

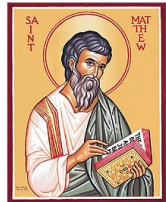
MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 18th March

6.30 pm John & Julia Harrington RIP

SUNDAY 19th March

9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Ken Purvis RIP



Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions will follow 09.30 mass on
Saturday morning or by appointment

Monday 20th March—St Joseph

09.30 Mass

Tuesday 21st March

09.00 Exposition
09.30 Jacquie Ambrose –wellbeing
10.00 Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 22nd March

09.00 Exposition
09.30 Brian Bayliss RIP
13.30 Martin McDonnell—Requiem
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 23rd March

09.00 Exposition
09.30 Eileen Hendy—Intentions

Friday 24th March

09.00 Exposition
09.30 Hugh & Connie O'Neill RIP
Rosary will follow after mass

Saturday 25th March

Annunciation
09.00 Exposition
09.30 Mass



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19th March 2017 Third Sunday in Lent (Yr A)



Fountain of Life

Unlucky in love, lonely, broken and marginalized, the Samaritan woman in today's gospel represents all those in our society who live lonely and unloved lives. She represents everyone who has been forgotten or who lives on the edges of society. She represents all those who thirst for more from life.

Since Jesus and the Samaritan woman are standing by a well, Jesus uses 'water' to describe God's love to her. Love is like water. Without water we live with a yearning. Without water we wither like plants and die. Jesus tells us that he gives the water of eternal life. The 'water of life' satisfies all of our longings and yearnings and is offered to us all whoever we might be. God's love makes us whole.

So how do we make 'the water of life' a reality? Start close to home. Decide to bring Jesus' love into the life of someone in your family or neighbourhood. It's difficult to stand next to a fountain and not get wet! It's difficult to witness God's love and not become immersed. Once we get into the habit of spreading God's love without judgement and without prejudice, others will start to adopt that habit too.

Important Contacts.

Safeguarding: Richard Roberts 0118 978 9059 e-mail: richard.x.roberts@gmail.com

Other Priests in the area : Fr Marcus Brisley 01252 876820

Fr. Danny Mc Avoy 01344 425729, Fr Kevin Bidgood 01344 620591

Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion, Baptism Preparation

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on 0118 978 0348 or call Fr. David.

Baptisms—see Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday for further details

Parish Office Opening Times :- Tuesday to Friday, 09.00 to 13.00

The Parish Office is closed all day Monday

Your Parish Administrator, Una Smith, can be contacted on Tel: 0118 978 0348 or email , wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

*Please remember to switch off your mobile phone before Mass
God deserves all our attention Thank you.*



In your prayers, please remember Martin McDonnell who has recently died . Also pray for all those who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Eileen Hendy, Pam Sheridan, Mary Ann Froud, Daniel Sutton, Ruth Murphy, Miriam Terry, Joseph Nemeth, Michael Sigwasa, Hugh Dwan and Natalie Mahon.

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary—20th March

It is disappointing considering the importance of St. Joseph's role, that the gospels do not tell us more about him. All we really know of his character is that he was a 'holy and righteous man who generously cooperated with God's grace.' Early Christians must have been more interested in imitating Joseph's virtues than recording biographical details. So today, as the early Christians did, we honour Joseph for trusting in God's plan even though he had limited understanding of its reasons or consequences. We offer petitions to him as patron saint of fathers, guardians, workers and of the dying.

The Annunciation of the Lord—25th March

The Angel Gabriel gave Mary a choice. It was God's plan to use her as the bearer of his Son, but she didn't have to say 'yes'. Our Lenten practices are designed to make us more aware of the choices and direction in our lives. We pray that as Mary's 'yes' brought forth the Saviour of the world, so we too will have the courage and wisdom to say 'yes' to God's plan in our lives.

Fairtrade refreshments following Masses on 12 March – thank you for your donations. £57 has been sent to the Fairtrade Foundation which will help to achieve a fairer deal for farmers and workers.

Come and join our Lenten Soup Lunch—Friday 24th March at 12.15 in the Keenan Rooms . Donations towards CAFOD

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

There will be a practice for Altar Servers on **Saturday 1st April at 11.00am** for those servers who wish to serve at any of the Masses to be held during Holy Week. It is important that if you wish to serve that you attend the practice. Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy.

Corpus Christi Africa Fund—Following our Lent Appeal for our two African beneficiaries, Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi, and Suubi Children's Home in Entebbe, collections will be taken this weekend .

Thank you for your generous support.

The recently held **Annual Parish Quiz** was another resounding success. A huge 'Thank you ' to all those teams who took part and all those people who helped to organise such an enjoyable evening. Don't tell 'em Pike but the winning team name was 'Dads' Army' !

Sing a New Song: Next prayer meeting is **Wednesday 22 March at 8 pm** in the Keenan Rooms. Please join our time of prayer, intercession, reflection, Bible readings and, especially, fellowship. We look forward to seeing you – new people are always very welcome!

The next meeting of the **UCM is on Thursday March 23rd , Keenan Rooms at 7.30pm** when we will be having a Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz Night. Ladies from the parish are welcome but food orders need to be given in advance so please ring 0118 9784630 before then if you would like to join us.

Parish Pantomime 2018: After the phenomenal success of this year's panto, we have already started planning for next year! So this is an early request for help in any capacity, but in particular with costumes, props, choreography and sound/lighting. We will start in September, for shows in early February. Please contact Martin Robins at parishpantocc@gmail.com for more details.

MARRIED COUPLES

A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is an opportunity to enrich your marriage. The weekend is focussed on various aspects of relationship, including the Catholic Church's Vision for Marriage. Apart from mealtimes and the concluding Mass, the weekend is spent together as a couple. There are no group discussions. Here is a tremendous opportunity to enrich your relationship away from the stresses of everyday life. The next Weekend to be held in this area is at Park Place, near Fareham from 19 to 21 May. For further details please look on our website www.wvme.org.uk

A Date for your Diary—April 4th, Keenan Rooms at 7.30pm

A talk by Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, entitled **Amoris Laetitia : Pope Francis and Marriage**