



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

25th January 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 3)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. St John describes Jesus as the light that shines in the darkness. Jesus lightens our darkness, and helps us to see the real meaning of our lives. When called upon, He is also the One who helps us to put aside our differences and lives as brothers and sisters in Him. Christ calls us to follow Him, to enable his light to shine on us and so proclaim the Good News of the kingdom.

First Reading:	Isaiah 9:1b-4 — <i>In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<b>The LORD is my light and my salvation.</b> (Psalm 27)
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 — <i>I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no division among you</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. <b>Alleluia!</b> (Matthew 4:23)
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 4:12-23 — <i>Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah... be fulfilled</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<b>Look toward the LORD and be radiant; let your faces be not abashed.</b> (cf. Psalm 33:6)

**THIS WEEK: Second Collection (obligatory) for St John's, Portsmouth Cathedral**

Day	Time	Service	Intention
<b>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME II</b> 25th January	10:30am 11:00am 3:30pm	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> <b>SUNG MASS</b> St James' (CofE) Church, Clanfield	<b>Jimmy Owens RIP Family and all the People of the Parish</b> Christian Unity
Tuesday <b>Feria</b> 27th January	10:00am	<b>Rosary</b>	
Wednesday <b>St Thomas Aquinas, religious, doctor</b> 28th January	10:15am 1:00pm	Mass at St Michael's, Leigh Park <b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Michael O'Rourke RIP</b>
Thursday <b>Feria</b> 29th January	11:30am	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Martin Simpson RIP</b>
Friday <b>Feria</b> 30th January	10:30am	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Colin Stagg RIP</b>
Saturday <b>St John Bosco, founder</b> 31st January	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
<b>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IV</b> 1st February	10:30am 11:00am	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> <b>SUNG MASS</b>	<b>Terry Waldron RIP and all the People of the Parish</b>

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen & Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahoney, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Bill McGill, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye.

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:** Michael O'Rourke, Martin Simpson

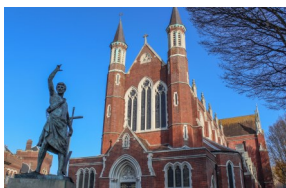
**and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Iris Winifred Browne (Sun) Mary Newman (Mon) Maria 'Sara' Markham (Wed) Terry Waldron (Fri)

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](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## NOTICES:



**From the Cathedral:** This Sunday a Second Collection will take place for the Cathedral. In recent years, the amount raised has been declining. We would like to encourage all parish congregations to support the Mother Church of our diocese. The cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese, and the weekly collection in the last financial year covered only just over half of our ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the diocese been more critical or needed. Thank you.

*Canon James McAuley*



**Prayer Ministry** Beginning at **Sacred Heart Church** after the **5:30pm Mass** on **Today**, and on the last Sunday of each month thereafter, Fr Tom Hiney will be leading a time of opportunity to receive individual prayer for anything in your life that is causing you anguish, pain or concern. God works in mysterious ways, but the Church uses the prayers of others to provide courage, consolation and even miraculous help in difficult or challenging situations. There will be music playing and pairs of volunteers will be offering discreet and caring prayer for anyone who asks.



**The Biblical Timeline Course** John McCormack (also at **Sacred Heart**) will be leading a course on how the Bible Testaments fit together, and how prophecy and fact link together giving us the bedrock of our faith. Starts **Monday 16th February at 6:45pm**.



**Lent Bible Studies** will be starting on **Wednesday 25th February** at **7:00pm** in Church. Fr Mark will guide us through a series of Scripture passages where the Bible depicts stories of "being in the wilderness" culminating with the very foundation of Lent, Jesus spending forty days and forty nights alone in the wilderness with Satan tempting Him. Everyone is welcome. If you have your own Bible, please bring it with you. If you are looking for a new Bible; the Lectionary now uses the *English Standard Version* (Catholic Edition), while Scriptural and Theology Faculties use the *New Revised Standard Version* (Catholic Edition).



**Station Masses for Lent:** These will happen on **each Tuesday** evening in **Lent** and will be the only Masses available on those days. Each week we will have a **Holy Hour** starting at **6:00pm** with opportunities for Reconciliation (Confession), with **Mass** starting at **7:00pm**.

**24th February**—St Josephs, Havant / **3rd March**—St Edmunds, Horndean / **10th March**—St Colman's, Cosham / **17th March**—St Patrick's, Hayling Island (*Feast Day*) / **24th March**—St Michael and All Angels', Leigh Park. Deacon Nick O'Neil will be the preacher.



**Hayling Holiday Lunches:** The collection of food for takes place on the second Sunday of each month. It can get rather confusing when the second Sunday falls very early in each month, therefore... The next collection dates are:

**Sunday 8 February** / Sunday 8 March / Sunday 12 April / Sunday 10 May



**Charity Quiz Night:** St Patrick's Church have been invited to send a team of **8 people** to a Quiz taking place at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Waterlooville on Saturday **7th March** beginning at **7:30pm**. James Ryan, a parishioner at St Edmund's is arranging the Quiz, in aid of the Jesuit Refugee Fund, for whom he is also running the London Marathon. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Mark.



**Catholic Women's League** - date for your diaries: Following the monthly meeting on 3rd February the CWL will welcome **Tess Balchin** to talk about the role of therapy dogs in hospital and the wider community. She will be accompanied by the lovely Molly. This talk is not limited to CWL members and we hope many of you will join us. The time will be confirmed in next week's Bulletin.



**Missio:** This week will be the last opportunity to hand in red Missio boxes for emptying in time for donations to be included in our next submission to the Mill Hill Missionaries. I will be at the back of church on Sunday to accept any boxes for emptying and to return those that have already been emptied. Thank you.

*Angi Howell*



**Tub2Pub** is a recycling campaign by Greene King Breweries to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics. Last year over 240,000 tubs were collected, raising £10,916 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Until 15th February 2026, its pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty confectionery, biscuit and cracker tubs. (These are the plastic family chocolate tubs you had over Christmas). The nearest Greene King Pub to us is: The Royal Oak, 19 Langstone High Street, Langstone. For further details speak to Chris Peacock.

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