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4/5 November 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. James writes...

Recently, my cousin, Nicola invited me to the birthday party of her son, Jasper, on a Sunday. I sent my apologies saying that I'm afraid Sunday is my one work day of the week. This is not true, but sometimes it can look that way from the outside. Nina, Our Parish Centre Manager at Sacred Heart, suggested I shared a little about what I do as a Priest, as people may be interested and curious to see what a week in the life of a priest looks like. Below, I have outlined how my week was filled.

As Sunday, is a work day for priests, Friday is my day off. On this day, I try and slip away to rest and see friends and family. Last weekend, I was staying with the Dominican Sisters, in Sway, and also met with one of my supervisors who helps me to find as far as possible a healthy work / life balance and talk through the joys and challenges I may be facing in ministry.

Saturday

Saturday began with me celebrating Mass for the Sisters. I then drove back to St Edmunds, Horndean, for 8am as we were hosting an ecumenical breakfast and prayer session for Christian Churches. This was a wonderful occasion with over 30 Christians from local Churches. After Mass, I was available for Confessions then headed to visit Sarah Farrell, one of our School Catholic Chaplains and meet her beautiful new baby, Martha. I returned for a quick lunch and then prepared for my meeting with Steve Leigh at 4pm. We discussed the alpha away day and future plans. I then headed to the Church to assist Anthony in praying the Rosary and greet parishioners attending the 6:15pm Mass. I then had Supper with Fr Jeremy, said my night prayers and headed off to bed.

Sunday

Sunday, the day of the Resurrection is always a special day of the week. Fr Jeremy and I met in the Chapel at 7:15am for Adoration and prayed the office. We were joined by Ben the dog who has his own chair! On Sunday, we sing the psalms which we both enjoy. We sometimes make mistakes but help each other out when we do. We then have breakfast. I then headed to St Edmund's Horndean for 9am to meet and greet the Parishioners before the 9:30am Mass. After Mass, a quick cup of coffee and catch up then off to St Patrick's Hayling to celebrate the 11:30am Mass. I enjoy meeting the Parishioners after Mass. They are such a vibrant and joyful community. I also trained up two of the sacristans to receive Kandy into the Church, whose funeral was taking place the next day. After lunch with Jeremy, I had a little rest. At 4:30pm I joined



the training of our young leaders for this year's Confirmation group. This was led superbly by Hollie, our lead catechist. We are blessed to have 8 young leaders keen to inspire their peers! After training we then went to the Woodpecker for a drink and social. I returned at 9ish for prayers and bed.

Monday

I enjoy Monday mornings because it begins with Adoration at 7am and Mass at 7:30am. I love an early Mass. Anthony, one of our sacristans kindly sets up. Following Mass and breakfast, I connected with our staff who also serve in our Church; Nina, Sue and Lisa. Some Parishioners also on Mondays kindly clean the Church at this time, ably managed by Terry. Great to say hello to them. They do such great work. If you are free, new volunteers would be welcomed and greatly appreciated. They're a great team! In the early hours of Monday morning, I had received a call from a Catholic patient in the hospital who had given birth to a little baby, Hope. As very premature, the mum asked if I could come and baptise the baby. After breakfast I then headed into the hospital. (Monday is one of my 3 days where I am based in the hospital. I am contracted to serve there 15 hours a week) After baptising little Hope, only 12 hours old, I visited a number of patients with the sacraments. I then had a quick swim then returned for our Alpha course in the evening where our great team of over 20 volunteers welcomed our 30 guests who are keen to find out more about the Christian faith. At 9:30pm I returned home, said my prayers and went to bed.

Tuesday

On Tuesday morning I rose for an hour of prayer at 7am and prayed the Divine office of the Church with Jeremy. (As priests we promise to pray 5 times a day for all those in the Church) Sometimes, I do struggle on a Tuesday after a late night, the night before. After breakfast, I prepared for the funeral of Kandy that was taking place at 11am at St Patrick's. I am getting more confident in presiding at funerals but still find to prepare and make a homily personal cannot be rushed. The funeral went smoothly and after the burial I was invited to join the family for a light lunch at a local pub. I left at 1:45pm then returned to Waterlooville. A quick cup of tea at the house and then off to Oaklands for a meeting with Jess, the school chaplain, and Ben Knight, from One Church, to prepare together for our Mission day for Year 9 in two weeks' time. We had a great meeting from which we all left excited. I headed home for supervision at 5pm with my mentor in Cananda who is a real Godsend! I then prepared for All Saints Vigil Mass at 7pm at Horndean. Another joyful Mass. A cheeky curry on the way home and back for prayers and bed.

Wednesday

Prayers and breakfast as normal. I celebrated a 7:30am Mass for All Saints then had a special cooked breakfast with Fr Jeremy. When Sue arrived, Jeremy and I met with her to touch base about a few things. Communication is so important and sometimes we don't give enough time for this.... We're working on this! After this meeting, I headed into the hospital where I visited the sick. I caught up with Baby Hope and her family. I had also been told of other patients who would appreciate visits. Following these, I returned home. I spent some time preparing Sunday's homily then had a relaxing evening!

Thursday

Adoration and Morning Prayers as normal. After breakfast, checking of emails and admin then off to St Edmund's, Horndean, for Adoration and Mass. Following Mass, I had a conversation with Yvonne, the Parish administrator at St Edmunds to check all is well. A meeting then followed with Barry, the lead sacristan to discuss our new sacristans training we are delivering the following Saturday. A meeting with Lucia followed exploring how we can communicate all the exciting things going on in the Parish to old and new parishioners alike. Lucia kindly brought some lovely Minestrone Soup! I returned then to Waterlooville for admin and homily preparation for Sunday before slipping off early evening for my day off. Excited to be going to Woking to see a friend's show and then the next day, my day off, catching up with old friends!

A full, and jam-packed week! A rich and wonderful life.

I hope this gives you a little more of an idea of my life as a priest serving in Waterlooville, Horndean, Hayling and the Hospital. One apology I would like to everyone which I always feel guilty about... I know some people try and have important conversations with me on Sundays, but Sundays is not the ideal time. If you would like to speak to me, please, please book an appointment with Sue in the Sacred Heart office so these conversations can be given the time and attention they need. Both Fr Jeremy and I are available and want to be there to listen and help where we can. The office number at Sacred Heart is 02392 262289.

Thank you for all your support and patience in all the wonderful three communities in which I assist Fr Jeremy. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I feel very blessed to be here and try with the help of God's grace to serve you as best I can! Please keep me in your prayers.



Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confessions

THIS SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 5-6PM

An hour of guided Adoration including the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have never experienced Adoration before or haven't been to Confession for a while, why don't you make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

In the words of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, *"Jesus has made himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, he is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with him is the Greatest Gift of Love – the tender love of our Father in Heaven."*

November: Month of the Holy Souls

This Sunday, 5 November Fr. Jeremy will bless the graves at Hulbert Road Cemetery @ 3pm and Fr. James will bless the graves at Catherington Cemetery @ 3pm.

Holy Souls Remembrance Cards are available from the narthex from this weekend. Please write on these, the names of the faithful departed who are dear to you. Place the completed cards in the basket provided in the narthex and these will be placed before the altar during November as a sign of Remembrance.

Amare Memoriae

Please remember in your prayers, **Biddy Purvis** who has died recently. Please pray for her husband, Ian, and their family and friends at this very sad time. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Bamenda

We shall be celebrating Bamenda Sunday in the Diocese this weekend, when we shall be giving thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda and for the ministry of their five priests serving in our Diocese; praying for our brothers and sisters in Bamenda and for the restoration of peace and justice in the region; and giving to our annual appeal to support projects in Bamenda in 2024, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link!

Please read our annual Bamenda News for an update, which can be found later on in this newsletter or accessed on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website...



<https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/index.php>

Donations can be made via the parish second collection this weekend or online securely at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php> where gift aid and standing order forms can also be downloaded and bank details can be found for direct transfers. If you already have gift aided your donations to Bamenda, please complete and submit a new form to address the change of name to CDP Bamenda Commission. Thank you for your generosity!

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church Miles Robert McEwan, who will be baptised on Sunday @ 12noon. Please pray for Miles, his parents, Godparents and family, that God will bless and guide them through the journey of life.

News from St. Peter's School



Headteacher, Richard Cunningham writes... Pupils in Key Stage 2 (ages 7 to 11) marked the Feast of All Saints with a Liturgy in school this week. Prepared by our Lay Chaplain Mrs Semple, children reflected deeply on the words of the Beatitudes, and how following this map for living like Christ can bring about saintly behaviours in all of us every day. Pictured here are Ella and Gabriella, who helped to prepare and lead the Liturgy along with other children in front of a congregation of over 250 fellow pupils in the school hall.

Do know somebody with a child looking to start primary school in September 2024? There are 60 Year R places available at our local Catholic primary school St Peter's. The Headteacher, Mr Cunningham, warmly invites all families who are interested in applying to St Peter's to join him on one of the school's Open Days this Autumn: **Monday 6th November 2023: 1.15 - 2.45pm.** No appointment is necessary.

Visiting the school website <https://www.stpeterswaterlooville.co.uk/> is just the first step in beginning the journey in the family that is St Peter's Catholic Primary School. Families of the Catholic, Christian and other faiths are all welcome at St Peter's - sending this information to families you know are looking for school places can help to keep St Peter's a vibrant school serving families at the heart of our local community.

Please pray for those who need our prayers...

John O'Neill, Maria Carmen Martin, Damien Haughan, Carole Higton, Elizabeth Evelyn, Margaret Bush, Amrutha Anthony, Michael Lowe, Conor Mills, Ian Cuthbert, Theresa Tierney, Bob Jaques, Saneesh James, Mr. James, Tony Tucker, Judy Dibley, Justin Quinn, Patrick Patten, Debbie Ellis, Barbara Higgins, Derek & Monica Taylor, Christine New, Diane Quinn, Anna Chin, John De Battista, John Griffiths, Paul Kessell-Holland, Audrey Dymock, Mike Turner, Mavis Bowden, Lucy Hunt, Claire, Kim Smith & Maureen Onions. For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and the Rowans Hospice.

Vocations

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Waterlooville Parish Volunteers

Our annual THANK YOU meal is planned for Saturday 20th of January 2014 at 7:30pm. So, if you arrange flowers, clean the church, count the coins, serve on the altar, tend to the garden, support our catholic ethos for justice and peace or support with love a part of our parish from children to adults with your dedicated time then you are invited. Can you ask the individual that organises your group to inform me of your name and the numbers coming by the 20/12/24 please by emailing me: johnmcc-2010@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Message from Parish Centre Manager

Our annual PAT Testing is due. Anyone who brings electronic equipment for use in church or the parish centre, MUST bring the devices into Nina on **Thursday 23 November** for authorisation.

Church Cleaning

Mondays from 9-11am. **New members needed please – just turn up!**

The Tuesday Club

First and third Tuesdays of each month 2-4pm. If you have never attended before but fancy turning up for a cuppa and a chat, just come along. Any questions – please give Trish a call on 07947 611699.

The Union of Catholic Mothers

Meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month @ 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. New ladies very welcome. Next meeting Wednesday 3 November.



Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart 2-4pm

We want to support those who might be really struggling at the moment, providing good quality new and pre-loved toys, especially with Christmas on the horizon.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair - Saturday 2 December 10am-2pm

Nina McCormack writes... Our Christmas fair is coming up very soon. Your support is needed. Please pop in your diary.

Can you help? Needed new gifts, bottles and raffle prizes. Cakes on the day or can be dropped off Friday evening. Help needed on Friday 1st December 5pm till 6.30/7pm setting up. Help also needed on the day. If you can help, please contact Nina 023 9226 9348 Tuesday or Thursdays 9am till 4pm
Thank you for your support.

The Catenians

Friendship in Faith; Find Out More: A Date For Your Diary 16th November

Come and meet us at Portsmouth Cathedral Conference Room at 7pm on 16th to find out more about the Association. There will be a short presentation and discussion with refreshments. Please come along to see if the Association moving forward has something to offer you. Please register by email your interest to portsmouthcatenians@yahoo.com also check the web sites: www.thecatenians.com & www.portsmouthcatenians.org.uk

Carol Service in All Saints Denmead

This will take place at 6.00 pm on Sunday 17 December. This is a popular and well attended service each year and all are most welcome. There might even be mince pies and refreshments afterwards!!

Stella Maris - appeal for gifts for the seafarers

Patrick Binks, a Stella Maris ship visitor and parishioner writes...

There will be around 400,000 seafarers working over Christmas bringing us many of the things that we need in our lives. Theirs is a tough life, working long hours in difficult, often harsh conditions. As usual at Christmas, they will be separated from their families and friends. Please let them know that they are not forgotten and give a present to those who come to our merchant port in Portsmouth - the only one they will get.

This year we are planning to give them gifts which are 'treats' - boxes and bars of chocolates, mince pies, biscuits, cakes etc.

We shall be bringing the first presents down to the ships which arrive in early December.

St Joseph's Parent baby and toddler group-volunteers

Every Wednesday in term time St Joseph's welcomes about 20 families into the hall from 9am-11am for fun and friendship. A small team of volunteers work hard to provide a loving atmosphere and activities for the families to get involved with. **Could you volunteer as part of the team** -maybe you're a parent of young children yourself or looking to gain experience in early years, if so, our parish would really appreciate your contribution. If you are interested contact [Julia on juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliaat28@hotmail.co.uk) or come along on a Wednesday morning and see what's involved

Financial Statement for October

Loose Plate £2,763.75

GA Envelopes: £432.58

Standing Orders: £5,736.00

Direct Debits: £235.00

Dona: £203.53

Give as you live: £232.80

CAFOD Fast Day: £323.31

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.

Ukraine

What can we do here in the UK, here in Portsmouth Diocese? Donate money to the DEC appeals to allow the relief agencies including Caritas to continue their work with refugees as they arrive in neighbouring countries. Visit the Caritas website for more information on how you can help: www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk Please donate cash rather than collect and send donations-in-kind: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal or www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis

HOMES FOR UKRAINE: Find out more at www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk



Our Newsletter

All news items and forthcoming events to the parish secretary 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. Please contact Sue if you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email.

Mass Intentions

You can email Lisa at the presbytery regarding Mass Offerings for Sacred Heart and indeed any questions or queries about booking Masses: intentions@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk Suggested donation £10.00.

Sacred Heart Website

The new home for Waterloooville parish website can be found at: Please click on the image of the Church from this page: [Parish Pages - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Parish Pages - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))

If you have trouble with this link, type this into your web browser:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parishes/ This new site, under the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, is a work in progress so please bear with us. The old website will eventually be taken down to avoid confusion. If you scroll down to the bottom of the Homepage you will see our live stream link - this is where you can watch Sunday morning Mass at Sacred Heart each week.



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Mass Intentions

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Prayers for the sick

Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Cathy Kennealy, John Nowaczewski, Jorge Reyes, Abby Morris, Becky, Suzi, David Cooper, Liz Parkinson, Lily Jones, Jill Edmeades, Will, Armin, Sue and Robert Lake, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, Mick O'Mahoney, Paul Kessell-Holland, Jynx, Gerard and Maureen Cronin, Fr. Mark, Fred Sims, Lizann De Souza, Josie Whitehouse, Pauline Green, Clara Scannell and her Family, Josie Whitehouse and Gilly Webster

Church Hall Bookings - Please contact Denzil on 07791 776148.

Newsletter

Please email your notices to Clare Hill by Tuesday evening each week clareahill@yahoo.co.uk. These will be included in the newsletter from Sacred Heart and distributed in the usual way, either by email or hard copies in church.

Amare Memoriae

Please remember in your prayers, **Mary Conway** who has died recently. Please pray for her family and friends at this very sad time. Fr. Jeremy will celebrate Mary's Funeral Mass on Thursday 16 November @ 11.30am. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

This Weekend we celebrate Bamenda Sunday 2023

There will be a second collection at Mass this Sunday. You can donate online securely at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php> where gift aid and standing order forms can also be downloaded and bank details can be found for direct transfers. If you already have gift aided your donations to Bamenda, please complete and submit a new form to address the change of name to CDP Bamenda Commission. Thank you for your generosity! Full details can be found later on in this newsletter.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Please join us to remember all those who gave their lives for their country in **Our Act of Remembrance** which will start at **10.55.** and include 2 minutes silence. In order that this may be conducted with due respect, please be seated by **10.50.** It will be followed by Mass. and later, in the afternoon in Church at **4.00.pm 'Abide with me'...**



Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Reading: For the Fallen – *Laurence Binyon*

Hymn: Lord, for tomorrow and its needs

Reading: When You See Millions of the Mouthless Dead – *Charles Hamilton Sorley*

Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Reading: A Sailor's Grave – *Anon*

Instrumental: Spiegel im Spiegel – Cello and Piano

Reading: In Flanders Fields – *John McCrae*

Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended

Choir: Ave Verum

Reading: And Death Shall Have No Dominion – *Dylan Thomas*

Closing Prayers

Hymn: Abide With Me

Next collection day for Hayling Holiday Lunches - Sunday 12th November.

Despite the generosity of so many Parishioners last month, the demands for help in feeding needy families during the recent half term holiday depleted stocks. We are constantly reminded in the shops of Christmas rapidly approaching, which for some families is a time of misery. Please give what you can and place it by the altar opposite the organ.

Burial in St Patrick's Cemetery

Recently there have been a number of requests for loved ones to be buried in our cemetery by people who "like the look of that peaceful place" and wish to be buried on Hayling. Their requests have been denied because, apart from the diminishing space, burial in St Patrick's cemetery has long been conditional on two factors, determined by the then Parish Council.

The regular maintenance work in the Cemetery is expensive, and recent weather conditions have made it more so as both hedges and grass have made exceptional growth. This is funded by the regular giving of our Parishioners. **Thus, it was decided that those who registered as a Parishioner and give regularly to St Patrick's Church are those who may be buried in our cemetery.**

Our most recent census was taken in 2022 and those who completed it then, and since, are considered to be registered Parishioners. If you haven't completed a form, but wish to be considered a Parishioner, please complete one, available opposite the organ, and return it to the Parish House in the envelope provided.

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting on **Tuesday 7th November, 2pm** in the Hall. New members and visitors are always very welcome, come along and see what goes on, you will be made very welcome. Enquiries and further details from Chairperson Mary, tel. 023 9246 3714 or Secretary Pauline, tel. 023 9246 8498. On **Wednesday 8th November** the CWL has its next Bingo afternoon, again in the Hall starting promptly at **2pm**. Come with friends or come alone, a very warm welcome awaits, everyone is very friendly and you won't be alone for long. Home-made cake with the tea/coffee in the interval and a Raffle. If Bingo is not for you, please spread the word. All proceeds to CWL charities which comprise children's charities, care of the homeless and overseas aid (Cafod, ACN and RTU); and especially this year PACT - Prison Advice and Care Trust. As can be seen, the Christmas stock for the Repository has arrived, get your cards/calendars/diaries early, cheaper than the shops. Again, proceeds to CWL charities.

Church cleaning

Despite the inclement weather, there is no need for the church cleaning group to meet on Monday next. However, a thorough Pre-Christmas clean will take place from 1000 on Monday 18th December. Anyone who owns a duster is very welcome to join us to prepare our Church for the Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Sing-a-long is back!

We are a small group who sing in a relaxed and informal atmosphere on Saturdays at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. No experience is necessary and no great commitment, we come together for the joy of singing. We are singing modern Christmas songs which will be sung in the hall after the Mass on 10 December. We would like to welcome you join us or just pop in and see what we are about.

We Need You!

Calling all those who have ever served at Mass and anyone who would like to do so. Currently our Servers are a rare breed, a protected species and when Stephen emigrates to Wales even rarer. Please contact Clare in person or by email on clareahill@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested in being trained or would like to revive your Ministry to enhance our worship.

APF Red Mission Boxes

Would anyone who has a APF red mission box at home please bring it to church and leave it in the side chapel for emptying by the end of October so that a cheque can be sent to the Mill Hill Missionaries. Empty boxes will be left by the side altar for collection.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo, memorial</i>	9.30am 10am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship & Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
VIGIL 31ST SUNDAY IN OT Sunday 5 November THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Reconciliation is available after Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart St Patrick St Patrick Sacred Heart	Jennifer McIntyre, RIP Peter Whiting, RIP Mathewkuty Mannanal, RIP
Monday 6 November <i>Feria [31st Week in OT]</i>	7am 7.30am	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
Tuesday 7 November <i>Feria [31st Week in OT]</i>	10am 10am 3pm 6.30pm 7pm	Rosary Yrs 5 & 6 Mass – ALL WELCOME Service with Burial of Ashes Adoration Mass	St Patrick Sacred Heart St Patrick St Edmund St Edmund	For students & staff Josephine Rogers, RIP
Wednesday 8 November <i>Feria [31st Week in OT]</i>	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	John Beauvoisin, RIP (FM)
Thursday 9 November DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast	10am 11am 11.30am	Funeral Mass Adoration Mass	St Edmund St Patrick St Patrick	Tom Barnard, RIP People of the Parish
Friday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great, memorial</i>	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	John & Fred Trim, RIP
Saturday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours, memorial</i>	9.30am 10am 5.30pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	For all Martins (FM)
VIGIL 32ND SUNDAY IN OT				

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - HAVANT PASTORAL AREA

All Ministers going out to visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion must carry out Safeguarding Training beforehand. They must also hold a DBS certificate – please speak to your Safeguarding Representative, either Janet at St. Patrick's safeguarding.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Liz at Sacred Heart safeguarding@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Janet Lynch, Safeguarding Minister at St. Patrick's, Hayling Island writes...

Julie Minal, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, has kindly offered to carry out face to face safeguarding training for all those working with children and adults at risk in our parish of St Patrick in Hayling Island on **Saturday, 02 December 2023**. Julie and I would like to invite anyone working or volunteering in a relevant role from the other parishes in our Pastoral Area.

In accordance with Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every two years. As some are not too comfortable with carrying out the online training Julie is providing this face to face opportunity and we would be delighted to welcome parishioners from other parishes.

The morning session, from 10:30am till 12noon covers Child Protection and the afternoon, from 01:00pm – 03:30pm looks at working with adults at risk.

Refreshments will be provided for all and, for those who need to attend both sessions, a light lunch will be available.

Easily accessible car parking is available at St Patrick's.

To book a place on this course please email Julie at safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you will need a lunch, please let me know numbers, together with any dietary consideration, at safeguarding.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For anyone who cannot attend the training day at Hayling, there is an alternative date:

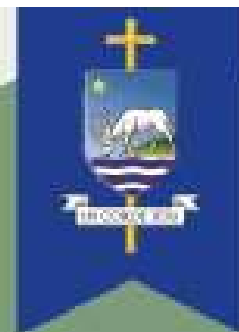
Saturday 13 January 2024 at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville.

10am – 12.30pm Child Protection. 1-3.30pm Working with Adults at Risk. Those that need to come for the full day, please bring a packed lunch.

FACE TO FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING EVENT	
Date:	02 December 2023
Modules and Time:	Arrival at the hall from 10:30am Child Protection 10.45am – 12:30pm Working with adults at risk 01:30pm - 03.30pm.
Location:	St Patricks Church Hall, Manor Road, Hayling Island PO11 0QU
Information:	
This is an opportunity to receive updated training in relation to safeguarding matters, with content being tailored to your roles in ministry.	
The training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with children and/or adults at risk.	
In accordance with the National Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every 2 years.	
If this church is not within your parish, but you are able to make your own way, anyone working or volunteering in a relevant role is most welcome.	
To book your place on this course please email: safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you require lunch, please email safeguarding.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with numbers and any dietary requirements.	

October 2023

Bamenda News



Save The Date!

Please join Bishop Philip at
St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
on Saturday 6 July 2024
for a Mass to Celebrate the
50th Anniversary of the
Bamenda-Portsmouth Link
All welcome!

Annual Overview:

The resilience of the communities in Bamenda is truly inspiring, doing their best to live life positively and fruitfully, despite the socio-political crisis rumbling on. A recent [Amnesty International report](#) on the situation makes hard reading. They are also dealing with inflation, making everyday life and the completion of projects more difficult as prices escalate.

2022-23 has been a year of transition on both sides of the link in Bamenda, Fr Bernardine Nsom has formed a new Committee, having been appointed Chair on his return from the UK in October 2022; in Portsmouth, the incorporation of the Diocese in 2023 led to new Terms of Reference for our Committee and a new way of working. Project applications recently received from Bamenda will be considered at the December Board of Trustees.

In 2024, we shall be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the link, with Archbishop Andrew leading a delegation to Portsmouth for a week in July, visas permitting. Please be as generous as you can this Bamenda Sunday to boost our funds for projects in our Golden Jubilee Year! Every contribution, whatever its size, can help to make a big difference in Bamenda. You can donate in church on Bamenda Sunday or securely via our Donate button on our website ([access here](#)). Standing order and new gift aid forms are also available on our website.

Most importantly, please remember to pray for the intentions of our brothers and sisters in Bamenda; and for the restoration of peace and justice in the Anglophone regions of Cameroon. Many thanks!

Mary Lee, Acting Chair of the Portsmouth Bamenda Committee

Catholic Men Association (CMA)

Last year, we reported on the inauguration of the UK branch of the Catholic Men Association. The CMA is a Lay Apostolate Association whose members model their lives on St Joseph. Their motto is Service, Love & Humility.

A new year of formation began in September 2022 for aspirants, while the dedicated members continued attending meetings/prayer sessions, works of charity and other apostolates. The 2023 retreat was held in the St Bridgettine Convent in North Wales from 17-19 March, during which the rite of election took place for 8 aspirants. The 2023 dedication ceremony took place prayerfully during a joyful Cameroonian Mass in our cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Doyle, the Bishop Emeritus of Northampton. The rite inspired more Catholic men in attendance to take up this journey in the school of St Joseph.



CMA UK is also opening doors to Catholic men of other nationalities and cultures - some of the new members are from other countries such as Nigeria and Zimbabwe. There are now 18 dedicated members and more than 10 aspirants, all committed to active participation in the life of their respective parishes.

Where are they now?

This year, we welcomed Fr Benedict Ndikum to the Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs as Assistant Priest. We thank him for his willingness to serve in the Portsmouth Diocese and hope he enjoys his ministry among us.



Fr Joseph Tangka, whom Archbishop Andrew is also generously sending to us, still awaits the granting of a visa.

Please keep all the Bamenda priests serving in our Diocese in your prayers. Fr Eliph Fru Nde is Parish Priest of Christ the King & St Colman Bitterne and Hedge End & West End; Fr Emmanuel Rinda is Parish Priest of Corpus Christi & St Joseph's, Portsmouth; Fr Gaston Forbah Alah is Parish Priest of English Martyrs, Reading; Fr Anthony Chiatu is Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception, Portsmouth, Southampton. We thank them for their ministry to us.

News From Bamenda:

Project Reports and Updates

Supporting Teenage Single Mothers

The Archdiocesan Family Life Office was given a grant to run a project in 2022 to assist 70 teenage single mothers living in seven parishes in Bafut Deanery. The socio-political crisis and the imposition of spontaneous lockdowns impacted on the timescale of the delivery of the project, but it was successfully completed in November 2022 with the help of the members of the Family Apostolate Commission already operating in the Bafut Deanery and with the involvement of the Parish Priests with 100% attendance of participants recorded at all workshops and Masses.

The mothers attended six group/individual counselling sessions, covering: challenges for a single mother and how to overcome them; positive parenting; moral and spiritual life of a single mother; the participation of teenage single mothers in the life of the Church; and the creation of support groups in parishes. Three Masses were celebrated, with five sessions for spiritual direction. Thirty of the mothers were selected to undergo training on the production of 'improved powder soap', which they completed successfully. Materials were provided to enable 26 of them to continue with the production and sale of powder soap. Four of them were given funding to help them complete their hairdressing and dressmaking training, which they had already started before the project. The mothers were encouraged to meet regularly to support each other. Many of them reported that the counselling and spiritual direction sessions had influenced changes in their lifestyle. The support groups continue in the parishes and more mothers are registering.

Thank you for your donations enabling this important work to be undertaken!

PPE for Health Personnel Dealing with Covid-19

Dr Promise Aseh Munteh, the Health Co-ordinator of Catholic Health Services in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, submitted his report on the use and effect of the funding we had sent to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health personnel dealing with Covid 19 at the Catholic Health Centres and Hospitals throughout the Archdiocese.

The following supplies were purchased: medical face masks, examination gloves, aprons, hats, thermal flashes, hand sanitisers and hospital disinfectant.

Dr Promise reported that the incidence of Covid 19 infection among health personnel decreased after the provision of PPE, which was much appreciated by the staff. The PPE gave them the confidence to treat patients with Covid. Following the project, they have sensitised both health personnel and the general public about steps to take to reduce the risk of contracting Covid 19.



Update from the Justice & Peace Commission



Last year, we funded a project to increase awareness of gender-based violence and how to combat it. Following the implementation of the programme, the Justice & Peace Commission has sadly received and managed 47 cases of gender-based violence in the first half of 2023. Sensitisation to the issue continues locally in communities.

In other work, the Commission has carried out prison monitoring visits and human rights monitoring and reporting. On 6 September, a new office for the Commission was opened in Mankon.

Youth Ministry Update

Youth Ministry activities continue to receive enormous support from the youth of the Archdiocese! There are opportunities at deanery and diocesan level to be involved in a variety of spiritual, social and physical activities from retreats, pilgrimages, spiritual formation, deanery rallies and summer camps to the Archbishop's Champions' League.



Spotlight on Ntenefor Mission Station:

When Fr Bernardine Nsom returned to Bamenda in October 2022, after serving us in the Portsmouth Diocese for nine years, Archbishop Andrew sent him to Ntenefor Mission Station to become Parish Priest of the new Parish of St Felix.

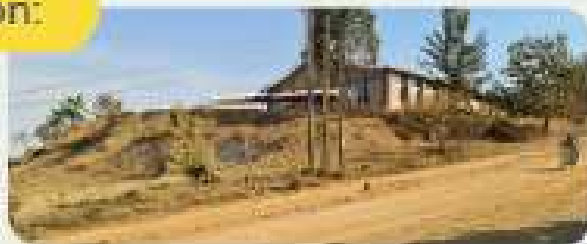
Before the Anglophone crisis, Ntenefor Mission Station was a rocky outcrop in a rural area on the outskirts of Bamenda town. A Catholic primary school, St Felix School, was built there with a capacity for 300 children.



Since the crisis began, the kidnapping and killing of people, particularly business people, civil servants and government officials, led to many people abandoning their homes and offices in other parts of the North-West Province and seeking refuge in Bamenda town, resulting in overcrowding. Many Internally Displaced People (IDPs) gravitated to the area of the Ntenefor Mission Station. With no end of the crisis in sight, the IDPs started to build homes in the neighbourhood and the population has risen to over 4,000, of whom 1,300+ are Catholics. This has in turn led to a significant rise in the primary school roll to 630, over double the roll for which the school was built, resulting in very crowded classrooms – 75 children in the nursery class and 87 Primary children in one classroom!

The teachers and pupils have been soldiering on and it is hoped that the school will be rebuilt or extended.

Archbishop Andrew visited in December 2022 to celebrate the official opening of St Felix Parish. There are daily Masses in the main parish church and two Masses on Sunday with over 1,200 Mass attendance.



Soon after arriving in the parish, Fr Bernardine started inviting students in his parish who were attending local public and private colleges which are not Catholic, to come to the Church for a Mass and to give him the opportunity to get to know them and discover how the parish could assist them as part of the Catholic family of Ntenefor. There was a good response with 130 attending! Many of them were IDPs.

The parish has been pulling together and developing plans for the long-term future of the site. There is no presbytery, so Fr Bernardine has been living in a house about two miles away from the church and the school, which has been generously provided for him by a friend until a presbytery can be built. Plans have been drawn up to build a presbytery, a parish hall, a larger school, some low-cost houses for rental, some shops, and offices for rental, which will combine to generate an income for the parish in the future, helping it to become self-reliant. There is also a need for toilets in the main parish church.

There is an acute water shortage in Bamenda – the water facility has not been updated and the town's population keeps increasing. Poor government policies on the environment in the past have resulted in deforestation, which has reduced the amount of water going into the soil. Most rainwater is lost through run-offs. Ntenefor is hilly and the water pressure is low. During the dry season, there is very little or no water. Wells and boreholes are needed.



Since the end of the last dry season, the parish has cleared the tough grass from around the site, tilled and levelled the ground to enable the planting of trees and turf to improve the environment and enable rainwater to be absorbed into the ground rather than running off.

Focus on Fundraising:

In the last financial year ending 31 August 2023, our main source of income remained our annual Bamenda Sunday Appeal. Thank you for your generous donations, whether they were through a standing order or the second collection in your parish or via our Give As You Live page, which can be accessed via our website at www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php.

We would like to thank the Jersey Catechist Circle for their continued generosity, raising £2,098 for Bamenda this year from their Circle. Funds were also raised across the Diocese during the year in a number of ways, which might give YOUR community some ideas for 2023-24:

Bake Sale in Guernsey

Last year, Bamenda Sunday coincided with a cake sale arranged by the pupils of St Mary & St Michael Primary School to raise funds for their school after the Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Guernsey.

However, after they heard Liz Dene, a member of the Portsmouth Bamenda Committee, give the Bamenda Sunday Appeal and how just £30 would pay school fees for a pupil at a rural primary school for a year in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, they asked their head teacher, Helen Willetts, if the money they'd raised, £103.02, could be sent to Bamenda instead to pay the school fees for 3 primary school children to attend school - many thanks for their generosity and inspiring example of selflessness!



Learning about Bamenda Life

St Edmund's Catholic Secondary School, Portsmouth is twinned with St John Paul II Comprehensive College (JOPACC), Wum. Every academic year, Year 8 in St Edmund's learns about Catholic Social Teaching in their RE lessons and is taught about their sister-school in Bamenda. Students had no idea what the day would hold for them but arrived enthusiastic and willing to support in any way they could. They had been encouraged to wear a colour to represent the Green, Red and Yellow of the Cameroon Flag to show their support.

During the day, students completed activities - studying Bamenda, learning about the difficulties the people face daily and the life they live. Students designed the city of Bamenda, considering amenities they would include within a set budget, focusing on education, clean water and safe homes. They produced excellent cities and also wrote postcards for the children of one of the local schools.

Students spent the last hour running laps of the school playground to raise money from sponsorships of how far they could go. As a year group, they raised £412.21 - a great effort! St Edmund's looks forward to continuing to support JOPACC every year at school!

"Walk to Bamenda!"

We are also grateful to our Guernsey Community for another great fundraising initiative, engaging parishioners of all ages!

When Fr Gaston was an Assistant Priest in Guernsey, he promoted consideration of Laudato Si initiatives, drawing to the attention of parishioners the plight of communities in Bamenda affected by deforestation and without access to a clean water supply, encouraging them to consider raising money for a borehole to provide a water source for portable water on the Ntenefor Mission Station, described overleaf.

In Lent 2023, Guernsey parishioners undertook a sponsored walk around the island, equivalent to walking to Bamenda! This amazing effort raised £10,200 to be split equally between Bamenda to support their brothers and sisters at St Felix Parish, Ntenefor, and CAFOD. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all the participants, including Fr Inna, Assistant Priest, who raised some £3,000 in sponsorship!



Challoner Celebrates Diversity 2023!

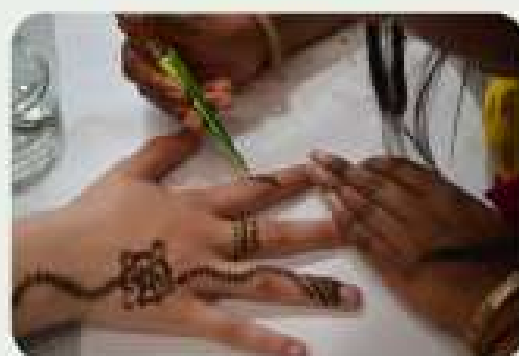
Mrs Teresa Cripps, Chaplain at Bishop Challoner School, Basingstoke writes:

"It was a joy and a privilege to be part of our into evening celebration of our Diversity superpowers here at Bishop Challoner on the 15th June. From amazing cultural dresses and dances, to henna, Polish crafts and inspiring spoken words – it was a day to remember and hold onto. Songs and dances from around the world, plus music on the piano and even a chance to vote for the Best British Biscuit; it was all there. In the evening, we had the additional joy of a variety of world foods, all eagerly enjoyed by students and families alike. A huge thank you to all who made this possible!"

Some of the day's activities allowed students to raise much-needed funds for our sister-school, St Bede's College in Ashing Kom, totalling £753.

For the first time at Bishop Challoner, we held a cultural runway, which involved anyone aligned with a different nation joining with others to walk (accompanied by a cultural song of their choice) across the red carpet, onto the stage and off again. A number of staff found it an incredibly moving experience to see the level of support all students expressed to one another as over 20 nations represented came forward, with their flags to join the runway. Our new Diversity Student Leaders look forward to carrying on this great experience across the next academic year.

How wonderful and pleasant it is when people live together in harmony! – Psalm 133: 1



Donations and Legacies:

Please consider remembering the CDP Bamenda Commission in your will or as a charity for tribute donations instead of flowers at your funeral. Any sum can make a real difference to the life of someone in Bamenda! We are very grateful to Michael Dene MBE, formerly a Commissioner on Guernsey's Overseas Aid & Development Commission, who died on 5 January 2023 and generously gave a bequest of £10,000.

May he rest in peace.

Contact the Bamenda Portsmouth Committee:

If you have any queries or ideas for developing or celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda or if you are interested in serving on the Portsmouth Bamenda Committee, please email:

Acting Chair, Mary Lee: mlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Treasurer, Denis Murtagh: dmurtagh@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Committee contacts are listed on the Contact page of our website:
www.bamendaandportsmouth.com



St Edmund's Church, Napier Road, Horndean

Christmas Market

Craft Stalls

**BOTTLE
STALL**

Handmade
Christmas
decorations

*Local author
book signing*

Everyone welcome
— tell your friends
— come and see

**Book
Stall**

Textiles &
Knitted Items

**Jewellery
& Gifts**

Homemade
Cakes & Preserves

Christmas Cafe

Saturday 18th November

2pm—5pm

Raffle

Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Peter the Apostle,
356 London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR

Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December 10am-2pm

Supporting local traders and crafters:
Gift stalls, Bottle Tombola & Grand Raffle
And many more...

Father Christmas
will be visiting too,
with a small free gift
for every child

+ Free children's activities!

Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Peter the Apostle

Invite you to

A Candlelit Carol Concert

With the Denmead Brass Band

Monday 18th December @ 6.30pm

Readings & Carols followed by Mulled Wine

& Mince Pies In the parish centre

Money raised from the evening will go to

church funds and Care & Share

Job Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities

IT TECHNICIAN

Permanent Full time, 35 hours per week.

Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA

Salary: £22,000 per annum depending on skills and experience.

Do you have 1 year or more of experience within IT support, delivering high-quality support to customers within service level agreements and achieving high satisfaction rates? Do you want to use this experience and be part of a small team delivering support to over 750 users across 87 different sites? Do you have the skills to problem solve effectively whilst helping develop and implement an IT strategy throughout an organisation? If so, then we have a fantastic opportunity for you.

The IT Technician will play a key part in the development and implementation of the Diocesan IT Parish Blueprint which aims to standardise hardware, software, and security as we work towards our Cyber Essentials Plus Accreditation. The post-holder will be the lead technician for the IT Support Helpdesk supporting users both remotely and visiting sites when required.

You will be joining a busy team at an exciting time. The team are responsible for ensuring high quality IT support and services are delivered across the Diocese. We're looking for a talented individual who is passionate about supporting transformational change in IT. You will have at least 1 year of experience within IT support and be confident operating independently and work closely with important external and internal stakeholders.

At a time of ambitious IT development within the Diocese of Portsmouth, this is a brilliant opportunity for someone to grow their skills and knowledge and develop their career in IT.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk:

For an informal chat about the role please contact our IT Manager: itmanager@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing Date: 6 November 2023 Interview Date: 15 November 2023

SCHOOLS ESTATES MANAGER

Full time – 37 hours per week, usually worked over 5 days

Based in Portsmouth with travel required

Salary: £50,000 to £60,000 per annum depending on experience

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is responsible for Estate Support for 55 schools across the geography of the Diocese, which includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Wight.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Schools Estates Manager who will have professional responsibility for:

- Strategic Estate Management, including prioritisation of resources.
- Estate Maintenance and Project Management
- Health and Safety related to School Estate
- Environmental sustainability.

You will work closely with our Diocesan Education team, School Business managers and key senior leaders to deliver an ambitious agenda.

The office is based in Portsmouth, but you will be required to travel to sites throughout a designated area as far as Berkshire, South Oxford and the Channel Islands as required.

Our ideal candidate will be an experienced building surveyor who has preferably worked in schools or large institutions.

A professional qualification with either RICS or CIOB is preferred but not essential

You will relate well to people at all levels across the organisation and will be experienced in developing reports and presentations to assist with formal decision making.

To arrange an informal discussion about the role or request full job description and details of how to apply please contact: andy@pp-recruitment.com

HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER (H&S)

Hours: 37 Hours per week Full time. It is expected that the postholder will work flexibly to meet the demands of the role.

Salary:	This role attracts a remuneration package of between £30,000 to £35,000 per annum (depending on relevant experience)
Accountable to:	Director of Estates
Reports to:	Director of Estates
Work Base:	St Edmunds House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth

Outline of Role

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an outstanding, experienced Health and Safety(H&S) professional to co-ordinate all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese, supporting parishes to provide safe places for all who minister, work and worship.

We are looking for someone who can thrive in a busy, complex environment. IT literate with a strong attention to detail and the tenacity to drive sustainable change. You will be an exceptional communicator who can quickly develop strong relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. Fundamentally, too, you will be passionate about playing your part in realising our vision of Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church.

You will have the NEBOSH Certificate and fire safety experience or qualifications, and a significant interest in property and facilities management, ideally also with experience of working in the charitable sector.

This is a key role assisting Trustees, Diocesan Curia and Parishes in meeting their statutory obligations for H&S matters at work, including statutory training and reporting and acting as the Diocesan Competent Person.

For job description and details of how to apply please contact Pauline Clarke, Diocese of Portsmouth Tel: 02394 216493 email: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please note that a covering letter must be provided with your application.

Closing date for applications: Friday 10 November 2023
