



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8th February 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 1)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. We, as Christian people, constitute the Body of Christ here on earth. That means that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Jesus has called us to be like this and in his own life and death has given us the example of how this is done. Through what we say and what we do, as Christians, we can be the light that shines through the darkness guiding others on their journey to God.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-10 — *Your light shall break forth like the dawn*  
 Responsorial Psalm: **A light rises in the darkness for the upright.** (Psalm 112)  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 — *I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified*  
 Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia!** (John 8:12)  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 — *You are the light of the world*  
 Communion Antiphon: **Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.**  
**blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.** (Matt 5:5-6)

Day	Time	Service	Intention
<b>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME V</b> 8th February	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish and Jimmy Cogger RIP
Tuesday St Scholastica, virgin	10:00am	Rosary	
Wednesday Feria	10:30am 11:00am 1:15pm 2:30pm	Mass Pastoral Meeting Burial of Ashes Pastoral Meeting	Charles Anderson Jeffs RIP Martin Simpson RIP
Thursday Feria	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am 12:00pm	Adoration Mass Finance and Property Meeting Pastoral Meeting	The Jemmett Family FN
Friday Feria	10:00am	Mass at St Thomas More School	
Saturday St Cyril, religious, & St Methodius, bishop	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
<b>SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VI</b> 15th February	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish and Stephen Hines RIP

**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:**

**and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** John Gordon Lowden, Anna Marie Ledon (Sun) Margaret Helen Owen, Simon Michael Lambert, Matthew James Turner, Anthony Tilden (Mon) Elsie Kempton (Tue) Brenda May, Juliette O'Reilly (Thu) Jenetta Haley, Stephen Hines (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](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## NOTICES:



**For All Medical and Healthcare Professionals** (and those who pray for them. On Friday **13th February** (celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) at **6:30pm**, there will be a mass at **St Colman's, Cosham** especially for Medics. Doctors, Nurses. Healthcare Assistants, Ambulance Crews, and all who work in Auxiliary roles and healthcare professions are invited to this mass.



**2026 Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip to Lourdes.** The pilgrimage will start at London Heathrow Airport on Monday **6th July** and run until Friday **10th July**. Accommodation will be at the *Hotel La Solitude*, which is close to the Sanctuary itself. During the pilgrimage you will be able to enjoy all that Lourdes has to offer, taking part in all the usual Pilgrimage activities as well as visits to many places that were important to St Bernadette. There are also opportunities to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. There will be moments of quiet reflection and peace, and others when we will be able to hear the chanting and singing of hundreds of voices. If you would like to know more email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for a booking form.

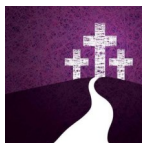
**Lenten Lunches** are shared meals of a soup and a roll in various places around Hayling Island on a Friday. The Lunches raise money for *Christian Aid* and for *Cafod*. The venues this year are as follows: **20th February at 12:00pm** - URC Main Hall / **27th February at 12:30pm** - Hayling Island Baptist Church (held in the URC small hall) / **6th March at 12:00pm** - St Patrick's Church Hall / **13th March at 12:00pm** - St Mary's Church / **20th March at 12:00pm** - St Andrew's Church (held in St Mary's Church hall) / **27th March** - tba / **Saturday 28th March 12.00pm** - Hayling Christian Centre (Elim Church)



**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.



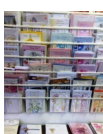
**Hayling Holiday Lunches:** The collection of food for takes place on the second Sunday of each month. It can get rather confusing when the second Sunday falls very early in each month, therefore... The next collection dates are:  
**Sunday 8 February / Sunday 8 March / Sunday 12 April / Sunday 10 May**



**"Embrace your life together in Love"** Invitation to Couples to get away together and join a weekend to discover ways to grow deeper in love for a happier marriage and a happier life! The weekend draws on Marriage Encounters' 50 years of wisdom and experience, based on scriptural truths. Couples welcome whether married or in long term relationships, with faith or no faith. ME Weekend **27th February - 1st March** - Swindon - Holiday Inn Express West To find out more or book visit: [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)



The Catholic Women's League has its next **Bingo** session on Wednesday **11th February** in the **Hall** commencing at **2:00pm**. Home-made cake with tea/coffee in the interval and a Raffle. As it is just a few days before St Valentine's Day, there will be some "pink" prizes. Proceeds to CWL charities, which include children's charities, women's refuge, care of the homeless and overseas aid. Also local Hayling charities including Hayling Holiday Lunches.



**Repository** - on behalf of the **CWL** which is responsible for this valuable service to the Parish, Margaret is busy rearranging the stall in readiness for the delivery of St Patrick's Day and Easter cards. Knitted Easter chicks will be on sale, suitable for a mini egg, such as a Cadbury's creme egg which can be put in the bottom. First Communion and Confirmation cards are available and if you would like something that you cannot see, please ask to look in the catalogue and it can be ordered. There are still some crosses in pockets on sale for £1, they are easy to put in with a card and always appreciated by the recipient.

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



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**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, Waterloooville on Saturday **7th March** beginning at **7:30pm**. James Ryan, a parishioner at Saint 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.



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**Church cleaning.** Apologies to the loyal team of Church cleaners.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the next session scheduled for Monday 2nd February has had to be moved to the following Monday (**9th February**) from 10:00pm.

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### Spring Alpha 2026

The Alpha course is about creating a welcoming space where everyone can enjoy a meal together, watch a video about the Christian message and then have some time for discussion and exploration of what they believe.

There's no pressure or judgment - it's just an informal and safe space to explore what we are thinking.

**We have three Alpha courses running** from the first week in March, starting:

Monday 2nd March - 7:00-9:00pm, at **St Coleman's Church, Cosham**

Tuesday 3rd March - 7:00-8:30pm Online

Thursday 5th March - 7:00-9:00pm, at a parishioner's home in Hayling Island.

Further information email [alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk](mailto:alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk) or scan the QR code:



Alpha Spring 2026 - Guest  
Registration Form



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**Justice and Peace** The parish Justice and Peace Group, in order to help one group of poor people, is selling items from Help Palestine Community Co-operative Ltd. This small non-for-profit business helps provide a market for farmers and artisans in Palestine. We will have some ceramics, olive wood carvings and food products for you to inspect, and hopefully buy, in the hall after mass today.

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