

Dear All,

Recently, a number of parishioners have asked me when I actually retire from active ministry. I have been touched by their sadness on learning that, under Canon Law, I have to tender my resignation to the Bishop on my 75th birthday. This occurs next June, so I am now preparing for this, and will be gradually stepping back from parish matters to ensure, with the assistance of Dan, all things are in order for any future incumbent. I shall keep you in touch as far as possible. Please keep me in your prayers, as retirement (alongside bereavement and divorce) are considered major areas of stress for many people. And I shall be sorry to leave as Parish Priest.

Welcome to Father Paul Nwune

It was good to learn last week that Father Paul will be coming to assist Father John Lee at Saint Bede's Church in September. I have known Paul for several years as a result of my visits to the now closed seminary of Saint John, near Guildford, where he studied. He was ordained in July 2021, and is based at our Cathedral in Portsmouth at present.

Queenie Gomes

I spoke with her daughter this morning to see how she was. It was good to speak with Queenie at the "Mingle" on Wednesday, however her daughter now informs me that she is felling unwell & would appreciate your prayers.

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

We return to our normal three Masses this weekend:

Saturday 20th July: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church
Sunday 21st July: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church
Sunday 21st July: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

Crosslink appeal

Crosslink is a Tadley based voluntary care group, formed in 1988, run on a Christian ethos and under the umbrella of CTAT. There is a need for more volunteers to be involved in their work. There will be an appeal at our weekend Masses in Tadley on 27th & 28th July. Our thanks to Andrew Thompson who approached me last year about this, and to Penny O'Bee for finalising details after my recent break. Both will be involved in the appeal.

Saint Michael's Hospice thanks!

There is a letter on our Tadley noticeboard from the Hospice thanking Mary Lee and the Archangel group for the donation of £364.70 raised by their involvement in the June Tadley Fete on the Green.

Only 16% of the funding for the Hospice comes from the NHS, and it relies "on the generosity of donors like you to raise the additional £15,000 per day to keep our services running.... Your donation could cover the cost of 18 hours of nursing care, and we simply couldn't do it without you!"

The Hospice expresses its thanks to all involved

Not available!

Due to Diocesan matters & yet another visit to the dentist, I shall generally not be available on the following two days next week:

Tuesday - 23rd July

Wednesday - 24th July

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Sunday 28th July - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Attending to our grandparents and the elderly is not only a sign of gratitude and affection, but a necessity in the construction of a more human and fraternal society. The Holy Father invites us to recognise their value and to do so permanently, not just occasionally. It is not a matter of celebrating an anniversary once a year, but of making the elderly feel like an integral part of our Christian family and our common history. The successive generations of elderly people must be taken seriously, and the Church must give them appropriate pastoral attention.

“On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say “I will not abandon you”, and to set out on a different path”.

REMINDER - Basingstoke Foodbank Appeal

The school summer holidays are almost upon us & the Foodbank has sent a message to all churches. Stocks are running low on certain items that are needed for the families they'll be supporting through the hols. As a reminder, these are families who have been referred to the Foodbank by schools, who might be genuinely struggling to make ends meet when the kids are home for the summer hols.

Please kindly consider donating any of the following: *Feel free to pop items into our permanent crates in your church, or pop over to visit our warehouse at Tempus Business Units 63-64, Houndmills, Basingstoke, RG21 6XG weekdays.*

- TINNED FRUIT 🍓
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE 🥤
- DEODORANT 🚽
- MILK POWDER 🥛
- UHT MILK 🥛
- LOO ROLL 🧻
- HOT AND COLD DESSERTS 🍰
(E.G. JELLY, SPONGE PUDDING, ANGEL DELIGHT)
- SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER 🧴

PARTICULARLY LOW STOCK LEVELS FOR:

- COFFEE ☕
- SAVOURY SPREADS 🍞 (MARMITE, PEANUT BUTTER, MEAT PASTE)
- SAVOURY SNACKS/CRISPS 🍟
- NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND ABOVE 🍼
- SQUASH 🍊

FINAL REMINDER: Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7TH September at 2pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish office, so that Dan can provide you with a printed form.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you also provide a *COPY* of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you access the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a *COPY* along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX – Please mark envelopes: Significant Wedding Mass.

Parish Walk &/or Tea & Cake - Sunday 18 August

The Archangels Social Group is organising a Parish Walk on Sunday 18 August to include a stop at St Mary the Virgin Church, Silchester, RG7 2HH for tea and cake! If you are interested in either joining the walk or meeting up with other parishioners for tea and cake at this Grade 1 listed church, please let Pauline Penfold (07749 409920) or Mary Lee (07821 254100) know. Timings and details of walk/tea stop to be confirmed.

If you can't make 18 August, but are interested in visiting the church, they are serving tea and cake between 2pm and 4.30pm every Saturday and Sunday in August - all proceeds to support the work of MAF, the world's largest humanitarian air operator. However, please do join us on 18 August if you can!

Adoremus

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has organised a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress called *Adoremus* to be held over the weekend of Saturday 14th September 2024.

The day at St. Mary's College, Oscott is an opportunity for the whole Church in England and Wales to renew and deepen its love for the Holy Eucharist. Bishops, clergy and people from all over the country will be gathering. St Mary's College, Oscott was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation and this time in 2024 the Eucharistic Procession will lead the Church in preparation for the Jubilee Year.

I'm hoping to arrange Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Parish to coincide with the events at Oscott that weekend. More details in future Newsletters.

Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

Further reading

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

Caritas Portsmouth Newsletter:

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

Best wishes to you all & an enjoyable weekend whilst the sun shines & the BBC Proms begin!

Father Patrick.

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