

Our Lady Help of Christians

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First Sunday of Lent

RITE OF ELECTION

We congratulate our Candidates who attended the Rite of Election Ceremony at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday. We welcome them with the assurance of our prayers: Mike Smythe, Mark Habgood. Jane Mumford and her three children Daniel, Ellen and Alfie.

LENT

LENT, as we well know is a time for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, and I am sure there are innumerable opportunities for all of us to do something along those lines during this most sacred of seasons. Make an effort to do one special thing and really keep to your promise. Perhaps we could pray a little more, maybe attend Mass on a weekday or share Christ's journey to Calvary by attending the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. Whatever you decide to do make sure you do it

The Optional Collection last weekend for the Cabrini Children's Society amounted to **£195.25**. Thank you once more for your generosity in supporting Charities.

Next Friday is "**LENTEN FAST DAY**" and there will be an Optional Collection next Weekend for **CAFOD**.

Friday 26 February is the 50th Anniversary of Lent Fast Day. Over the last 50 years more than £65 million has been raised by ordinary people at Lent Fast Day, which has transformed the lives of thousands of people living in extreme poverty throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY – 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Queens Road, Aldershot, at **7pm on Friday 26 February**, followed by soup and refreshments in the presbytery. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 21 February 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	Bill Brooks RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Mrs Lidia Troianescu (Intention)
	10.30am	Anne-Marie Murphy RIP
Monday	9.30am	Diana Baker RIP.
Tuesday	9.30am	Deceased of the Murphy & Ogden Families.
Thursday	9.30am	Dave Pearce RIP.
Friday	9.30am	Eileen Walsh RIP.
Saturday	9.30am	Oliver Byrne RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00	Sheila Smith (Intention)
Sunday	8.30am	Roy Phoenix RIP
	10.30am	Mrs Breslin RIP.

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church
Vocations.

Mass and events beginning 22 February 2010

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 1.

Monday	22	Feast of the Chair of St Peter. 10.30 Reconciliation at All Hallows. (Fr Dan) 7.30 Talk given by Fr John Dickson in the Church. <i>John Paul II the Man and the Mission.</i>
Tuesday	23	8.30 SVP Meeting in the Parish House Mass of the First Week of Lent. Stations of the Cross after Morning Mass. 6.30 – 8.30 Confirmation – <i>Sign and Symbol.</i>
Wed'day	24	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.

Thursday 25 8.30am Mass at All Hallows. (Fr Dan)
Mass of the First Week of Lent.

Friday 26 Mass of First Week of Lent.
7.30pm Stations of the Cross.
Today is LENTEN FAST DAY.

Saturday 27 Mass of the first Week in Lent.

Sunday 28 Second Sunday in Lent.

Next Friday 26 February is "LENTEN FAST DAY". There will be a **Collection (optional)** on the weekend of **27/28 February**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

8: Women's World Day of Prayer.
11: 2.00pm Mass for the Senior Parishioners.
22: 7.30 Meeting of the Liturgy Leaders in the Pastoral Area at St Swithun's Yateley.
24: **7.30 pm** Parish Seder Meal in the Hall.
30: 11.00 The Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral.

April

2: Good Friday 3.15: The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square
4: Easter Sunday

May

25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area.

June

20: First Holy Communion. Two sessions - 10.30 and 2.30pm.

July

24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sunday evening Mass at 5.30 will be reintroduced at Our Lady and St Dominic Cove, beginning on Sunday March 7.

John Henry Newman on Lent

"I see the figure of a man, whether young or old I cannot tell. He may be fifty or he may be thirty. Sometimes he looks one, sometimes the other. There is something inexpressible about his face which I cannot solve. Perhaps, as he bears all burdens, he bears that of old age too. But so it is; his face is at once most venerable, yet most childlike, most calm, most sweet, most modest, beaming with sanctity and with loving kindness. His eyes rivet me and move my heart. Oh, I will look upon that face forever, and will not cease."

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with 2 million young Catholics in Madrid between **9 – 23 August 2011**.

The age range is 16 (present year 10) and 35. The trip includes a few days in a Spanish parish, travel, accommodation, WYD events. The expected cost is **£900** but with lots of fundraising opportunities happening across the Diocese please don't let the cost put you off. We need to let the Diocese know approximate numbers by **31 March 2010**.

For further details, see Diocesan Website Youth Section, face book 'Portsmouth 2011 World Youth Day Madrid' or call Rebecca Page-Tickell on 01252 519061.

Services on Saturday morning

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10.00 - 10.40	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions
10.00 - 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Let us pray for the Sick

Debbie de Bono, Mary Brady, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book**.

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Elizabeth Wesley, David Conlon, Hannah Dawson, William Walsh, Dorothy Tottle, Eileen Woodward, Elizabeth Mary Taylor, William George da Silva, Fr Philip Spratt SDB, Millie Pollicutt, Brother Joe Carter SDB.
May they Rest in Peace