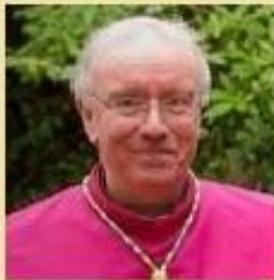
2020 THEME: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – Are we listening?

Alton Day of Renewal has provided monthly spiritual refreshment for 45 years, and is one of the longest continually running Days of Renewal in the country. Come and renew your faith at this online mini-retreat morning.

Saturday 22nd August

45 YEARS OF ADORE “Filled with the Holy Spirit”

ADORE ONLINE 22 AUGUST
45th Anniversary Celebration



MASS



ADORATION



PRAISE



TALK

Mass and Adoration: Bishop Philip Egan
Hosting and Praise: Alastair Emblem
Guest Speaker: Charles Whitehead
Theme: How to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Follow up healing prayer ministry by telephone:
Call **07579 824523** 1.30-5.30 after the meeting,
or weekdays 10.00-4.00

We celebrate 45 years of Alton Day of Renewal with a special live-streamed Mass from Bishop Philip Egan at Portsmouth Cathedral, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Then, through our praise, reflection and inspiring talk from Charles Whitehead KSG, we will find out how we (like Mary, Elizabeth and John the Baptist at the Visitation) can be filled with the Holy Spirit and with joy.

We will pray for all participants to receive a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit and there will be opportunity for individual prayer by phone.

Timetable for the day (approximate timings)

9.30am	Rosary (not online – say privately)
10.00am	Mass, followed by Adoration
11.00am	Praise & Worship; reflection
11.30am	Speaker
12.30pm	End
1.30-5.00	Telephone Healing Ministry

Joining details

10.00 Live-stream Mass

www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass

11.00 Remainder of programme on Zoom. Please register in advance on [THIS LINK](#) or go to www.altonrenewal.com/contact.html and we will send you the link and password to the meeting.

More information at www.altonrenewal.com

Next meeting: 19th September 2020 10.00-12.30 “Here is your mother”
Speaker: Fr John Seddon OSB

This weeks poets' corner has a definite gardening theme

THE GARDENERS HYMN

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.

*But what we never mention though gardeners know it's true,
Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.*

All things spray and swattable
Disasters great and small
All things paraquatable
The Lord God made them all

*The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.*
All things spray and swattable etc

*The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines*
All things spray and swattable etc

*The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds*
All things spray and swattable etc

*The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums
How black the gardeners outlook, though green may be his
thumbs.*
All things spray and swattable etc

*But still we gardeners labour midst vegetables and flowers
And pray what hits our neighbours' will somehow bypass ours.*
All things spray and swattable etc

Barbara Robinson

Contributed by Fiona Thompson
From her friend Muriel at St Andrews
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WHAT IS A WEED?

If you know you did not plant it,
And it's where you do not want it,
It's a weed.

Though it may have been expensive,
If it's seeding's too extensive,
It's a weed.

If you've planted "Rose of Sharon"
You are due to get a scare on:
It's a flow'r, but in profusion
It's a weed.

All too soon you will discover
It will take your garden over,
And become a sheer intrusion,
As a weed.

Dennis B. Wilson



Arrangements for attending Mass

The Church will be open for Mass only as follows:

Sundays: 1000 and 1730 (5.30pm)

Tuesdays 1000

Wednesdays 1930-7.30pm

Thursdays 1200 (noon)

Saturday 1000 – for those with special circumstances- recorded Sunday mass

Email booking : icmassbookings@gmail.com (preferred)

080024613720 for those with no internet.

For a guaranteed seat you will need to book in advance. However, you can turn up on the day on a **‘first come, first served basis’**. You will need to arrive at least **10 minutes before mass starts**, and be prepared to wait for vacancies /cancellations. [Please wait by the garden side of the church].

To make a booking:

- i) Send an email request to this email address: **icmassbookings@gmail.com** and state
 - a. Your name and address.
 - b. The total number in your household coming to Mass (let us know if there are under 10s).
 - c. The preference for the day of the week and mass time you wish to attend. (If you can give a second choice that will help if there are too many requests for one Mass time).
 - d. Whether there is a special circumstance (e.g. wheelchair access, working hours)
- ii) Or call this number **0800 2461372** and leave a message. We provide this option for those who have no access to the internet. If you have internet access, please email us.

You must specify the day of week and time you would like to attend Mass. This will be your usual Mass time each week. For the time being, *you cannot book more than one Mass a week* to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass. We are asking those who are retired, and those who can attend a Mass during the week, to sign up for a weekday Mass. Please do not ‘swop’ mass bookings, rather cancel them through the booking system, so we can release seats for those on shift work etc. Those who work unpredictable shifts should email us on a Wednesday for the following week. When your booking is confirmed, you will receive details of your seat and row number in Church. Numbers 1-10 are on the Sacristy side and 11-20 on the Lady Chapel side. Please try to arrive at the recommended time so we can prevent a queue.

Please do let us know if you need to cancel, or make a change, by emailing: icmassbookings@gmail.com or phone 0800 2461372 and leave a message. Any alterations or changes will normally be made on Wednesday of each week for the following week and we will do our best to help you. Just let us know if you have a query.

Capacity for Mass: Sunday- Thursday included – 40 people or 14 households

Capacity for Saturday mass (recorded) excluding households- 27

Specific Mass times and details are as follows overleaf.

MASSES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SATURDAY 10 AM

The Sunday 'recorded' mass and for those with special circumstances – ***attendance MUST be booked for this Mass***

SUNDAY 10 AM, AND 5.30PM

Designed for those whose cannot come during the week, families, and those with unpredictable shifts. (for a **guaranteed seat you will still need to book in advance. However**, you can turn up on the day on a 'first come, first served basis'. You will need to arrive at least 10 minutes before mass starts)

TUESDAY 10 AM*

For those who can come during a weekday- ***attendance MUST be booked for this Mass.***

WEDNESDAY 7.30PM

For those who are on shifts and can come on an evening to take pressure away from Sundays. (for a **guaranteed seat you will still need to book in advance. However**, you can turn up on the day on a 'first come, first served basis'. You will need to arrive at least 10 minutes before mass starts)

THURSDAY 12 NOON

For those who can come during a weekday. (for a **guaranteed seat you will still need to book in advance. However**, you can turn up on the day on a 'first come, first served basis'. You will need to arrive at least 10 minutes before mass starts)

****SATURDAY 10.00 AM, AND TUESDAY 10.00 AM, will remain services only available by the booking system: icmassbookings@gmail.com or phone 0800 2461372 and leave a message.***