



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

15th March 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 4)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's Bible readings reflect on the fact that Jesus in Descended from the line of David, a shepherd anointed king by Samuel. Jesus is our King and our Shepherd who guides us with tender care. In keeping with British tradition, today is also Mothering Sunday, a day when we give thanks to God for Mary, mother of Our Lord, for our Holy Mother Church and for our own mothers who nurtured us in our childhood.

First Reading: Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13 — *David is anointed king of Israel*  
 Responsorial Psalm: **The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** (Psalm 23)  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 — *Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you*  
 Gospel Acclamation: **Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus.**  
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
 whoever follows Me will have the light of life.  
**Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus.** (John 8:12)  
 Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 — *He went and washed and received his sight*  
 Communion Antiphon: **The Lord anointed my eyes:**  
**I went and washed, I saw and I believed in God.** (cf. John 9:11,38)

THIS WEEK: Obligatory Second Collection for CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

Day	Time	Service	Intention	
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)</b>	15th March	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> <b>SUNG MASS</b>	<b>People of the Parish and William McEvoy RIP (FM)</b>
Tuesday <i>ST PATRICK, patron, bishop</i>	17th March	<b>10:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b> <b>Station Mass</b> 	<b>Canon James Daly RIP (FM)</b>
Wednesday <b>Lent Feria</b>	18th March	<b>10:30am</b> 11:15am <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Pastoral Meeting <b>Lent Course—Wilderness in the Bible</b>	<b>Peter Hill RIP</b>
Thursday <i>ST JOSEPH, solemnity</i>	19th March	<b>10:00am</b> <b>10:30am</b> 11:15am 12:30pm <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass</b> Pastoral Meeting Pastoral Meeting <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Stella Adams, Eva &amp; James Godsall RIP (FM)</b>
Friday <b>Lent Feria</b>	20th March	<b>10:30am</b> 2:00pm	<b>Mass</b> STMS—Planning Meeting	<b>The Jones &amp; Clarke Family (FM)</b>
Saturday <b>Lent Feria</b>	21st March	2:00pm 5:00pm	FHC Confessions at Sacred Heart Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	22nd March	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> <b>SUNG MASS</b>	<b>People of the Parish and Asti &amp; Barney (18th Birthday)</b>

**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:** Mary Webb

**and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** William Edgar McEvoy (Sun) Maureen Tipton, Mary Langridhe (Tue) Stella Adams, Peter Hill (Wed) Elizabeth Davis, Kathleen Wade (Thu)

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)

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:



TODAY there is 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.



**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**.

**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: **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 12th April** and on 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.



**St Patrick's Patronal Feast Refreshments**—Please bring cakes to the parish Hall between 10:30am and 11:30am on Tuesday.



**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.



The **Aid to the Church in Need** appeal resulted in **£122** cash with additional gift aid amounts, plus unknown direct QR donations. Many thanks for supporting this vital Catholic charity.



**St Patricks Gardening Team** - The team is emerging from its winter hibernation this coming Thursday 9:00-10:30am (weather permitting). Anyone with a pair of gardening gloves is welcome to join us (Gloves can be provided). Members come when they can. We try to do an hour or so most Thursdays during the summer months.



Last week, our Church organ had a "catastrophic breakdown" and with our patronal on Tuesday and Holy Week and Easter looming, we had to purchase a new one at a cost of £2,000. Normally, we would have done some fund raising but this was an emergency. Any donation from the congregation would be gratefully received.



I have received quite a large number of suggestions regarding how we can spend the money that we have received from the land sale. Suggestions have included buying a new organ, installing a new heating systems, a parish minibus, solar panels and a complete refurbishment of the Parish Hall. All very good and worthy ideas. However the sale of the land (as per the voting and in line with our charitable status) was to refurbish and renew the graveyard. Roughly a third of the money has been earmarked for some refurbishments and the rest is to be held in trust to pay for the upkeep. This graveyard is an important place in the lives of many Hayling Island residents, every day there are people coming and going to tend graves or to just sit and remember. The cost of upkeep has used up all our parish reserves and so this sale was to put the graveyard on a sustainable footing for the foreseeable future. Work is being put out to tender and as soon as we have more information about what is happening, we will keep you all informed.

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