



**Diocese of Portsmouth
South East Hampshire Pastoral Area
Jesus Prince of Peace
Catholic Communities of
**SACRED HEART OF JESUS
& ST. PETER THE APOSTLE****

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Sacred Heart Webpage:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/sacred-heart-of-jesus-and-st-peter-the-apostle-waterlooville/

Livestreaming at Sacred Heart:

www.youtube.com/@sacredheartcwaterlooville

St. Edmund Website:

www.stedmundhorndean.org.uk

Livestreaming at St Edmund:

www.youtube.com/@stedmundhorndean4491/streams

St. Michael Webpage:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/st-michael-and-all-angels-leigh-park/

Livestreaming at St. Michael:

www.youtube.com/@parishofstmichaelsleighpar9903/streams



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026

Fr. Jeremy writes...



Little did I imagine that one of my duties in 'house-sitting' the parish this week would involve having to contribute a foreword to the newsletter as in old times. Sue suggested I write something about retirement, though some people say they see me so often in the parish that they weren't aware that I had retired! It's true, I am here rather a lot, but I recognise that the clergy here have more and more to do as they seem to be taking on responsibility for more and more local parishes. Truth is, I'm glad to help and I guess it's useful to Fr James to have someone around who knows the area, the hospital, the schools, the people, the routines of the parish, where the keys are, who to call in an emergency, etc. Anyway, I'm glad to be here as I love this parish and its people more than I can say.

Someone once said 'the trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off'. It's true that there is such a need out there for retired priests that I could be working almost full time supplying for priests who are sick or on holiday or who otherwise have to be out of their parishes or need help. At present, I haven't really been home for nearly five weeks except to wash and repack and I miss it; I only hope my neighbours have been watering my plants! So what is the advantage of retirement if one is still working?

Firstly, priesthood is a vocation and the desire to continue to have a priestly ministry fulfils the deepest need of my soul. Secondly, there's an enormous difference in stress levels between being in charge of a large parish and just swooping in to supply ministerial services. Thirdly, the extra income helps to pay the bills; as a priest in a parish I never had to worry about paying utilities and council tax, internet charges and plumbers, electricians and the people who remove wasps' nests from your roof space. Fourthly, the bliss of waking up when I have a spell at home and knowing that I don't have to get up straight away; that I

have a free day ahead of me; that I can do some puzzles or a jigsaw, polish the silver, or put up a picture, go for a walk or browse in a bookshop is exhilarating. I particularly love the chapel I have created in the house and love to spend time there and celebrate Mass there every day, and – get this – I actually enjoy ironing!

Retirement on these terms I can thoroughly recommend!

Fr. James writes... Our Parish, Our Responsibility

Our Parish Commitment

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

Over the last couple of weeks, we have explored the topics of Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having considered the needs of our parish, and reflected on the message of stewardship.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Last week, we provided everyone with a 'Renewing our parish commitment' information pack. Please read this information carefully. This will enable our parish to plan ahead for the future with confidence.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today.

There will be volunteers available after Mass to collect any forms and take further questions if needed. Thank you.

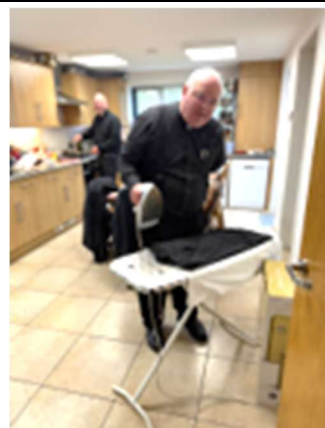
Pastoral Letter from Fr. James

If you do not have access to the internet, please collect a copy from the narthex before you leave Mass this weekend.

Help Shape the Future of Catholic Education

Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust is seeking committed volunteers to join its Board of Trustees. This is an opportunity to support and strengthen Catholic education across our schools as the Trust continues to grow. Bishop Philip has asked all Catholic schools under the trusteeship of the Diocese to become part of one of the two established Catholic Academy Trusts. Trustees play a vital role in setting the Trust's vision and ensuring high standards of education, safeguarding, financial stewardship, and Catholic mission. The role is voluntary, with induction, training, and reasonable expenses provided.

We welcome applications from practising Catholics and others who support the Catholic ethos. Experience in education, finance, HR, legal services, IT, safeguarding, estates, or community engagement would be particularly valuable, although previous trustee experience is not essential. For more information and details on how to apply, visit www.escat.org.uk or email g.rennicks@escat.co.uk



LITURGICAL WEEK

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 11 July ST BENEDICT, Founder, Patron of Europe, feast	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart	Adrian and Kathy, RIP
Vigil 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.15pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 11.15am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Special Intention of T Barnett for Stephanie, RIP Pam Ramsey, RIP Muriel Hiney, RIP Damian Whitfield, RIP
Monday 13 July Feria [15 th Week in Ordinary Time]	7am 7.30am 10.15am 12.30pm	Mass Holy Hour Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Michael QA Hospital Chapel	For the communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela For the Parish
Tuesday 14 July Feria [15 th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 10.30am 1.45pm 7pm	Holy Hour Mass Year 6 Leavers' Mass Mass	Sacred Heart St Patrick St Peter's School All Saints', Denmead	For the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and Yemen

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Wednesday 15 July St Swithun, Bishop, memorial	7.30am 11.30am 12noon 7.30pm	Holy Hour Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Patrick	Holy Souls
Thursday 16 July Feria [15 th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am 9.15am 10.30am	Holy Hour End of Year Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Oaklands School St Patrick	
Friday 17 July St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial	7.30am	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 18 July Our Lady on Saturday	11am	Ordination Mass	St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth	
Vigil 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5-6pm 6.15pm	Holy Hour & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 9.30am 11am 11.15am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Audrey McGrath RIP Alice Boyle O'Darda, Intention Jeannette Carolan, RIP James Disney, RIP

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Sunday 12 July	Second Collection for Stella Maris - Cancelled This will now take place on the weekend of 1/2 August.		
Monday 13 July	The Breakfast Club For all the early-birds among the parish, join us after the early morning Mass and Holy Hour for breakfast.	Second Monday of the month @ 8.45am	Wetherspoons Denmead Queen
	Team Clean Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.	9-10am	Sacred Heart Church
	Rosary Group	10am	St Michael
	Romans A course to open up the story of the meaning of the letters from St Paul to the Romans and how it applies to us in 2026.	6.50pm	Sacred Heart Narthex
Tuesday 14 July	Rosary Group All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church
	Bible Timeline Each session will have a video, discussion and question time. Please do come along! Kathy Collins will be hosting kathycollins1@gmail.com	10.15am	St Michael Committee Room
Wednesday 15 July	Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) As the Sacred Heart UCM comes to an end after many, many years of faithful service, we give thanks for the wonderful friendship, faith and dedication that have been at the heart of this group. Please keep all the members of the UCM in your prayers as they close this part of their story. May Our Lady watch over them always.	1.30pm	Sacred Heart Parish Centre
	CAMEO - Invitation to Tea from the parish of St Edmund Come and meet each other for a cuppa and a chat – everyone welcome! Mums, dads, grannies, grandads, friends and neighbours. For more information contact Rosanna on 023 9259 1916 or Pat on 023 9234 2442.	2.30pm	Blendworth Furnishings Café, Horndean
Friday 17 July	Karaoke! Join us at St Michael's for an evening of karaoke and live ukulele entertainment from Ukes of Wallington. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Everyone Welcome!	7pm	St Michael

NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Hymns at Sacred Heart for this Sunday

For those attending the 11am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, if you would like to familiarise yourself with the hymns in advance of the service please follow the links below:

Processional – O Praise ye the Lord www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM1LryFXCw

Offertory – I will offer up my life www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihUko9M6dpA&list=RDihUko9M6dpA&start_radio=1

Communion – Speak O Lord www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHIWn4fTiBs

Communion – Soul of my Saviour www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYMuQ0VF39c

Recessional – Give thanks www.youtube.com/watch?v=5waffTnMH6g

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Mateo William Jack Sinense, who will be baptised this Sunday at Sacred Heart during the 11am Mass. Please pray for Mateo, his parents, Godparents and families, that God will bless and guide him through the journey of life.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Michael Day, Margaret Crossley and Michael & Anne Colley who have died recently. Please remember their family and friends at this difficult time. Michael Day's Funeral Mass will be at Sacred Heart on Monday 20 July @ 2pm. Margaret's Funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 22 July @ 10.30am.

News from our schools



Jeff Sendall, Headteacher at St. Thomas More School, Bedhampton, writes...

Our school community has recently enjoyed our annual retreat day. This year, we had workshops on theology, led by Fr Tom, Our Lady, led by Fr Joe, and adoration led by Fr James. We were also joined by visiting priest, Fr Anthony. In addition to the workshops led by the clergy, we also had workshops on spiritual art, our patron saint, St Thomas More, and, as it is the Franciscan Jubilee Year, St Francis. Our pupils who are Spiritual Leaders also created a range of tasks to be undertaken throughout the day. The day was bookended by outdoor mass, and ended with a celebratory concert.

Global Debt Campaign

Phillip Hayllar from Justice & Peace writes...

At the end of Mass during the weekend of 18/19 July, we are collecting signatures for a CAFOD petition about the global debt crisis which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world.

This is not only a financial issue; it is a moral one. A debt system that prevents vulnerable nations from investing in their people undermines justice, human dignity and long term-stability.

On behalf of CAFOD we would encourage you, as you leave the church that weekend to sign the petition, which you will find on the table in the narthex. This calls on the Prime Minister to tackle the global debt crisis by taking immediate action by:

1. Passing a UK Debt Justice Law – without delay (requiring wealthy banks in the City of London to participate in debt relief so they can no longer profit from countries struggling with unsustainable debts).
2. Lead urgent global reform (use the UK's G20 presidency to bring governments together to fix the broken global debt system and guarantee fast, fair and effective debt relief for countries in crisis)

Denmead and Waterlooville Rowans support group 'T@3'

You are invited for tea and cake in the garden at 12 Park Road Denmead PO7 6NE on Friday 24 July. For more information called Trisha on 07947 611699.

Calling all Missio Red Box Holders!

The Local Missio Secretary, Melody Chawner, will be in the narthex after the 6.15pm Mass on **Saturday 25 July [please note revised date]** to collect your boxes for counting. At this time, she will be available to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to take a Red Box home and start collecting for Missio, just mention it to Melody.

Sea of Poppies!

Sacred Heart Parishioner, Dorothy Pople writes... Would anyone like to knit or crochet poppies for a display at Southsea Castle to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Portsmouth becoming a city? If so, please contact Dorothy on 07736 397539.

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Our Newsletter

Sue Siou writes... All news items and forthcoming events to office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk by 2.30pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit any articles prior to publication due to space. Articles may not be published immediately and may be held in reserve for future use. If you would like to receive a copy via email please contact me.

As part of our efforts to reduce costs, we ask that you only take a hard copy of the newsletter if you do not have access to the internet.

Please note that the 'Contact Us' and 'Jesus Prince of Peace' pages will no longer be included in the printed version. For contact information on different departments, an information sheet is available alongside the newsletters in the church.

Parish Office Update

We are pleased to let parishioners know that **Yvonne Hands**, who many will know from her previous role as Parish Secretary at St Edmund's, has now taken up the position of **Finance Administrator** for Sacred Heart, St Edmund's and St Patrick's.

Yvonne will be responsible for all finance and accounts matters across the three parishes. Any enquiries relating to accounts, payments, invoices or other financial matters should be directed to:

 accounts@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk 023 9421 3872

For all general parish enquiries (excluding Mass Intentions), please contact Sue at:

 office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk 023 9421 3871

We are grateful to Yvonne for her continued service and support and ask parishioners to use the appropriate contact details to help ensure enquiries are dealt with as efficiently as possible.

Sun's Out, Staff's out!

Lisa is on annual leave until Thursday 16 July.

Yvonne will be on leave from Thursday 16 – Friday 24 July inclusive.

Ellen will be on leave from Monday 20 - Friday 24 July Inclusive.

Angela will be away from Wednesday 22 July – Tuesday 18 August inclusive.

Payments to Sacred Heart, St Edmund & St Michael

There are several ways to make a donation to Sacred Heart, St Edmund or St Michael:

Sacred Heart:

Cheque made payable to 'CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart'

'Donate with Dona' button on our Webpage

Online payments in church using the Dona machine [by the Sacristy]

BACS: Lloyds bank account 01861043, sort code 309304, CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart

St Edmund:

Cheque made payable to 'CDP Horndean St Edmund'

Donate using the Sum Up machine in the narthex

BACS: Lloyds bank account 00880222, sort code 309304, CDP Horndean St Edmund

St Michael:

BACS: Lloyds bank account 00882004, sort code 309304, CDP Leigh Park St Michael