ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2025 AD **Year C (Psalter Week 2)**

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's Gospel reminds us to be humble in our faith. We must recognise that we *are* sinners when compared the holiness of God. It is through prayer and reconciliation that God welcomes us back into His presence. Our lives are made free by God's mercy and not to our own goodness.

First Reading:	Sirach 35:15b-17,20-22b — *The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds*
Responsorial Psalm:	**The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.** (Psalm 34)
Second Reading:	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 — *There is a laid up for me the crown of righteousness*
Gospel Acclamation:	**Alleluia, alleluia!** God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **Alleluia!** (2 Corinthians 5:19)
Gospel Reading:	Luke 18:9-14 — *The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee*
Communion Antiphon:	**We will ring out our joy at Your saving help** **and exult in the Name of our God.** (Ephesians 5:2)

THIS WEEK: Second Collection (obligatory) for Bamenda Missions

Day		Time	Service	Intention
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	26th October	**10:30am** **11:00am**	**Reconciliation (Confession)** **SUNG MASS**	**June Brunswick RIP** **and the People of the Parish**
Tuesday **ST SIMON & ST JUDE, *apostles, feast***	28th October	**10:00am**	**Rosary**	
Wednesday **Feria**	29th October	**10:30am** 11:30am 2:30pm	**Mass** Pastoral Meeting Pastoral Meeting	**Joyce Rocchiccioli RIP**
Thursday **Blessed Winchester Martyrs, *memorial***	30th October	**10:00am** **10:30am** **2:30pm**	**Adoration** **Mass** **Burial of Ashes**	 **Peter Whiting RIP** **Terence & Barbara Sullivan RIP**
Friday **Feria**	31st October	9:30am	Mass at St Joseph's, Havant	
Saturday **Feria**	1st November	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
ALL SAINTS	2nd November	**10:30am** **11:00am**	**Reconciliation (Confession)** **SUNG MASS**	**Jim Clarke RIP** **and the People of the Parish**
ALL SOULS Monday	3rd November	**1:00pm** **2:00pm**	**Requiem Mass** **Blessing of Graves**	**The Faithful Departed**

Prayers For The Sick: Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen Cronin, Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahoney, Max Garratt, Liz Parkinson, Bill McGill, Marka Cubberley.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed: June Brunswick

And those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Julia King, Kathleen Kerrin (Sun) Felice Rocchiccioli, Joyce Rocchiccioli, Winifred Rogers (Tue) Denise Pichou (Thu) John Pearce (Fri) Peter Whiting (Sat)

Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000 Parish 24 Hour Emergency Number : 07584 661318 (Fr Mark)

Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.
This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.

NOTICES:

Tea, Coffee and Cake after Sunday Mass - We ***URGENTLY*** **need more volunteers** to provide this service to the Parish and visitors. We, particularly, need a few younger people to help put up the tables and set out chairs as well as volunteers to make the drinks and put out the cups etc. contact Pauline (023 9246 8498, email - paulinebrice979@gmail.com)

Flower arranging is an important part of the liturgical life of the Church and the Flower Arranging Group is in desperate need of some new people. No experience is required, just an artistic eye and some interest. The group is open to all members of the congregation of all ages. Please speak to Barbara to find out more.

The Catholic Women's League thank everyone who has given donations for the installation of the defibrillator on the outside wall of the hall. Elizabeth Martin, CWL Treasurer, will be pleased to accept any donation, large or small.
Christmas cards are available from the Repository, where you will also find cards for all occasions and small gifts. If you want anything you cannot see, please ask to see a brochure, we're always happy to order anything.

Havant Passion Plays are working on a production in Portsmouth 2027 They are asking for your ideas! You can join them on **Friday 31st October** at **2.30pm**, at Havant Methodist Church. All are welcome to come and share their thoughts on what the next production should be. Should it be about the death and resurrection of Jesus, about His parables, or His ministry and miracles, or something else? Those unable to attend the meeting can send their thoughts to havantpassionplay@gmail.com
In the New Year, they are planning to put together a combined choir to present *Saints Alive!* a musical by Roger Jones, about the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

Jesus, Prince of Peace—Pastoral Area Christmas Fair. We are working together to organise a social event to bring our whole Pastoral Area together in the form of a Christmas Fair to be held at St Joseph's on **Saturday 6th December**. We need your help to make this a success, so please give as generously as you can to our weekly appeals as we prepare for the event. **This week** we are looking for contributions to: Your **handmade crafts** eg: Decorations, Cards, Jewellery, Knits, anything you can imagine and create.
We are hoping for a good turnout at the Christmas Fair as it is an early event for the extended parish area, so if there are any volunteers to help that would be great, please contact: rhianonwoodsfordgallagher@gmail.com. Parents bringing children are asked to send their child's name, age-group and a donation for the gifts from St Nicholas to Vicky McGuigan at the St Joseph's parish office.
Each week will also be collecting anything you can think of for the tombola and children's lucky dip. (All parents: please be advised that we are hoping to have a visit from St Nicholas, so if you would like to enable your child to visit him for a small gift, please send us a note in the envelopes provided after Mass, so that we know how many to expect.
Those who would like to help: the next meeting on the **4th November** at **6:30pm** in the small hall at St Joseph's.

New Helpers for Children's Liturgy—We desperately need more helpers for Children's Liturgy. You don't need any experience and there are always two at each session. If you could lead a session (we have resources) or be the second helper, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to any of the team after mass or email haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Please note, this is a role where you will need to complete a DBS before starting.

Liam and Pauline Brice thank everyone for their prayers while Liam was in hospital; he is home now and on the road to full recovery. God Bless you all. *Pauline*

Church Hall Should you wish to book the Church Hall please telephone Denzil on 07791 776148

For News on all Churches in the Pastoral Area of Jesus, Prince of Peace: https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/