

THE ORATORY

Sunday 13th September 2020



SACRED HEART

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY MASSES and SERVICES

No Saturday or Sunday evening Masses

8am Holy Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
6pm Benediction

WEEKDAY MASSES & Devotions

Monday 14th: Masses at 7.30am & 12.15pm
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast
Numbers 21: 4-9; John 3: 13-17
6pm Extraordinary Form Mass

Tuesday 15th: Mass at 12.15pm (only)
Our Lady of Sorrows (Proper Readings)
Heb. 5: 7-9; John 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wed 16th: Masses at 7.30am & 12.15pm
Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Martyrs
1 Cor. 12: 31 - 13: 13; Luke 7: 31-35
11am - 12 noon Adoration & Confessions
Evening Oratory resumes as from today.

Thursday 17th: Mass at 12.15pm (only)
S Hildegard of Bingen / S Robert Bellarmine
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 7: 36-50

Friday 18th: Masses at 7.30am & 12.15pm
Feria. 1 Cor. 15: 12-20; Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday 19th: Mass at 12.15pm
S Januarius / S Theodore of Canterbury
1 Cor. 15: 35-37, 42-49; Luke 8: 4-15
11am - 12 noon Adoration & Confessions

Next Sunday: 25th Ordinary Sunday (A)
Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27;
Matthew 20: 1-16

Saint Philip's daily maxims: *He who runs away from one Cross, will meet a bigger one on his road.* (14th Sept.)

Free at: www.sacredartseries.com

The Oratory Church is open daily. Temporary Schedule:

Sunday 7.30 am - 12 noon, and 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Weekdays 10.50am - 3pm
Confessions 20 minutes before each Mass, and 11am - 12noon Wed & Sat.

Don't miss the post-pandemic restart of Parish life.
Be involved at the new beginning with our

FAITH FORMATION FORUM

Formation in the Faith, Information, and Consultation.

Be Part of the Parish's Planning for the Future,
or just come and enjoy the free experience with our Academy's
resident lady Doctors of Theology and the Oratory Fathers.

4.30pm - 6pm THIS SATURDAY 19th September
and Saturday 26th, and then the first three weekends in October.

Free parking permits (first-come-first-served) are available from our Parish Office.
This week starts the series of five sessions in Church (sanitized & safe-distanced):

- 1 'Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church' (Bishop Philip Egan's diocesan policy)
- 2 Where are we going with the Liturgy? in company with the Bible, and our Oratorian Saints.
- 3 & 4 *You are invited to suggest topics for sessions 3 and 4, which will be announced at session 2.*
- 5 Re-envisioning our Redevelopment Project, post pandemic.

If you are self-isolating but wish to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a pastoral visit from one of the Fathers, please 'phone.

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Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch: 01202 303626 (ask for Chaplaincy).
Poole Hospital: Deacon McConville: 01202 442167.

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri

Fr Dominic Jacob
Delegate & Novice Master

Fr Peter Edwards
Moderator & Parish Priest

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University Catholic Chaplain

Br Francisco Hintikka
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CORONA VIRUS: You must take this home with you, once you have picked it up, and not leave it in the church.

Mass for the 24th Sunday in 'Ordinary Time'

Introit 8am: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of your people Israel,

10.30 Sung: Grant peace to those who are waiting for You, O Lord, so that your prophets may prove trustworthy; hear the prayer of Your servant and of Your people Israel.

Collect Look upon us, O God, Creator and Ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy, grant that we may serve You with all our heart. Through ...

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28: 7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the Last Things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the Commandments. Remember the Commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the Covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8.

**The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless His Holy Name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all His blessings.

It is He who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
He will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is His love for those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does He remove our sins.

Second Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

Speak, Lord: Your servant is listening;
You have the message of eternal life.

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Communion is distributed after the end of Mass as the recommended safest option, for the Priest to re-sanitize his hands.

*After showing the Sacred Host to the people, with the words: Behold, the Lamb of God..., and the response, Lord, I am not worthy... The Priest now adds the declaration: The Body of Christ to which all respond: Amen. This is to avoid having to say anything at the Communion rail, so (during the virus precautions) please **do not** say Amen at the moment of receiving Holy Communion.*

PRAYERS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

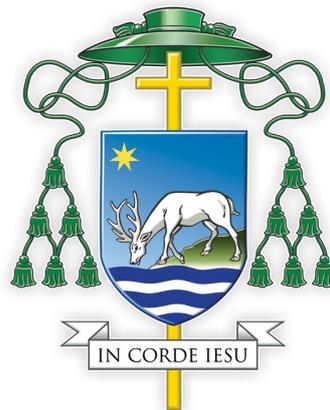
O Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given to us. (S Thomas Aquinas)

V. You gave them Bread from Heaven.

R. **Containing in itself all sweetness.**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion:
grant us, we beseech Thee,
so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood,
that we may ever know within ourselves
the fruit of Thy Redemption.
Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please **don't stand, but remain kneeling**, to say
your Thanksgiving, after receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion.*



PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP
to all Baptised Catholics in the Diocese of Portsmouth
on 13th September 2020, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

'COME BACK TO ME' SAYS THE LORD

Dear Friends,

I am writing to everyone in our Diocese of Portsmouth, to every baptised Catholic, to all the clergy, religious and lay faithful, and to all members of our parishes, schools and communities. I write too to everyone of good will, to those 'with ears to hear', to anyone searching for God, and to all who wish to meet His Son, Jesus Christ and to know more about His Gospel. I say to you all: Come back! Come back to Mass! Come back to church for private prayer! Come back to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! You are truly welcome - we have missed you!

These last months have been extraordinary. The pandemic has caused great harm, physical, mental, emotional and financial. Sadly, many have fallen sick and some have lost their lives. At the same time, medical staff and key workers have responded with remarkable generosity and courage. Across our Diocese, parishes and schools, clergy and faithful have been highly creative. Priests have done all they can to serve their parishioners: live-streaming Masses, hearing Confessions in gardens, keeping in touch by email, phone and Zoom meetings. Parishioners have generously continued their financial support. Hospital chaplains have selflessly served the dying, ensuring they receive the Last Sacraments, Absolution and the Apostolic Pardon. Schools have sent out food parcels to the housebound. Our diocesan *Caritas* has adapted their projects to continue supporting the needy, whilst the work of CAFOD has been flourishing. Now that schools and many others are returning to work, let us keep up this good work. Let us keep safe. And let us ask the Lord for an end to the pandemic, the invention of a vaccine and the restoration of ordinary life.

In inviting you back to Mass, I am aware that in some places and for some of you - those self-shielding, the sick, the vulnerable – this will not yet be possible. Moreover, we are aware too that the infection-rate is varying, and we might even face a local lockdown. Indeed, for everyone it will require care, prudence and adjustments. It might mean attending Mass on a weekday instead of a Sunday. But as we enter the autumn and our schools return, rather than focusing on what we cannot do, let us focus on what we can, so that the great mission of our Diocese of Portsmouth can go forward: *Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.*

Most of our churches are now open, with very stringent safety procedures in place. I thank our clergy and parishioners for their massive efforts. If you can, please do volunteer your time, help and support so we can keep up this good work. The pandemic has shown us how fragile modern life is. It has caused us to review our priorities. It has made us face our mortality and the question of God. For weeks, by government mandate, our churches were closed and the public celebration of the Liturgy suspended. I know that many felt hurt by this. As human beings we have not only bodily needs but spiritual needs too. Moreover, it is in our churches that the Lord sanctifies, teaches and guides us, uniting us together, giving us the Sacraments of eternal life, and sending us out on mission and service. Many followed Mass online and spoke of their hunger and thirst for God. Online has its place and we thank God for all the work done to enable this. But online is not the same as 'inline' and being there. It's not the same as actually receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. It's not the same as participating in the presence of the eucharistic community.

This is why I say: Come back to the Lord to be nourished by His Word and His Sacraments! True, the canonical obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days is still suspended. But what about the Lord Who calls to us in our hearts: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice: I know them and they follow me" (John 10: 27)? What about His promise: "Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him" (John 6: 56)? What about His invitation: "Come follow me" (Mark 1: 17)? His offer: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10: 10)? Surely, we do not follow Jesus our Lord and Master simply out of habit or duty? No, we follow Him because we love Him. We follow Him because He has called us. We follow Him because He is our Saviour: He has laid down His life for us.

May our diocesan patrons Mary Immaculate, St. Edmund and Bl. Pier Giorgio, pray for you and protect you. May they obtain for you freedom from fear. May they inspire in you a generous response to the Lord's call.

Thank you for listening – and please be assured of my prayers.

In Corde Iesu,

+Philip

Bishop of Portsmouth