



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22nd February 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 1)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's Gospel is the story behind Lent—how it came to be part of the Christian Calendar. Jesus entered the wilderness and conquered temptation and sin. The Father created the human race in His image and free from sin, but Adam and Eve yielded to temptation. In them all of us who come after have sinned; but in Jesus we have the power to overcome the temptations of the world just as He did.

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 — *The creation and sin of our first parents*
 Responsorial Psalm: **Have mercy on us, O LORD, for we have sinned.** (Psalm 51)
 Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 — *Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more*
 Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to You, O Christ!**
 One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes fourth from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to You, O Christ! (Matthew 4:4b)
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 — *Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted*
 Communion Antiphon: **One does not live by bread alone,**
but by every word that comes fourth from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

THIS WEEK: Second Collection for CAFOD

Day	Time	Service	Intention	
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	22nd February	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish
Tuesday Lent Feria	24th February	10:00am 6:00pm	Rosary Station Mass (St Joseph's, Havant)	
Wednesday Lent Feria	25th February	10:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Pastoral Meeting Pastoral Meeting Lent Course—Wilderness in the Bible	Joan Ramsbottom RIP
Thursday Lent Feria	26th February	10:00am 10:30am 4:00pm 7:00pm	Adoration Mass Stations of the Cross Reception of Joan Ramsbottom RIP	Aaron & Nikki Pycroft
Friday Lent Feria [Lenten Fast Day]	27th February	11:00am	Funeral Mass	Joan Ramsbottom RIP
Saturday Lent Feria	28th February	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	1st March	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish and Olga Sabattini

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'Mahony, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye, Balthazar Martin.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed: Joan Ramsbottom, Ann Mary O'Mahony
and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Ridge, Eileen Sheila Young, Edward John Pledge (Tue) Bernard Walter Farley (Wed) Patricia Green (Thu) George Peter Stoyle *priest*, Vincent Gay (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: **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)



 **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** - New stock, including St Patrick's Day and Easter cards, and knitted Easter chicks are on sale (suitable for Cadbury's creme eggs (or similar). 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.

 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.

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:



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)



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