



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15th February 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 2)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. In today's readings we discover that God's ways are different from ours, but that the Law of the Father brings human fulfilment and happiness. If we look into God's Law we find within it the meaning of the Law. We know that it is only by faith and the Holy Spirit that we can understand the commandments of the Father and see them fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. If we follow Jesus, we will keep the Father's word.

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20 — *He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly*

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!** (Psalm 119)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 — *A wisdom God has decreed before the ages for our glory*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
I thank You Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
You have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia! (cf. Matthew 11:25)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 — *You are the light of the world*

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the LORD gave them: they were not disappointed in what they craved.** (cf. Psalm 77:29-30)

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection for CAFOD

Day	Time	Service	Intention
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VI 15th February	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish and Stephen Hines RIP
Tuesday Feria (Shrove Tuesday)	17th February 10:00am	Rosary	
Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY beginning of the Season of LENT	18th February 10:30am 7:00pm	Mass with Imposition of Ashes Mass with Imposition of Ashes	Charles Anderson Jeffs RIP Carl & Margaret den Brinken RIP
Thursday after Ash Wednesday	19th February 10:00am 10:30am	Adoration Mass	For Josie
Friday after Ash Wednesday	20th February 10:30am	Mass	All Holy Souls
Saturday after Ash Wednesday	21st February 5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd 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, 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: Joan Ramsbottom

and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Mary Hicks, Elsie Green (Sun) Donat Nadzizen (Mon) Julian Robert Collier Norman, Patricia Mary Turrell (Wed) John William Byrne (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

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:

 **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 Bible Timeline Course



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 8th March / Sunday 12th April / Sunday 10th May



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.



"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



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 for a booking form.



We are looking for six volunteer Fire Wardens to help with organising proceedings in the event of a fire. You will need to be fairly fit and healthy and certainly very mobile. Only three will need to be on duty at any one time but, in order to fulfil the role, regular attendance would be required. Enquiries to Fr Mark.

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

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 or scan the QR code:

Alpha Spring 2026 - Guest
Registration Form



CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. (QR code links to donation page)

