

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 21st January

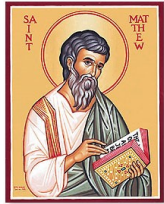
5.00 pm Youth Mass

6.30 pm John & Julia Harrington RIP

SUNDAY 22nd January

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Anne Rogers RIP



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

Monday 23rd January

No mass

Tuesday 24th January

09.30 O'Sullivan Family Intentions

Wednesday 25th January

Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

09.30 Gaynor Family Intentions

Thursday 26th January

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

09.30 Martin Harris RIP

Friday 27th January

09.30 Kathleen McCaffrey RIP

Saturday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

09.30 Peter Davies RIP

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 Jones 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

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

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22nd January 2017 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)



Job Vacancy

It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going

to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives.

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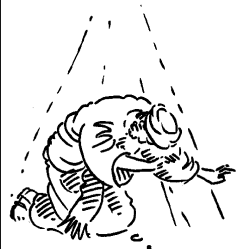
Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples.

Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for each human being they meet might be a better answer.

We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical sales person. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.



In your prayers, please remember Anthony Davis 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 and Joseph Nemeth



The Conversion of St Paul, 25th January

When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of

God's power in our lives, and how he can change anything. For each of us there is a job to do. For God, nothing is impossible.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th-25th January 2017

Crossing Barriers—There are many different expressions of Christianity. In parts of the world where immigration has been high, we will have seen even more expressions of our joint faith. This year more than ever we are asked to remember that there is more that joins us than divides us. This week of prayer is an invitation to start looking not just at the work of the Catholic Church and not just of our own parish, but of Christians everywhere. Together we can be the politicians of peace that Pope Francis asks us to be. We could start by taking a look at Christian websites other than our own, forging links, sharing ideas, and joining forces.

Homeless Sunday, 22nd January 2017

Each year, churches and Christian ministries unite together to mark Homeless Sunday. This is something which has been going in excess of 15 years to enable Christians to pray for those in their own community who are homeless, as well as to look at how they can commit to new practical action.

Bitesize—We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

William E. Gladstone

Church Diaries for 2017 still some available at the back of the church

—please help yourself

Children’s Liturgy—Week 2—our teams of catechists are available to take children into the Keenan Rooms during the 09-00 and 11-00 Sunday masses for the Children’s Liturgy. If you would like your child to take part and he or she is school age (4-7), they may attend unaccompanied. Children below school age may attend with their parents. For unaccompanied children please take a signing in slip from the back of the church, complete and hand to the catechist in the Keenan Room. Fr David will call those children out to the front of the church after the Gloria, he will give one of them the bible to carry and they will go together to the Keenan Rooms for their liturgy and then return to the church for the Offertory.

If you would like to join the team of Catechists and take part in the next training session, the parish office will be pleased to hear from you.

Parish Quiz , Saturday, March 4th at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 , to include cheese and biscuits plus a glass of wine. Quizzers to bring their own extra refreshments if required. **Do sign up for this fun evening!** the form is at the back of the church and drop the money into the Parish Office in an envelope containing names of participants and labelled 'Parish quiz.' Everyone is welcome , don't worry if you are not in a team as you can join one on the night.

The next meeting of the **UCM** is on **Thursday 26th January at 7.30 pm.** Artist Catherine Kernthaler will be sharing her prayer inspirations for her paintings and explaining how art can become a form of prayer. All ladies in the parish are most welcome to come along.

Don't Forget your Panto Tickets! - Babes in The Wood - Tickets are now on sale for **The Corpus Christi Pantomime** Performance Times: Saturday 28th January (2pm & 6pm), Sunday 29th January 2017 (2:30pm)

For further details- see the porch posters

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters’ Meeting – Saturday 4 Feb 2017

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters’ Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede’s Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update from Dan Hale on all our exciting campaigns . Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.