

'SACRED HEART HOUSE, FAREHAM'

This week we welcomed **Francis Ezeani, Yipeng John Ni** and **Nathan King** who have moved into the newly established 'Sacred Heart House'. Francis and John are two of our new Seminarians and they will undertake a year of spiritual preparation (propaedeutic year). Nathan joins the house as he discerns his vocation. The Church expects this first stage of formation 'to provide a solid basis for the spiritual life in various ways, including acquiring an initial and overall familiarity with Christian doctrine by studying and by developing the dynamic of self-giving through experiences in the parish setting and in charitable works.'



Francis



Nathan



John

Transport. As part of their formation this year, the men will be out and about in the Diocese for various elements of their training, for study, spiritual direction and other pastoral visits as they explore our Diocese of Portsmouth. If by chance, anyone would be willing to donate the use of a car for this year, it would prove invaluable for their day to day journeys and be quite a cost & time saving for the Vocation team. If you are able to help, please contact Cn Gerard tel; 023 9248 4323, with any offers or email; gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to book any Mass Intentions please contact Fareham Parish Office. If you would like to make an offering for your intention via BACS, please could you transfer the money as soon as your intention has been booked with the following ref: "Mass Intention & date" as this will help with the administration greatly. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is open for phone calls and emails only. Face to face visits require an appointment.



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PUBLIC MASS: EMAIL REQUESTS & "INVITES"

It is so good to see everyone again as we gather at the Altar. This is a huge task to ensure best use / best fit of the two Churches seating capacity. It takes up a lot of time. We politely remind parishioners, specific seating requests (unless due to disability) or last minute increases to the numbers attending cannot be guaranteed.

In seeking to make it fair so that everyone has a chance to come to Mass, if you can be allocated with a space for the Saturday vigil or Sunday, we will seek to make contact with you on Tuesday / Wednesday. The Office closes Friday afternoon so we can't change 'bookings' after that.

Attendance. Can we respectfully ask that you remain very aware that, if you don't use your allocated place that, you are keeping a fellow parishioner away from Mass as we can't fit all who want to join us in each weekend? Please be considerate of the gift you have been allocated.



If you feel unwell in any way, we respectfully ask that you do not attend your allocated Mass. This will not affect your future invitations.

Face coverings. Please can we politely remind everyone as pre requirement by law, you must properly wear a facemask at all times when you are in Church. Just before the moment of receiving Our Lord at Holy Communion; remove your mask, stretch out your hands to receive the Body of Christ, consume the Sacred Host, replace your mask and return to your place. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We have a lot of parishioner's envelopes from April. Please contact the Parish Office so we can arrange for them to be posted to you or collected via an appointment. Or why not consider setting up a **Standing Order** for your offering.

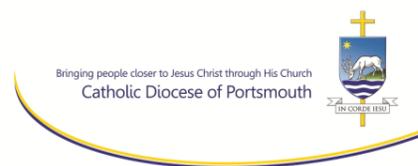
GOING INTO HOSPITAL

Please make certain that your Catholic faith is recorded, for the Chaplaincy to visit you.



BASICS BANK

To help visit www.friendsofthehomeless.org.uk



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAREHAM AND PORTCHESTER



24th & 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 'The God who Speaks' 13th & 20th September 2020

"Lord, how often must I forgive?" Peter asked.

The Christian's duty to love as Christ loves us has been the theme of the readings for the past three Sundays. This is what makes us stand out as a light in this often dark world. We demonstrate our love for Christ by showing the same mercy and forgiveness to others that God has shown us.

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the lives of those who love God. However, sometimes we stubbornly hold on to our anger and withhold our forgiveness when we feel wronged. Acting out in anger that inflicts harm is an abomination to God. As for those motivated to do wrong by releasing hateful feelings, God will remember their transgressions. The appeal in our first reading the Book of Ecclesiasticus is to seek peace and reconciliation instead of disharmony and discord. Anger and conflict are the products of a vengeful and unforgiving heart. At the end of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus warned: *"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions"* Mt 6:14-15.

Psalm 102 encourages us to be merciful to others just as our Father in Heaven is merciful to us. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, reminds us that we do not belong to a world controlled by sin; Christians belong to Christ. We are no longer our own because we have been purchased by the Precious Blood Jesus shed for us on the altar of the Cross.

Extending our forgiveness to others is the best expression of our gratitude to Jesus for the mercy and forgiveness He offers us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly warned us when we withhold our forgiveness, our anger and desire for vengeance can become a hindrance to experiencing God's forgiveness for our sins. In His parable of the unforgiving servant, Mt 18:21-35 Jesus gives an example to His disciples to illustrate the necessity of forgiveness. Jesus' parable teaches us, who are His servants, the obligation to forgive our brothers and sisters. When we face the Judgment Throne of God and are held accountable for any sins committed against love, God will take our selfish desire to withhold forgiveness into account. Jesus calls us to practice His example of forgiveness when, from the altar of the Cross, He cried out, "Father, forgive them". Withholding our forgiveness from those who seek it will not cost us our eternal salvation, but it will require the fiery purifying love of God in our penance owed for our sin-debt in Purgatory.

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN

Our guide to Church 'etiquette' post lockdown

- **Please do not come to Church if you are unwell in any way or are presenting Coronavirus symptoms.**
- **Everyone should wear a mask at all times.**
- **Everyone must sanitise their hands as they enter the Church, and at least one metre (preferably two) of social distancing should be maintained at all times**
- Doors and windows remain open for Mass.
- Please avoid all physical contact / shaking hands
- Please do not sit on pews that are marked off, or move pews, or step over the marked boundaries.
- Please *do not* hand paper / letters or forms to the Stewards. Any enquiries / requests should be posted / emailed / phoned in via the Parish Office. It is not because our clergy are being awkward or grumpy - but we need to protect them and keep them fit & healthy!
- We must have contact details of every household present who attends the Mass or Prayer time.
- No hymn books / Mass cards / Missals / Newsletters can be distributed or used.
- There will be no offertory procession of gifts. Collection bags for your offering are in the Foyer.
- We invite you to receive Our Lord in the Sacred Host on your hand? If you wish to receive on the tongue, this will not be refused - but you will need to abide by the stewards instructions, wait and receive our Lord at the end of the procession. The Celebrant will need to sanitise his hands between each communicant.

CHURCH WINDOWS & DOORS MUST BE OPEN

"So wrap up warm, and bring layers please"

Evidence indicates that the COVID19 virus can pass from person to person in tiny droplets (aerosols) that waft through the air & accumulate over time. To ensure safe ventilation in the Church where we spend a relatively long period of time with others, this means the **windows and doors need to be open** and you may feel a cool draft.

Thank you for your co-operation. We are doing the best we can to manage a capacity seating model rather than socially distanced only where every single person is sat 2 metres apart (i.e. not in family or household bubbles) which would severely restrict our numbers. This takes a lot of time & effort to co-ordinate. Therefore, we ask you to co-operate with a community spirit for the good of the whole. We are sorry if the seat you are allocated on Sunday is not to your liking! If so, can we invite you to come during the week when it is first come, first served?

“THE CHOSEN” SERIES RECOMMENDATION

A beautiful, crowd funded, 8 episode TV drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. A masterful production, mesmerising. Watch it on YouTube.



The Chosen; Trailer

www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo

The Chosen; Episode 1 - I have called you by name

www.youtube.com/watch?v=craeyJdrCsE

The Chosen; Episode 2 - The Sabbath

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEc2zgJtp-4

The Chosen; Episode 3 - Our Lord loves little children

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxMfU-YY3Eo

The Chosen; Episode 4 - The calling of Peter

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-YFzEI8Gt0

The Chosen; Episode 5 - Mary & The wedding at Cana

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcvcDDrW0ss

The Chosen; Episode 6 - Indescribable compassion

www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGvWrSwIESs

The Chosen; Episode 7 - Invitations

www.youtube.com/watch?v=K09a7l48VDO

The Chosen; Episode 8 - The Woman at the well. I Am He.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lk4yq1f6DY

The Chosen; Bethlehem

www.youtube.com/watch?v=paOjgZZDads

BASICS BANK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers in Fareham, could you help? We are going to continue to use the referral system, prepare food parcels and deliver to our customers. It's the delivery aspect which is the big change for us and the whole process will evolve as we learn from our experience in Gosport. If anyone is interested please call Phil on 01489 580562.



ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADoRE)

Next Saturday 19 Sep, 10am-12:45 on Zoom



Mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Here is your mother" from Fr John Seddon. For more info and to register visit www.altonrenewal.com

FAREHAM CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ 2020



As with many things this year, Covid-19 is preventing us from running our ever-popular annual quiz and supper night. Don't be too down-hearted though, we have come up with an alternative... A 'Do it yourself' quiz!

We have written a set of questions (with answers!) 6 rounds of 10 questions and 2 tabletop rounds. You can then run the quiz with family and friends (even virtually), and ask them for donations for **Christian Aid**.

You then send us the money collected, and we will send it off to Christian Aid. Christian Aid works with the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world, who have been hit hardest by Covid-19.

To request a quiz pack email; aquiz@thehickses.org.uk

SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

Sacred Scripture & Catechism (CCC) References

Matthew 18:23-35.

The parable of the unforgiving servant

CCC 2844 Christian prayer extends to the forgiveness of enemies, transfiguring the disciple by configuring him to his Master. Forgiveness is a high-point of Christian prayer; only hearts attuned to God's compassion can receive the gift of prayer. Forgiveness also bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin. The martyrs of yesterday and today bear this witness to Jesus. Forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and of men with one another.

CCC 2843 ...The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." Mt 18:23-35. It is there, in fact, "in the depths of the heart," that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.

CCC 982 There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest. Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for **Tony Devine RIP** (husband of Mary) who died on Sunday 23rd August. Funeral; 28th Sept at Portchester Crematorium. Also **Marion Clark RIP** who died on the 28th August.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are frail and suffering at this difficult time especially **Nikki Pink**, and also **David Sharkey**, **Jack** and **Carol** recently diagnosed as being terminally ill. May they be comforted and consoled by the Lord.

PARISH FINANCE

Standing Orders Please consider this and notify the office. Our bank details, if you need them are;

PRCDTR Fareham Sacred Heart (Lloyds Bank)
Sort Code 30-93-04 Account 00877744.

PRCDTR Park Gate St Marg Mary (Lloyds Bank)
Sort Code 30-93-04 Account Number: 00883663

Cheques should be made payable to;

'PRCDTR Fareham Sacred Heart'
or 'PRCDTR Park Gate St Margaret Mary'.

Fareham Parish Tax payers are asked to contact Ken on 07583 895 323 so we can gift aid your donations, maximising our income at no extra expense to you.

MASS SCHEDULE MOVING FORWARD

In time, both Fr Rob and Fr John hope to increase the number of weekday Masses for our two communities. There remains no obligation for your attendance at Mass on Sunday. Therefore, you are most welcome on any weekday and this helps to 'spread the load' on a Sunday. **Help please.** However, we will only be able to increase the offer of weekday Mass if we can recruit more volunteer stewards to assist them. Can you consider offering your time and service to do this?

If you are fit and able to do so, please contact the Fareham Parish Office asap for more info. **Many thanks for your help.**

Mass Times, Intentions & Locations including Adoration and the 'livestreaming' schedule

Day	Time	Location	Intention	
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A <i>Prayer of the Church Week 4</i>	Sat Vigil 12th	6.30pm	St. Philip Howard Ints. of Fr John Cooke	
	Sun 13th Sept	9am	<i>Live streamed</i> Ints. of Tess Donoghue	
		10.15am	St Margaret Mary Ints. of the People of the Parish	
		11am	St Philip Howard Ints. of the People of the Parish	
		6pm	St Philip Howard For Vocations	
	6:30pm	St Margaret Mary Ints. of Josie Cutcliffe—100th bday		
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Our Lady of Sorrows	Mon 14th Sept	—	— <i>Sorry, no service</i>	
	Tues 15th Sept	9:30am	St Philip Howard Fr Anthony Quinn RIP (PACT)	
		4-5pm	<i>Live streamed</i> <i>Sacred Heart Church - Open for Adoration</i>	
	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	Wed 16th Sept	9:30am	St Margaret Mary Ints. of Sancta Maria Chiramal - 8th bday
		12 Noon	<i>Live streamed</i> Ints. of Maria Giacomini - 100th bday	
Feria	Thurs 17th Sept	9:30am	St Philip Howard Tony Devine RIP & K. & S. Campbell RIP	
		7-8pm	<i>Live streamed</i> <i>Sacred Heart Church - Open for Adoration</i>	
	Fri 18th Sept	9:30am	St Margaret Mary Ints. of Josie Cutcliffe - 100th b'day (SVP)	
Feria		12 Noon	<i>Live streamed</i> Ints. of Michael Cannon	
	Sat 19th Sept	9:30am	St Philip Howard <i>Reconciliation: Confessions</i>	
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A <i>Prayer of the Church Week 1</i>	Sat Vigil 19th	6.30pm	St. Philip Howard Ints. of Maureen Moore	
	Sun 20th Sept	9am	<i>Live streamed</i> May Gwilliams RIP	
		10.15am	St Margaret Mary <i>Still available</i>	
		11am	St Philip Howard Ints. of the People of the Parish	
		6pm	<i>Still available</i> Ints. of the People of the Parish	
	6:30pm	St Margaret Mary Ints. of the People of the Parish		
St Matthew Feria	Mon 21st Sept	—	— <i>Sorry, no service</i>	
	Tues 22nd Sept	9:30am	St Philip Howard <i>Still available</i>	
		4-5pm	<i>Live streamed</i> <i>Sacred Heart Church - Open for Adoration</i>	
St Padre Pio	Wed 23rd Sept	9:30am	St Margaret Mary Ints. of Peter Joseph Saul & Kay RIP	
		12 Noon	<i>Live streamed</i> Fr Christopher Sexton RIP (PACT)	
Our Lady of Walsingham	Thurs 24th Sept	9:30am	St Philip Howard Anne Hine RIP	
		7-8pm	<i>Live streamed</i> <i>Sacred Heart Church - Open for Adoration</i>	
Feria	Fri 25th Sept	9:30am	St Margaret Mary Margaret Mary (Marie) Sadler RIP	
		12 Noon	<i>Live streamed</i> Joe Hamrock RIP	
Feria	Sat 26th Sept	9:30am	St Philip Howard <i>Reconciliation; Confessions</i>	
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A <i>Prayer of the Church Week 2</i>	Sat Vigil 26th	6.30pm	St. Philip Howard Ints. of the People of the Parish	
	Sun 27th Sept	9am	<i>Live streamed</i> Ints. of Ana Gonsalves & family	
		10.15am	St Margaret Mary <i>Still available</i>	
		11am	St Philip Howard J.V. Carter RIP	
		6pm	St Philip Howard <i>Still available</i>	
	6:30pm	St Margaret Mary Ints. of the People of the Parish		

Church capacity vs. Church attendance. Please note ...

For Sunday Mass please only come to a Church if / when you are invited. Please contact the Fareham Parish office to register your wish to join us so we can ensure that you invited. *We will need your name, number in the household group & email / telephone no.* Weekday Masses at 9.30am will be 'first come; first served' up to our capacity. If you can come during the week to avoid the demand for Sunday Masses, that would be appreciated.

