



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St Patrick's—Part of Jesus Prince of Peace Pastoral Area, within the
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth—Registered Charity No : 1199568

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 12TH JULY 2026 : A warm welcome to All our Parishioners, Visitors from far and wide. This Sunday's readings remind us that God never stops sowing the seeds of His love and truth into our hearts. Like the rain that nourishes the earth, His Word is always life-giving and never returns empty. The real question is not whether God is speaking, but whether our hearts are ready to listen. When we clear away the rocks of fear and the thorns of worry, God's grace can take deep root within us.

A heart open to Christ will bear fruit in kindness, hope, faith, and loving service to others. May we become good soil, allowing God's Word to flourish in our lives and bring a rich harvest for His Kingdom.

As we gather around the Lord's table each Sunday and meet Him in prayer throughout the week, may His Word shape our choices, strengthen our families, and inspire us to be witnesses of His love in our homes, workplaces, and parish community. In the ordinary moments of each day, may we faithfully sow seeds of compassion, forgiveness, and hope, trusting that God will bring forth a harvest far greater than we can imagine.

Scripture Readings for the Week : First Reading : Isaiah 55:10-11 : 'The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout. 'Psalm 65 : Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit. Second reading : Romans 8:18-23 : The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.' Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the Sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia. Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 'A Sower went out to sow.' Communion Antiphon : The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Day	Time	Service	Mass Intention
SUNDAY JULY 12TH	10.45am 11:15 AM	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS AT ST PATRICK'S	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY JULY 13TH	10:15 am	MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S St Henry. Emperor	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY JULY 14TH	10:30am	MASS AT ST PATRICK'S St Camillus of Lellis, Founder	Christopher & Margaret Dardis RIP—Foundation Mass
WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH	7.30pm	MASS AT ST PATRICK'S St Swithun	Fr Mark & His Family Intentions
THURSDAY JULY 16TH	10:30am	MASS AT ST PATRICK'S Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Parents & Grandparents & Charles—May he rest in peace
FRIDAY JULY 17TH	12 NOON	MASS AT SACRED HEART , WATERLOOVILLE St Bonaventure, Religious	
SATURDAY JULY 18TH	12 NOON 5PM	MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S & ALL ANGELS MASS AT ST THOMAS , EMSWORTH	Canon James Daly RIP FM
SUNDAY JULY 19TH	10.45 AM 11:15 AM	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS AT ST PATRICK'S—16TH SUNDAY	Robert RIP & Ronnie, Thanksgiv- ing for her life.

Prayers For The Sick & Housebound: Wendy Field, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahony, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye, Balthazar Martin, Diana Finlason, Gilly Webster. Kevin Conroy, **RIP : Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:** Gerard Cronin, Anne Corrigan, Margaret Ursula Millington, David John Miles, Linda Tooke.

Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000 - Parish Emergency Number : Fr Innaiah : 07515 001645

Communion at Home : Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Safeguarding : Janet Lynch is our Acting Safeguarding Minister Mob : 07870883350,

safeguarding.hayi@portsouthdiocese.org.uk

Hayling Island Catholic Community Meeting : Fr James invites the Hayling Island Catholic Community to a meeting after Mass on **Sunday 19 July**. The meeting will provide an opportunity to share views, with questions to be submitted in advance. There will also be a general update on developments within Jesus Prince of Peace Parish. A light lunch will follow. A questionnaire is attached to this newsletter and hard copies are available at Mass for completion by Wednesday 15 July at 4pm.

COFFEE/TEA AFTER MASS: PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS. This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God. All our visitors on holiday please join us for coffee. A few more volunteers to share this task would be much appreciated.

Helpers at coffee : If you want to know what is involved, pop into the Hall after Mass today and have a word with anyone you see at the counter or contact Pauline on 023 9246 8498 or 07522 435562, or email paulinebrice979@gmail.com.

The Quarterly : Deadline for copy **Sunday 16th August at 4pm**. Details attached in a separate poster. Thank you to those who have already submitted copy well in advance of being asked for material! Gerry and Breda.

St Patrick's Gardening Team - Thursdays 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. **Talk to John Meacham**

Repository - This continues to be managed and organized by the CWL, Margaret, assisted by Josie will be pleased to help you with any queries and if you would like anything which you cannot see, please ask the ladies and they will show you the catalogue, items can be ordered especially. All proceeds go to CWL charities, which include children's charities, women's refuge, care of the homeless and overseas aid; also local Hayling charities - Holiday Lunches, Voluntary Services, First Responders and the Donkey Sanctuary.

Our choir - rehearsals on Thursday at 6.30 pm : We warmly welcome you to contact the Ministry Team at mu-sic.hay@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. New choir members and instrumentalists are particularly welcome. Weekly rehearsals are arranged in blocks to reflect general availability. **Marijke**

Church is OPEN on Every Wednesday : Please note church remain OPEN for prayer every Wed 9am to 8pm

For All Newsletter Items :

Please send to :

haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

by 4pm on Tuesday



Catholic Women's League Appeal: The CWL is supporting the local Women's Refuge, which has recently expanded its accommodation for women and children. Donations of essential items such as bedding, toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, towels, clothing, cutlery, vouchers, and children's items are greatly appreciated. Please leave donations in the box at the back of the church for collection. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For more information, please contact **Pauline on 023 9246 8498 or 07522 435562, or email paulinebrice979@gmail.com**.

"Sea Sunday", Stella Maris and "Apostleship of the Sea" : This weekend we have a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. Conflicts around the world are increasing risks to their safety, especially for crews travelling through regions such as the Strait of Hormuz. Many also face abandonment by employers, long separations from family, stress, and poor mental health. Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. You can read more about this organisation on <https://stellamaris.org.uk>

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Saturday 25 July 2026
12pm - 3pm
St Patrick's Church Hall
 Manor Road • Hayling Island • PO11 0QU
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 Tea, Coffee & Bacon Butties
Prize Every Time Tombola
 Enquiries: thehappyhippy@hotmail.co.uk
 Hayling Autojumble

Thank you : Many thanks to you all for your generous support to two retiring collections recently : Peter's Pence & Venezuela earthquake.



A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with one of Jesus' most beautiful and practical parables: **"A sower went out to sow."** The Sower is God Himself, who never grows tired of scattering the seed of His love and His Word. He sows generously because He never gives up on anyone.

The seed is always good. The difference lies in the soil. At different moments in our lives, our hearts can be like the hard path, the rocky ground, the thorny patch, or the rich soil. God's

Word only bears fruit when it finds a heart that is open, receptive and willing to let it take deep roots.

Living here in Hayling Island, we know that gardens do not flourish without care. During this spell of hot weather, we have all noticed how quickly plants dry out without water. Our faith is much the same. Without prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture and the Sacraments, our spiritual lives can easily become dry and fragile.

As a parish family, we are also called to sow the seeds of faith in the next generation. Parents and grandparents are the first teachers of the faith. Children may not remember every lesson we teach, but they will remember seeing us pray, attend Mass, forgive others, and live with kindness and hope.

This week, let us ask ourselves: What kind of soil am I? May the Lord remove the rocks of fear, the thorns of worry and the distractions that prevent His Word from growing within us. Then our lives will bear a rich harvest of faith, hope and love, and together we will continue building a vibrant Catholic community here in Hayling Island for generations to come.

Clergy Moves – Pastoral Letter from Fr James : Please see Fr James' Pastoral Letter outlining the clergy moves within our Pastoral Area. Bishop Philip announces clergy appointments and transfers at this time of year, with the changes taking effect around the first and second weekends of September. Please pray for your priests.