



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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within the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth—Registered Charity No: 1199568**



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—19th July 2026 AD : God reminds us this Sunday through the Scriptures ,that He is good, patient and full of mercy, never giving up on us even when our lives are mixed with both joys and struggles. Like the wheat growing among the weeds, we are invited not to lose heart when life seems untidy or difficult, but to trust that God is quietly at work. Many in our St Patrick's family know that faith grows slowly, often through years of prayer, perseverance and the ordinary routines of daily life. Even when we cannot find the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays within us and gently carries our hopes and burdens to the Father. As we enjoy the beauty of Hayling Island in these summer days, may we notice the small signs of God's Kingdom growing around us—in an act of kindness, a shared smile, a helping hand or a quiet moment of prayer. **Let us also remember those who are lonely, unwell or finding these hot days difficult, keeping them in our prayers and reaching out whenever we can with a word of encouragement or a simple act of care.** Let us continue to encourage one another, trusting that the Lord who has begun His good work in us will bring it to a rich and joyful harvest. **May our Blessed Lady, Star of the Sea, guide us ever closer to her Son, helping us to live each day with faith, hope and love.** Have Blessed Sunday and Good week ahead.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—19.07.2026

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 *You give repentance for sins.*

Psalm 86 (85): R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27 *The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 *'Let both grow together until the harvest.'*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



Day	Time	Service	Mass Intention
SUNDAY JULY 19TH	10.45am 11:15 AM	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS AT ST PATRICK'S	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH—intention for Ronnie, a Parishioner for over 40 years and her late husband Robert RIP
MONDAY JULY 20TH	10:15 am	MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr	Mass Intention at St Michael's
TUESDAY JULY 21ST	10am 10:30am	Rosary MASS AT ST PATRICK'S St Laurence of Brindisi, Religious	Private intention
WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND	7.30pm	MASS AT ST PATRICK'S St Mary of Magdalene, Feast	Daly, Feely, Lee Family (Perpetual Foundation)
THURSDAY JULY 23RD	10:30am	MASS AT ST PATRICK'S St Bridget of Sweden, Foundress	Canon James Daly R.I.P
FRIDAY JULY 24TH	12 NOON	MASS AT SACRED HEART , WATERLOOVILLE St Sharbel Makhlu, Priest	Mass Intention at SACRED HEART
SATURDAY JULY 25TH	12 NOON 5PM	MASS AT ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS St James, Apostle MASS AT ST THOMAS , EMSWORTH	Mass Intention at St Michael's Mass Intention at St Thomas
SUNDAY JULY 26TH	10.45 AM 11:15 AM	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS AT ST PATRICK'S—17TH SUNDAY	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Prayers For The Sick & Housebound: Wendy Field, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye, Balthazar Martin, Diana Finlason, Gilly Webster. Kevin Conroy. **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, Mick O'Mahony, Elizabeth Hayes. May they rest in peace.

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

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**

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.

For All Newsletter Items :

Please send by 4pm on

Tuesday to:

haylingisland@
portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Table Top Autojumble

Saturday 25 July 2026

12pm - 3pm

St Patrick's Church Hall

Manor Road • Hayling Island • PO11 0QU

£5 Cash Per Pitch

Tea, Coffee & Bacon Butties

Prize Every Time Tombola

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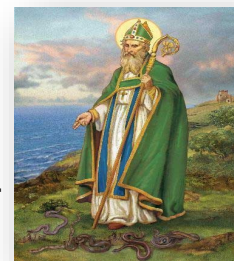
Our choir rehearses on Thursday at 6.30 pm

We warmly welcome you to contact the Ministry Team at music.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 every Wednesday

Please note our church remains **OPEN** for prayer every Wednesday, 9am to 8pm



The Catholic Women's League are taking a few weeks break, so no meetings or Bingo during August, but we will still take our turn on the rota for coffee etc. after Mass on the 9th August. Our Appeal for the local Women's Refuge is ongoing. Two ladies from the team came at the beginning of the month to collect the items already donated and were delighted, so thank you for that. Rita Mead RIP, the long time treasurer of the CWL was a supporter of this worthy cause for very many years, so it is her legacy and only right that we now carry it on. They have recently been allocated more accommodation for women and children and from seeing things in the media and the press we are fully aware that the women calling at their door are in desperate circumstances. The need continues to be there so if you are able to donate any items such as single bedding, gift sets, conditioner, sanitary products, nappies, children's night lights, towels, slippers, pyjamas, deodorant, women's socks and underwear, cutlery, vouchers, plastic plates/cups for children, it would be very much appreciated. Items can be left at the back of the church and if you have any queries please ask any CWL member or contact **Pauline, Tel 023 9246 8498, 07522 435562, paulinebrice979@gmail.com**

As we reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, we find great comfort in Jesus' words: **"Let both grow together until the harvest."** Life is rarely as neat as we would like it to be. Every family experiences moments of happiness alongside moments of worry; every parish experiences seasons of stability alongside seasons of change. Here at St Patrick's, Hayling Island, you have heard of clergy moves and of course few changes across our Diocese. Such changes sometimes can leave us feeling uncertain, especially when we have grown to know and love those who have served among us few months or many years. **Yet today's Gospel** gently reminds us that God never abandons His people. The Lord is present in every season—in the familiar and in the unfamiliar, in the joyful and in the difficult. Our faith teaches us not to be afraid of change but to recognise that God is already there before us, preparing the way. Like the tiny **mustard seed, small acts of welcome, patience and kindness** can help a new chapter blossom into something beautiful. Like the yeast hidden in the dough, God's grace is often quietly at work long before we can see the results. Let us continue to pray with gratitude for the priests who have served us faithfully and welcome those who now journey with us. Together we remain one parish family, united not by one person, but by Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. May we support one another with generous hearts, cherish the friendships we have built, and look to the future with confidence. The Good Shepherd continues to walk beside us, guiding our parish with His wisdom, His love and His unfailing care.

Leaving Mass & Farewell for Fr James:

Leaving Mass of thanksgiving for Fr James is on **Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm** followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are very welcome! Let us give thanks to the Lord for the support of Fr James rendered to St Patrick's Hayling Island over the years.



The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

Matthew 13:24-43

A man sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.

The Mustard Seed

It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.



The Leaven

It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.



The Explanation

The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seed is the children of the Kingdom, the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy is the devil.

The Harvest

At harvest time the reapers will gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into the barn.

The Final Judgment

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

"He who has ears, let him hear." Matthew 13:43