

## SECOND SUNDAY of Year A 15th January 2023

<u>The Sunday Gospel</u> This weekend we are back with John the Baptist, calling people to repent of their sins and pointing them towards Jesus. For centuries the Jewish people had looked for a Messiah who would release them, free them and change their lives. They had built up expectations. But when Jesus came, he confounded them: he quickly made the point that he had come as one who served, not someone lording it over others. There was no pomp or display of power but a gentle and humble approach to the needs of individuals. This was the root cause of his rejection by those in authority: he didn't 'fit the mould', he didn't behave and act as they expected, they couldn't and wouldn't accept him.

How often do we have preconceptions and expectations of others which are not fulfilled? Before getting to know someone, it can be tempting to have in mind what we expect. Sometimes we are pleasantly surprised – on other occasions, disappointed. But perhaps we could make a decision to try and be more open, more ready to listen, keen to accept others as we find them – and as God has made them. As John the Baptist witnessed the arrival on the scene of Jesus, he directed people to follow him, even though he did not fit everything they expected of the Messiah. A good number couldn't cope with that – and it was their loss.

I shall be away from this Sunday evening until mid-February. During that period, Father Hugh and the Community have very kindly offered to cover the Masses and any emergencies which require a priest. I am most grateful for their support. *Father John* 

<u>CHANGE TO MASS TIME</u>. From 18th January 2023, Mass on Wednesday will be at 9.00am every week not 10.00am (all through the year not just school term time).

<u>CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE</u> 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.' All are welcome to each service. We will be hosting CTIB on Friday 27th January, led by Deacon Roger Carr-Jones. We will begin at 12 noon in the Church. The service will be about 30 minutes and then we invite you to a light lunch of soup and roll in the Parish Centre.

Monday 23rd January at St James Tuesday 24th January at St Andrew's Wednesday 25th January at St George's Thursday 26th January at Rosebery Park Friday 27th January at Corpus Christi

**<u>VOCATIONS:</u>** "To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life?

Contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully, we pray to the Lord.



**<u>POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY:</u>** For educators We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU HELP? During Lent, on Fridays, we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, so please hand in your name and dates you can do (24th Feb to April 7th - Good Friday (inc)) to the Parish Office.

ATIONS of the CROSS On Fridays in Lent there will be mass at 7.30pm after Stations.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take place on 22nd January at 10.00am Sunday mass. As a general guideline this Liturgy is for children between 4 years and 7 years of age. Parents please remember to sign in.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS have now restarted. Normal collections are at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. Also Friday mornings collections - 10.30-11.30am, at side entrance to the Parish Hall, in St James's Square. Thank you for all your generous contributions to those in need.



**INTERNATIONAL CARE NETWORK** are looking for donations of Men's clothing. "We are currently collecting men's clothing donations for asylum seekers and refugees in our local area who are in need. We are in search of: Shoes/Sandals; Tracksuits/Pants; Underwear/socks; Winter clothing (Hats/Beanies/Gloves/ Scarfs); Jackets/Jumpers/Sweaters.

If you have any of the above (in good or reasonable condition) please drop off at the ICN office at 200 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AS, between 9.15-16.30 Monday-Friday. Donations all need to be freshly washed, unless brand new. Underwear and socks must be new and unused. We are so grateful for the support shown by this community to us and those we serve!" If you are unable to take your donation there, please contact Kevin on 01202 429034, who may be able to help.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR CAFOD IN 2022 Many thanks for your support for CAFOD's work last year especially for our emergency appeals- Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and Pakistan Flood Appeal. Your donations make a huge difference to the communities that we work with around the world. Have you considered using your time and skills to volunteer for CAFOD? Please contact Jo for information on our volunteering opportunities on: jlewry@Cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447

VACANCY PART TIME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR in Our Lady Queen of Peace, SOUTHBOURNE, to provide a full, confidential, administrative, book-keeping and database support to the Parish and the Parish Priest.

Part time Parish Administrator – 12 hours per week Salary: £12.50 per hour

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 20th January 2023 For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FLAME IS BACK!! The largest youth gathering of Catholics, Flame is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 4th March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!'. All young people who are in at least year 9, so around 14, are invited to join with other young Catholic from around the UK at this event. There will be loud music, bright lights, and moments of stillness. Any questions you have about the event can be answered by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phoning 07780 221686.

HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS VACANCY Full time role, based in Portsmouth Salary: £50,000-£55,000 p/a. An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth as the Head of Communications in a full-time permanent role. The post holder will manage a small team and work closely with the Bishop, clergy, and senior lay staff, providing advice and support as well as hands-on delivery of creative and high-quality content.

HEAD OF FUNDRAISING VACANCY Full time role, based in Portsmouth Salary: £50,000-£55,000 p/a The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is spread across five counties on England's South Coast, and the Channel Islands. Working from our 87 parishes and over 130 churches we are the local Church for the whole of Hampshire, Berkshire, the Isle of Wight, Jersey, and the Bailiwick of Guernsey as well as the Southern Part of Oxfordshire and the Eastern part of Dorset. Due to some restructuring, an exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese as Head of Fundraising.

## MORE DESCRIPTIONS ON BOTH JOBS ON THE NOTICEBOARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

The following applies to BOTH vacancies: For Job Descriptions & details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For an informal discussion, please contact Heather Hauschild hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please apply with CV and a written submission 350- 500 words on why you believe you meet the person specification. Applications to be submitted to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deadline for completed applications: Friday 27 January 2023 Interviews will be held in February dates to be notified. Please note you will be asked to meet key stakeholders individually before a presentation and panel interview.

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