

# FAREHAM AND PORTCHESTER

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

#### AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, FAREHAM

The morning is dedicated to prayer and intercession for the Parish Community, especially for the PPC meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Rosary at 8.45 am; Mass at 9.30 am; coffee and tea at 10.00am; Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11.00 am; Prayers to the Sacred Heart and Angelus at 12.00 pm; Prayer and Benediction at 12.30 pm followed by shared lunch and Bible reflection - the faith of St John Bosco. Contact: Rebecca Goodlad on 01329 318869.

### FATHER PETER'S PRAYER GROUP FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

#### AT ST PAUL'S RC CHURCH, PAULSGROVE

Come and join us for prayer and praise. 7.00 pm Rosary; 7.30 pm prayer and praise. Ministry of Healing is available. Contact: Rebecca Goodlad on 01329 318869 or Doug on 02392 580119.

### MASS FOR THE SICK SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Mass for the Sick is to be held at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham at 3.00 pm with refreshments afterwards in the Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to attend and need a lift or help, please contact: Anne Lamb on 01329 289721 or Mary Cadogan on 01329 235987.

### DAY OF PRAYER SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY ST SWITHIN WELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHANDLERS FORD SO53 2JP

There is a day of prayer organised by the Diocese which will explore various ways of praying following the theme: 'Prayer: tools for the toolbox'. The day is from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To book a place, telephone 01329 835583 or email estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, celebrates the day on which the infant Jesus was taken by His mother Mary, and St Joseph to the Temple in Jerusalem so that thanks could be offered to God, according to ancient Jewish custom (Luke 2: 22 - 40, Exodus 13: 2, 12, Leviticus 12: 6 - 8).

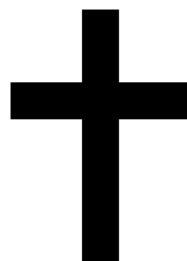
When Simeon (an elderly and devout man) saw them, he knew that this was the Child who was the Messiah for which Israel and the World had been waiting. He took the Child in his arms and praised God and declared that this Child would be a light to all the World. The Canticle of Simeon (Luke 2: 29 - 33 - the Nunc Dimittis) is a hymn sung at Compline, the night office of the Church.

To commemorate what Simeon said, there are special candle services in churches on the 2nd of February, sometimes with a procession beforehand. Then candles are blessed.

### ST BLAISE, FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

St Blaise is the patron saint of throat sufferers. On this day, many churches hold a special ceremony in which candles are crossed beneath people's throats and a special blessing given invoking the aid of St Blaise.

St Blaise was a bishop and martyr. He was bishop of Sivas in Armenia in the fourth century. He is said to have miraculously healed a child who had a fish bone stuck in its throat.



### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS VIOLET MARY LIGHT 10.45 AM ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Mrs Violet Mary Light died recently. Her funeral will be at Sacred Heart. Please pray for her soul and for her family.

### KEYS TO OUR CHURCHES

Due to the recent alterations at St Philip Howard Church, the locks have been changed. All leaders of groups, who require keys, are asked to submit their request for keys in writing when copies will be given when they have been signed for in. Key holders are reminded that this is a responsibility and under the terms of insurance you are not permitted to copy a key. This information applies to all keyholders at both churches: Sacred Heart and St Philip Howard.

### MESSAGE FOR ALL KEYHOLDERS

Forms have been prepared by the Office which will be with Father Joe at all masses this weekend. Keyholders are asked to sign the form by their name or provide details and sign if they have been missed off.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

Can all parishioners please note that the daily mass for Wednesday is now at St Philip Howard Church.



### Calling all Flower Arrangers!

Volunteers wanted for St Philip Howard Church. Please call Barbara on 01329 480096 or email: [barbaralumsden@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaralumsden@hotmail.com)

### MEETINGS FOR NEXT WEEK AT SACRED HEART HALL

**SVP: 7.45 – 9.00 pm. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

**RCIA: 7.30 – 9.00pm. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Parents are reminded that the Sacrament of Reconciliation for candidates will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT ST JUDE'S SCHOOL, FAREHAM

The Social Group is planning an evening dedicated to St Patrick with an Irish supper provided. There will be a 'Green' theme. Watch for further details and tickets on sale. Anyone interested in joining this group is invited to ring Veronica on 01489 589105.

### FINANCE

**COLLECTION – £1,626.81  
Pax Christi - £42.00**

**Thank you to all.**

### SAFEGUARDING

All volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults cannot work in those areas now, unless they have completed the required training. The following courses are open to all.

### CHILD PROTECTION VULNERABLE ADULT TRAINING AT ST COLMAN'S HALL, COSHAM, PORTSMOUTH

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Child Protection

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Vulnerable Adult

Contact: Phone Soraya Ciccarone on 02392 816396 or [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### REPOSITORY

New Missals and Diocesan Directories are now available from the Repository.

### THE PASTORAL TEAM

The Pastoral Team is meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm. If you have any concerns to raise, please approach a member of the Team or contact the Parish Office.

### THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC is meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. If you have any concerns to raise, please approach Fr Joe, Sarah Maspero, Christine McGrew or Mike Ricketts or contact the Parish Office.

### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY EDUCATION SUNDAY

The Second collection will be for the Catholic Education Service in England and Wales.

### NEWSLETTER

If anyone would like to have a large print newsletter, please notify the Parish Office staff. If you have any contributions for the Newsletter, can you contact Rebecca Goodlad on 01329 318869 or email her at [Rebecca-goodlad@sacred-heart.org.uk](mailto:Rebecca-goodlad@sacred-heart.org.uk).

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY AT 10.00 AM TO GUARANTEE ENTRY FOR THE CURRENT WEEK. RING THE OFFICE OR EMAIL YOUR ITEM.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY OF NEXT WEEK DUE TO STAFF HOLIDAYS.**

### Sacraments

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church after 9.30am Mass on Saturdays, or by appointment.

Please speak to Fr Joe if you are going into hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick and also to arrange a Baptism or to discuss the Sacrament of Marriage.

# The Catholic Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Fareham & Gosport



**OUR LADY  
STAR OF THE SEA**  
Fareham & Gosport

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
Year (B)                      Weekdays:

29<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
Psalter Week 4

## **SUNDAY THOUGHT: THE WORD OF GOD**

Recently our parish held a course for Readers to strengthen their proclamation of Holy Scripture and help us all to hear the Word of God more clearly during the Mass. The Post-synodal document: Apostolic Exhortation VERBUM DOMINI (The Word of the Lord) reminds us that it is God himself who speaks to us through the Word of Scripture.

Today's Gospel (Mk 1:21-28) presents Jesus teaching in the Synagogue with great authority; He made the listeners sit up and take notice. They were astonished! However, even today, we can be just as surprised and moved when we encounter the same Jesus teaching us through the power of the Scriptures. Jesus is a person of genuine authority and power. He is the prophet promised in the book of Deuteronomy; the one who speaks and acts with the authority of God.

That word "authority" has the same root as the word "author". Jesus' teaching is not second-hand; he is the "author" of the Son of God's words and teaching – they come from within Himself. Jesus teaches from his heart. He teaches with absolute conviction because he knows that his message is in accordance with the mind of God. His preaching is a personal testimony of his intimate relationship with God his Father.

There is a huge difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of the Scribes; this lies in the content of the message. Whereas the Scribes seek to apply the prescription of the Law to the letter, Jesus goes deeper to find the spirit of the law; the original intent of the law. Some questions arise. What is our attitude to the Word of God that we hear? Do we allow it to challenge us and bring about a positive difference in our lives? One way to deepen our relationship with God is through The Word of God. You will find your Lord in the Bible. That is why your contact with the revealed texts has a special meaning for you.

It is your contact with God, who loves you and who desires to affect you with His grace. This contact leads you to inner conversion - and that is its greatest purpose.

Simply put, conversion is twofold. The first happens at our Baptism which incorporates us into Christ – most often as infants. The second conversion is our adult decision. The turning away from wrong doing to Jesus who loved us first. If you enter into a person-to-person relationship with Christ, who is present throughout the inspired text, this text will permeate you. Then you will begin to listen intently to the Word of God, understand better the thoughts and desires of Jesus, and begin to know Him more intimately. Through prayerful meditation on the Words of the Bible, the Holy Spirit will teach you about the love of God, who loves you incessantly, because He is total love – and totally in love with you!

Meeting with Christ who is present in the Word of God will also help you to discover God in the created world around you. It will teach you find Christ in others and to interpret the many symbols through which you can discover His presence in nature, and even in the phenomena of civilizations and cultures.

Above all, you will have the blessed assurance that you are never alone –that nothing in this world can ever separate you from the love of God, and that you can call on Him in your daily living; in sorrow or in joy; in sickness or in health, in daily chores or celebrations. In other words, you will live and move and have your being in Him – for ever!

**Father Joe Gruszkiewicz**

**FIRST FRIDAY AT SACRED HEART, FAREHAM  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2012  
LED BY FATHER JOE IN INTERCESSION FOR THE  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

### **Parish Priest:**

Fr John Humphreys: 01329 664260

### **Associate Parish Priests:**

Fr John Cooke: 01489 572797

Fr Joe Gruszkiewicz: 01329 318869

Fr Peter Glas: 02392 580119

Hospital Chaplain – Fr Joe Mc Nerney: 02392 286408

### **Parish Deacons:**

Dcn Langford Vincent: 01329 285617

Dcn Tony Strike: 01489 572797

### **Parish Staff:**

Rebecca Goodlad (OLSOTS); Clare Ryan (PG); Michele Edwards (F&P); Rebecca Goodlad (F&P); Doug Savege (G); Maria Owen (L&S).

### **Our Church Communities:**

Immaculate Conception, Stubbington; St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent; St Mary's, Gosport; St Joseph's Gosport; St Columba, Bridgemary; Sacred Heart, Fareham; St Philip Howard, Fareham; St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate; The Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham

## ‘Our Lady Star of the Sea, Fareham & Gosport’ Parish Weekly Mass Times

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Vigil: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	St Columba's Bridgemyary	18.00	John Martin +
	St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester Castle	18.00	Father Peter Sprague +
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	18.00	Olive Scutt +
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	St John's, Lee-on-the-Solent	08.00	People of the Parish
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	08.00	Ints. G & C Kloska
	Sacred Heart, Fareham	09.00	Tom Campbell +
	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	09.00	
	St Joseph's, Gosport	09.15	Jim Gardiner
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	10.00	Christian Unity
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	10.15	Ints McLaughlin & Jones family
	St Philip Howard, Fareham	11.00	Cecil Higgins
	St Mary's, Gosport	11.00	Tony Valente +
	QA Hospital Chapel	16.00	
	St Philip Howard, Fareham	18.00	People of the Parish
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	18.30	People of the Parish
	<b>Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Feria</b>	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	07.45
Sacred Heart, Fareham		09.30	The Marsh family
Immaculate Conception, Stubbington		09.30	Borgust & Cuerden Family +
St Margaret Mary, Park Gate		09.45	Ints. N & J Tracey (Walford)
<b>Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> <b>St John Bosco, Founder</b>	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	07.30	Ints. Joel Geraets (Ip)
	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	07.45	
	Sacred Heart, Fareham	09.30	Christine Harrison +
	St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent	09.30	Charlie Witherden
	St Mary's, Gosport	12.00	Hilda Kuypers +
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <b>Feria</b>	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	07.45	
	St Philip Howard, Fareham	09.30	
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	09.30	Jean Flynn + (f)
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	09.45	Raymond Morton + (Spacey)
	St Mary's, Gosport	19.00	Ints. Martin & family
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	19.00	
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, Feast</b>	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	07.45	
	St John's, Lee-on-the-Solent	09.30	Pat & John Cruddas
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	09.45	Eucharistic Service
	Sacred Heart, Fareham	12.00	The Davison family
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>St Blaise, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> <b>Blessing of Throats</b> <b>First Friday Devotions</b>	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	07.45	
	Sacred Heart, Fareham	09.30	Doreen Harrison +
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	09.30	Frances Buchanan +
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	09.45	Angela Robinson +
	St Mary's, Gosport – Requiem Mass	11.00	Bill Allen +
<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	07.45	
	Sacred Heart, Fareham	09.30	Thomas +
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	09.45	Eucharistic Service
<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester Castle	18.00	The People of the Parish
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	18.00	Jean Dagens +
	St Columba's, Bridgemyary	18.00	Ints. Bernadette Foster
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	St John's, Lee-on-the-Solent	08.00	People of the Parish
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	08.00	People of the Parish
	Sacred Heart, Fareham	09.00	Joyce Wilson +
	Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham	09.00	
	St Joseph's, Gosport	09.15	Sadie & William Munro + & Neil Tanner +
	Immaculate Conception, Stubbington	10.00	Kathryn Nicholls +
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	10.15	R Parratt + (Canney)
	St Philip Howard, Fareham	11.00	Paul Roberts
	St Mary's, Gosport	11.00	Agnes Walsh Low +
	QA Hospital Chapel	16.00	
	St Philip Howard, Fareham	18.00	Ann McGrath +
	St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	18.30	Franz Gebhart + (Ip)