



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8th March 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 3)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's readings demonstrate that through baptism Jesus becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the Love of the Father is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We come Alive! If we take this seriously we become, un our turn, the wells of God's goodness at which others may drink.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 — *Give us water to drink*
 Responsorial Psalm: **O that today you would listen to His voice! "Harden not your hearts".** (Psalm 95)
 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8 — *Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us*
 Gospel Acclamation: **Glorify to You, O Christ, You are the Word of God.**
 From a bright cloud, the Father's Voice was heard:
 "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him".
Glorify to You, O Christ, You are the Word of God. (cf. John 4:42,15)
 Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 — *A spring of water welling up to eternal life*
 Communion Antiphon: **For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up eternal life.** (John 4:14-14)

Day	Time	Service	Intention	
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8th March	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish
Tuesday Lent Feria	10th March	8:30am 10:00am 6:00pm	Reconciliation at Oaklands Rosary Station Mass (St Colman's, Cosham)	
Wednesday Lent Feria	11th March	8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Administrative Meeting Mass Pastoral Meeting Pastoral Area Clergy Meeting Lent Course—Wilderness in the Bible	Pru Nowaczewska RIP
Thursday Lent Feria	12th March	10:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 4:00pm	Adoration Mass STMS Planning Meeting Stations of the Cross	Peter McConnochie (health)
Friday Lent Feria [Lenten Fast Day]	13th March	10:30am 11:15am	Mass Finance & Property Meeting	Joan Ramsbottom RIP
Saturday Lent Feria	14th March	10:00am 5:00pm	SEHPAC Meeting Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)	15th March	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish and William McEvoy RIP (FM)

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: Ann Mary O'Mahony

and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Marigold Perkins, John Berthoud (Mon) John Kerrin, Michael Sparkes (Tue) Mary Combes, Lorraine Haskell (Wed) Andrew Chadwick, Martha Atkins (Thu) Judith Conroy, Murray Cross (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

NOTICES:



THIS SUNDAY there will be an appeal for the charity *Aid to the Church in Need*. This charity specifically helps our fellow Catholics in those parts of the world where Christians are suffering. In particular helping in those many parts of the world where Catholics are being persecuted or attacked for their faith.



NEXT SUNDAY there will be an obligatory collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund which contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Department for Clergy, which has four members of staff, exists to provide care and support for the ordained in our Diocese. The Diocese is responsible for supporting the diocesan clergy in active ministry, those from religious orders, the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham or overseas, and our retired priests, who with dedication and care serve our parishes, chaplaincies, schools, outreach and mission. This appeal resources our Diocese to assist our priests towards holiness, happiness and health - to serve those who serve us. The Clergy

Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals. It looks after the junior clergy, the overseas clergy and especially the retired clergy. It is the principal mechanism through which the Bishop looks after the wellbeing of the clergy. Thank you for your support



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**.

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.



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: **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 continue on Wednesday when we shall continue to look at examples in Scripture of those who have, for whatever reason, found themselves in the wilderness. We look and learn at how God responds to us in times of trial or need and how we should respond to God



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.



The Catholic Women's League has its monthly Bingo afternoon in the Hall on Wednesday 11th March at 2:00pm. As has been said before, if Bingo isn't for you, please tell your friends and neighbours. It's well known to be very friendly, always someone to talk to and a warm welcome awaits for all. Home-made cake with tea and coffee in the interval and a Raffle.

St. Patrick's Day 2026

Tuesday, March 17

We at St Patrick's are known throughout the Pastoral Area as the "Parish of excellence" for our superb homemade cakes. This year's St Patrick's feast day coincides with our turn to host the Lenten Stations Mass, so we are appealing to the generosity of all those who bake, to do so for 17th March. It would be helpful if you could bake either individual small cakes or tray bakes to enable us to plate up a variety of cakes for each table.



The Big Church Clean in preparation for Easter will take place on **Monday 23rd March** from 10:00am. Please consider this an excellent opportunity to do that little bit extra for Lent and join the team of loyal cleaners to make our beautiful church fit for the Easter celebrations

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