



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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**15th and 16th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
HOME MISSION SUNDAY - there will be a second collection this weekend.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The gospel reading today is very powerful. We follow Peter as he recognizes Jesus as the Christ then to a moment of struggle, questioning and doubting and finally Jesus affirming the need for surrender. First, Jesus is inviting us to answer the question "Who do you say that I am?" Do we know Jesus as the Christ? Do we think Jesus is human? Divine? A symbol? An example? Take a moment and consider "Who do you say that I am?" Once we can name who we think Jesus is, we can then begin to consider what that means for our lives. What difference will knowing Jesus make in our life? Jesus suggests to Peter that it is going to get hard, the journey is going to have moments and times of great suffering. Peter balks at this. How do we balk at times of suffering in our lives? As we travel our spiritual journey toward the Christ within, it will get hard sometimes. Our friends and family will not necessarily be encouraging us to embrace change. Change itself is difficult. The world wants us to be of the world and live out of our egos accumulating more money, more things, more friends, more status. The Christ within calls us to simplicity, less, dependence and union with God, a life of living with and for others. Will we balk or will we surrender? Today, can we trust in the unfailing love and presence of God to surrender our ego to the Christ within? A.H.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS: 16TH SEPTEMBER – 22ND SEPTEMBER

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations within it. **Sunday:** *Parishes, Communities and Schools in the North East Hampshire Pastoral Area.*

Monday: *Parishes, Communities and Schools in the Reading Pastoral Area.*

Tuesday: *Franciscans in the Diocese; Secular Franciscan Order; Society of Franciscan Pilgrims.*

Wednesday: *Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport.* **Thursday:** *Community of St Matthew, Coin Varin, Jersey.*

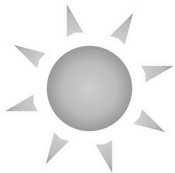
Friday: *Parish of St Joseph, Aldershot.* **Saturday:** *Community of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Winchester.*

The **PARISH HOG ROAST** hosted by Andover Catenians will be held after Mass next **Sunday 16th September**
(Roast Pork, Rolls, Salad and Apple Sauce with a variety desserts)

Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. Adults/Children over 12 £8 per person;
£5 for Children 5 - 12 years of age and Under 5s are free.
Soft drinks, beer and wine will be available for donations.

There will be a raffle too - proceeds to the President's Charity : **Mary's Meals.**

**NB Tea and Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass and before the Hog Roast Lunch,
donations to Mary's Meals.**



CHURCH CLEANING

If anyone is able to join a Church Cleaning Group which works at about 5.00pm once every five weeks or so, please contact the Parish Office or Margaret Scicluna on 365790. Thank you.

A New Opportunity to (Re)Connect with the Faith

If the last time you learned something about the Faith was in at school - or are more recent in coming to the Church - you may like to come to a new group starting in the parish. Together we'll explore what it means to be a Catholic but each session is self-contained – you won't be signing up to a lengthy course. Part of each session will focus on how to build up the Faith in children and young people but this isn't specifically for parents, all adults are welcome.

To enable as many people as possible to participate the same session will be run twice each month on Saturdays at 2:00pm and Thursdays at 7:45pm.

In our September session (15th or 27th) we'll ask what do we mean when we call Christ: Priest, Prophet and King?

In October (13th and 25th) we'll look around our church and ask why do we have stations and statues?

In November (10th or 29th) we'll think about grace and how to get it.

In December (15th or 20th) we'll ask the question what really happens at the beginning of Mass?

Together we can increase our knowledge of the Faith, better understand our relationship with God and so enrich our life in Christ. No special training is required, all sessions will be run at a level and pace assuming no prior knowledge.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 15TH SEPTEMBER - 28TH SEPTEMBER

Reconciliations each Saturday in Andover from 5.15pm - 5.45pm, and in Whitchurch before Sunday Mass.

Sat. 15th **Andover Mass 6.00pm** *Cath Goodwin RIP - Anniversary*

Sunday 16th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Home Mission Sunday)

Whitchurch Mass 9.00am *Kay Moyles RIP*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *Pat Moore RIP*

Mon. 17th **Andover Mass 10.00am** *Private Intention*

Tue. 18th **Andover Mass 10.00am**

Andover Healing Prayers 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Wed. 19th **Andover SOW 10.00am** -

Thur. 20th **Whitchurch No Mass**

Andover Requiem Mass at 1.00pm for Pat Moore RIP

Friday 21st - Feast of St Matthew, Apostle.

Andover Mass 10.00am *Pat Moore RIP*

Sat. 22nd **Andover Mass 6.00pm** *Irene Charlton - 90th Birthday Blessings*

Sunday 23rd September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whitchurch Mass 9.00am *For the Intentions of Margaret Ryan*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *Francesca Unegbu RIP - Anniversary*

Andover Polish Mass 6.00pm with Confessions (Polish) from 5.00pm

Mon. 24th **Andover Mass 10.00am**

Tue. 25th **Andover Mass 10.00am**

Andover Healing Prayers 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Wed. 26th **Andover SOW 10.00am** -

Thur. 27th **Whitchurch Mass 10.00am** *For the People of the Parish*

Fri. 28th **Andover Mass 10.00am** *John Davison RIP*

Please pray for : Eva Boshier, Patrick Pacini, Daphne Channing, Audrey Stephenson, Jo Parker, Nan Mundy, Esmé Coveney, Jess Dukes, Maureen Bennett, Doreen Burke, Rita Lane, Valerie Muir, Mary and Alan Daws, Tom Wilkins, Cynthia Manning, Fr Gerry Mackrell SMM, Mary and Albert Bullough, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Ann Scicluna, Christopher Walter, Allan Wickens, Di Mussert, Lisa Ramage, Sam Hearn, Elaine Demptser, Christine Budden, Carol Casson, Derek Moss, Elizabeth Spyropoulos, Sheila Muir, José Taylor, Betty Bolton, Barbara Long, Antonio Ricci, Myra Thompson and John Mills.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Moore and Patricia Hillier.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

LAST CALL FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST!

There will be a Day Retreat for ALL Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 29th September from 9.45am to 3.30pm.

The day is also open to all those who may be considering the Ministry and those interested in further contemplation of the Eucharist. 9.45am - Registration in the hall; 10.00am Mass; After Mass refreshments and talk on the Eucharist. 12.30pm Lunch - please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. Afternoon presentation on the Ministry of the Eucharist. 3.00pm Benediction. **Please note, this day is a Parish requirement for all E. Ministers.**

DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA, etc

On Saturday 20th October, 10.00am to 4.00pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the *Formation for Mission Team*

Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch will be provided. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. **Booking on:** www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874.