



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

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www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/

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

St. Edmund Website:

www.stedmundhorndean.org.uk

St. Michael Webpage:

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



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Fr. Andrew writes...

This weekend we have celebrated the inaugural Mass of our new parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire. At about the same time, our Jewish friends and neighbours have been celebrating the feast of Sukkot, or Tabernacles, which has its roots in the Torah (Law) of what we think of as the Old Testament. Leviticus 23:39-43 gives instructions on how to celebrate the feast of Tabernacles: Israelites were commanded to live in booths for seven days, to remind them that God brought them on a journey through the wilderness to the promised Land. I have previously suggested the desert wanderings as an analogy of our journey to becoming one parish, with Father Jeremy or Father James in the role of Moses. Now we find ourselves crossing the Jordan, and I find myself in the role of Joshua, Moses' successor. Perhaps this weekend's feast of Tabernacles can serve to remind us of where we have come from, and the journey we have already undertaken together.

Moses' instructions for celebrating the feast of Tabernacles also includes the express command to rejoice (Leviticus 23:40), which Jews observe with singing and dancing. Let us also rejoice in the consummation of our more perfect union: *annuit coeptis*! God has looked on us with favour.

Among the mysterious sings of this rejoicing is the command to take citrus fruit, date palm branches, myrtle leaves and willow boughs to make decorative bunches which Jews to this day wave in celebration. Jewish sages gave mystical meanings to the plants: the citrus represented those who both learned Torah and did the commandments; the date palm represented those who studied but did not perform the commandments; the myrtle represented those who did the commandments without studying them; the willow represented those who did neither. The sages' point was that the feast of Tabernacles was about unity: the unity of the People of God. For us, too, this weekend is about our unity. We are united as one parish. There will be those among us who by their knowledge of the Word and practice of the Faith lead our parish by their example and encouragement. There will be those among us who give generously of their practical gifts and thirst to know more. There will be those who have gathered much knowledge, but are yet to commit themselves fully. And there are many whose faith is dormant – the not-yet-practising Catholics – who are still part of our parish: it is our present duty to encounter them with the Good News where they are, and to bring them closer to Jesus Christ, through His Church.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 26 Sept Our Lady on Saturday	4pm	Jesus Prince of Peace Mass	Sacred Heart	People of our Jesus Prince of Peace Parish
Sunday 27 September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Mass	St Edmund	Edward, Marie and Peter Graham, RIP Southeast Hampshire, as we celebrate becoming one community John Payne, RIP Brian Kidd, RIP
	9.30am	Mass	St Michael	
	11am	Mass	Sacred Heart	
	11.30am	Mass	St Patrick	
	4pm	Mass	QA Hospital Chapel	Angela Louise Meyer, RIP (FM)
	5.30pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	
Monday 28 September Feria [26th Week in Ordinary Time]	7.30am	Mass followed by Holy Hour	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	
	12.30pm	Mass	QA Hospital Chapel	
Tuesday 29 Sept THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL , feast	7.30am	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart	Vera Murphy RIP
	10.30am	Mass	St Patrick	
	6pm	Adoration	St Edmund	
	6.30pm	Mass	St Edmund	
Wednesday 30 Sept St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, memorial	7.30am	Holy Hour	Sacred Heart	Svet Cana, RIP Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
	10.15am	Mass	St Michael	
	11.30am	Adoration	Sacred Heart	
	12noon	Mass	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 1 October St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial	9.30am	Adoration	St Edmund	Ian Warner, RIP
	10am	Mass	St Edmund	
Friday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial	8.15am	Oaklands Staff Mass	Oaklands Chapel	John DeBattista, RIP (FM)
	11.30am	Adoration	Sacred Heart	
	12noon	Mass	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 3 October Our Lady on Saturday Vigil TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.30am	Adoration & Confession	St Michael	Canon Peter Turbitt RIP People of the Parish
	12noon	Mass	St Michael	
	5-6pm	Holy Hour & Confession	Sacred Heart	
	6.15pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	
Sunday 4 October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Mass	St Edmund	Ray Millard, RIP Danny Moore RIP Ian Cuthbert, RIP Gilbert Dsilva & Felix Dcosta, RIP
	9.30am	Mass	St Michael	
	11am	Mass	Sacred Heart	
	11.30am	Mass	St Patrick	
	4pm	Mass	QA Hospital Chapel	
	5.30pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	

WHAT'S GOING ON...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Saturday 26 Sept	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast If you are a morning person and would like to join others for breakfast and prayer for one hour on a Saturday morning please do come and join us for our Churches Together Ecumenical Breakfast that takes place in and around Horndean.	Fourth Saturday of the month @ 8.30am	All Saints', Catherington
Sunday 27 Sept	Annual Mass Count for National Statistics - Week 2 It is the time of year when we are asked to complete our Parish Mass counts. The counting started last weekend and continues every Saturday & Sunday up to and including Sunday 11 October.	All Masses	All churches
	Feast of St Michael and All Angels The Feast itself falls on Tuesday, 29 September 2026, but we will come together as a parish community this Sunday for a joyful celebration of our patronal feast with tea and cake after Mass. Everyone is warmly welcome!	After the 9.30am Mass	St Michael
	Prayer Ministry An opportunity to receive individual prayer for anything in your life that is causing you anguish, pain or concern. God works in mysterious ways, but in the history of the Church has often used the prayers of others to provide courage, consolation and even miraculous help in difficult or challenging situations. There will be music playing and pairs of people dotted around the sides of the church offering discreet and caring prayer for anyone brave enough to ask. Many of us have been helped by this kind of prayer ministry and would urge you not to let pride or fear stop you if you are interested.	Last Sunday of the month after 5.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart Church
	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
Tuesday 29 Sept	Rosary Group All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 3 October	Pre-Loved Clothes Sale Clothing for everyone: women, men, children & infants. Pay whatever you can afford – This is not a fundraising event, all donations go to our 'Care in the Community' fund.	First Saturday of every month 2-4pm	Sacred Heart Parish Centre
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NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Live-streaming in our churches

Some of our communities have used live-streaming, for example on Youtube, to broadcast liturgies. In particular during the time of Covid-19-related restrictions on worship, many found this a useful resource. Some of our homebound parishioners use live-streaming as one way of staying connected to our parish. Other communities in our parish area have never used live-streaming. As the new parish priest of Jesus Prince of Peace Southeast Hampshire, I have decided that live-streaming should be discontinued across our parish. In part this is because of the significant burden of compliance with data protection rules which it entails. In part this is because of recent developments in artificial intelligence which make the cloning of images and voices increasingly easy. It just seems to me imprudent to publish our liturgy to the world at large. Please be assured that we will be working to put in place a provision for homebound people to watch a recording of Sunday Mass in our parish area. We will also continue to prioritise visiting our homebound parishioners, and bringing them the Word and the Sacraments of the Church.

- For those who are homebound and wish to view Mass online, we warmly recommend watching the Daily Catholic Mass service from the Eternal Word Television Network: <https://ewtn.co.uk/tag/daily-catholic-mass/>

Father Andrew Wagstaff, Parish Priest

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes

As we come together into a single parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire, we need to take account of the various ways in which programmes of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation have been delivered in the communities of our parish area. We hope to bring about a harmonisation of the programmes across the parish. For this reason, this year 2026-2027 we will be taking a break from delivering sacramental programmes in order to re-set our approach in Autumn 2027. Our guiding principle going forward will be that: **the right time to receive a Sacrament of Initiation is when you are ready to practise the Faith.**

If your family would like to join the programmes for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please use this year to prepare by making sure that your family comes to Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening. This practice is called the Sunday Obligation: it has always been the first rule of being Catholic. If you need to, please consider how you can re-arrange your life to make this happen.

Father Andrew Wagstaff, Parish Priest

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Amelia June Anne Jenkins, who will be baptised this weekend at Sacred Heart. Please pray for Amelia, her parents, Godparents and family, that God will bless and guide her through the journey of life.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Brian Kidd, Patricia Webb & Colin Barr who have sadly died recently. Please also remember their families and friends at this difficult time. Pat's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 8 October @ 10am at St. Edmund. Brian's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 9 October @ 12noon at Sacred Heart. Colin's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 16 October @ 12noon at Sacred Heart.

Children's Liturgy

- Please note, there will be no Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart this Sunday. Back as usual on Sunday 4 October.
- We're delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will be taking place twice a month at St. Edmund's. From Sunday 4 October, Children's Liturgy will take place on the first and third Sunday of each month. Even more opportunities for our younger parishioners to explore and celebrate the Sunday Gospel together in a way that is fun, engaging and age-appropriate. We look forward to welcoming all our children. Dates and details will be included in the 'What's going on' grid in the newsletter.



Autumn Alpha 2026

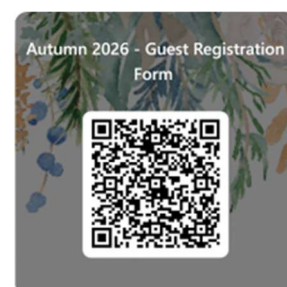
Have you ever done an Alpha course? If not, this could be your time? Or maybe you know someone you would like to invite. The Alpha course is a free course for anyone who is interested in exploring the Christian faith. No prior knowledge is necessary – likewise, prior knowledge does not exclude you! You will receive a warm welcome at Alpha and enjoy a meal with your group, watch a video about the Christian message and then have some time for discussion and exploration of faith. There's no pressure or judgment - it's just an informal and safe space to explore what we are thinking. We have three Alpha courses running this autumn starting:

Monday 28 September, 7-9pm, at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville

Tuesday 29 September, 7-9pm, at St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park and

Wednesday, 30 September, 7- 8:30pm Online

For further information, email alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk or click on the QR code to register.



Supporting Fairtrade Fortnight 2026

Havant Borough Council is proud to support Fairtrade Fortnight, joining communities across the UK in championing fairer trade and helping to ensure producers in lower-income countries receive a fair price for the goods they grow and make.

Fairtrade Fortnight (**Monday 21 September – Sunday 4 October**), highlights the positive impact that everyday purchasing decisions can have on farmers, workers and their families, and reinforces the council's commitment to sustainability, ethical procurement and supporting a more equitable global economy. As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, various events will be taking place across the borough. Why not come along, meet new people, and show your support for Fairtrade goods. Find out more information about Fairtrade Fortnight and events taking place near you: www.campaign.exchange/2026/07/19/fairtrade-fortnight-2026/

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 2 October

As you leave church today, we ask that you pick up a Family Fast Day envelope (available in the narthex) - give up a meal next Friday 2nd October, and place the money you save in the envelope, and return when you come to Mass next weekend. This is a practical way to put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Thank you for your support and prayers.

News from our schools

- Richard Cunningham, Executive Headteacher at St. Peter's and Oaklands, writes... **Jesus Prince of Peach Parish Mass.** We would like to extend to you an invitation from the Jesus Prince of Peace Parish to a Mass at 11:00am on Sunday 11th October 2026 at the Waterlooville Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle. To mark Education Sunday (deferred from 13th September) all children are invited to attend this Mass in their school uniform **or wearing school colours**. This invitation is extended to school pupils and students of any age, no matter which school they attend, and to children of all parishes in the area, **not just the Catholic churches**. We would be delighted to welcome as many families as possible to celebrate this special Mass.
- Jeff Sendall, Headteacher at St. Thomas More's, writes... **Painting & Planting!** At St Thomas More's, we are lucky enough to have a small chapel. It has an altar, statues, and a tabernacle which enables us to hold adoration. However, it is in desperate need of sanding and repainting, and so we are having a volunteer day as part of our St Francis of Assisi Catholic Social Teaching event. This will be on Monday 5th October from 9am. If you are able to give up any amount of time, be it a few minutes or couple of hours, to help us rejuvenate our chapel and some of the school borders, we would be truly appreciative!
- Vacancy at St. Thomas More's Catholic Primary School.** The school is looking for someone to work as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA).
Would you like to be a part of a thriving school community that:
 - wants every child to feel they have achieved more than they ever thought possible
 - wants to provide opportunities that shape children's futures
 - wants children to feel they have a role to play in society
 - has friendly, supportive colleagues and leadership who want the best for our children
 - offers a team-centred approach



If so, visit the Vacancies page on our school website for further information, <https://www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk/vacancies/> and contact the school office to arrange a tour or if you would like to discuss the position prior to your application.

Tel: 02392 475909. Email: adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

- Oaklands Catholic School Open Evening**
Oaklands Catholic School & Sixth Form Open Evening Monday 28th September 2026 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
We warmly welcome you to come and discover life at Oaklands Catholic School & Sixth Form.
Explore our facilities, meet our students and staff, and experience the caring, inclusive community that makes Oaklands such a special place to learn and grow. Parking is available on site.
Please sign in at the White House on arrival.
- St Thomas More's School & Pre-School Open Events for Prospective Parents**
Tuesday 6th October 2026 9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 22nd October 2026 4:00pm - 19:00pm
Monday 9th November 2026 9:30am - 11:30am
- St Peter's Open Events 2026**
Thursday 15th October 2026: 9.15 – 10.45am
Tuesday 20th October 2026: 1.15 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 4th November 2026: 9.15 – 10.45am
Monday 9th November 2026: 1.15 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 11th November 2026: 6.00 – 7.30pm
Applications for Year R September 2027 open in November 2026
Applications for new children to join St Peter's in Year 3 September 2027 open now!

Bible Study Group

St. Michael's parishioner, Kathy Collins writes... We have a zoom Bible Study group which meets at 7:45 on Monday evenings (term time) usually finishing about 9 pm. From Monday, the 5th of October we will be studying Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We will be using the Ascension great adventure study course with a video presentation and discussion questions. If you wish to join us, you would be very welcome. email to: Kathyimcollins1@gmail.com For more information, you will get the Zoom link each Monday before the session.

Bible Timeline

Kathy Collins writes.. We have just finished the 24 week Bible Timeline study and by the popular demand of the group we plan to start again from Genesis on Tuesday the 6th of October at St. Michael and All Angels Church. The course runs from 10.15 until approximately 12.15 every Tuesday during term time. We follow the Ascension Bible Timeline with a video from Jeff Cavins and lots of discussion. This is a truly amazing course which opens up the Bible the Mass and our Faith. All are welcome to join us. For further information or any questions email kathyimcollins1@gmail.com

Mass for the Sick at St Edmund, Horndean

The next Mass for the Sick will be on **Thursday 22 October @ 10am** and not the 8th October as reported last week. You are cordially invited to add your name to the sheet at St. Edmunds or contact Sue in the parish office at Waterlooville. We will have coffee/tea and biscuits after Mass followed by lunch at 12noon. Sue Woodward and I look forward to welcoming you all.

St Edmund's Red Missio Box Holders

Irena Murphy writes... Please leave your boxes on the table in the church hall to be emptied. The quarterly magazines are available there for collection. Any queries, please email me: irena_murphy@hotmail.com

Spectacles – A Small Donation that can make a Big Difference!

Our Justice and Peace Group are collecting surplus and unwanted specs to send to developing countries, where they can make a real difference to someone's everyday life. If you have any old or unused glasses at home, please consider donating them. Simply place your unwanted specs in the collection basket in church. Thank you very much for your generosity and for helping to give your old glasses a new lease of life!

The Liturgy Project Formation Days – Day for Readers

Saturday 17 October from 9am-1.30pm at the Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Anyone interested in attending this session should RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Church Fundraising Concert

Parishioner, Martin Lewis writes... One of the leading Male Voice Choirs in Hampshire have offered to help church funds by staging a concert on **Sunday 11th October at 3pm**. Their repertoire will include a wide variety of music including songs from the Sixties, hits from shows including a couple from Les Miserables and several pieces of sacred music including the perennial favourite You Raise Me Up. There will also be a Fisherman's Friends number from a shanty group, The Whalers. See the choir display board in the narthex for further details, but do try to come along and enjoy 90 minutes of music whilst at the same time boosting much-needed parish funds! Tickets can be bought direct from the parish centre office, via the dona system (contact Yvonne Hands to collect ticket) or you can pay at the door. Students can get in free! Tickets available from the parish office or book one via the dona machine in the narthex - £10 each. Free entry for students under 18.

Sacred Heart 11am Sunday Mass Tech Support

Nicola Hordell writes... We are still in need of a volunteer or team of volunteers who could take over from Barry to set up/manage the tech we use at the 11am Mass (microphones, laptop, livestream system). Barry has done a great job and is about to begin a well-earned retirement. If anyone is able to volunteer to take on this role, we would be delighted and very, very grateful to hear from you. If enough volunteers can help, a rota could be arranged. Please contact me by emailing Sue in the parish office as soon as possible if you would be able to help and we can organise a time for you to find out how the tech works etc. *Please note, all slides will be prepared by another volunteer so we only need people who can set up, manage the laptop and tech etc. at services.*

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.

Keeping Our Church Grounds Welcoming for All

To help maintain a welcoming, safe, and respectful environment for everyone, please note that our church site is a **smoke-free, vape-free, and alcohol-free area**.

This applies to **all areas of the site**, including:

- Inside the church buildings
- The church car park
- The areas immediately outside and in front of the church

We kindly ask all visitors, parishioners, and guests to respect this policy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our church grounds pleasant for all who come here to pray, worship, and gather as a community.

Thank you for your support.

Our Newsletter

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.

For contact information on different departments, an information sheet is available alongside the newsletters in the church.

Welcome to ChurchSuite – Online Parishioner Registration Database

The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database. To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form online. There is a separate adult and child registration form. If you do not have access to the internet, pop into the parish office at Waterlooville or Leigh Park and we will be happy to upload your details.



- **The Adult Registration Form:**
<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ngzjrmr1>
or by scanning the top QR code:

- **The Child Registration Form:**
<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/0h3dnrqd>
or by scanning the bottom QR code:



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