

Dear all,

Father Patrick is scheduled to return to the Presbytery on Monday 30th October.

REMINDER: Visit of Father Brian Oswald, MHM

This weekend of 28th/29th October, there will be a special Missio appeal in the parish, promoting the work of this important missionary organisation of the Catholic Church. Missio is the Pope's charity for worldwide mission and through the Red Boxes we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via direct debit.

The priest giving the appeal is Father Brian Oswald & he will be celebrating all three Masses this weekend. He will be accompanied by Deacon Tony Darroch & my sincere thanks to Deacon Tony for kindly agreeing to assist with this & for his support behind the scenes with the church-centric logistics. In addition, I would also like to thank all the parishioners who have kindly assisted me by patiently answering all my questions & guiding me in the right directions & of course Denis & Kath Murtagh for providing Father Brian with accommodation.

Weekend Mass arrangements:

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| Saturday 28 th October: | 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church |
| Sunday 29 th October: | 9.00am at St. Michael's Church |
| Sunday 29 th October: | 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church |

ATTENTION ST. OSWALD'S PARISHIONERS

Mass at St. Oswald's will go ahead at the usual time of 11.00am

The heating is working & continues to be monitored by Andy Hunneman. Sincere thanks for his on-going assistance.

ADVANCE NOTICE: All Saints Day - 1st November

Mass times will be as follows:

11.00am at St. Oswald's Church
7.00pm at St. Michael's Church

ADVANCE NOTICE: Bamenda Sunday - 5th November

We shall be celebrating Bamenda Sunday in the Diocese on 5th November, 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 the annual Bamenda News for an update, which can be accessed on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/index.php>

Donations can be made via the parish second collection 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!

REMINDER: First Holy Communion 2024 – Applications invited

Father Patrick would like to know by **this Sunday the 29th of October** the names of all those who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2024.

Candidates must be aged 8 years by the end of August (at least year 3 of school) and be regular Church attendees. Please provide the following details in a sealed envelope:

NAME OF CANDIDATE.

ADDRESS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER.

EMAIL ADDRESS.

DATE OF BIRTH.

NAMES OF PARENTS.

Sister Monica

Gerry Penfold shared with us the sad news that Sister Monica's brother, Ephraim, had died suddenly. Please pray for his soul and for Sister Monica and her mother at this distressing time. The Mass Intention at the 9.00am Mass in St. Michael's will be for the repose of his soul.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Knock 2023

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls with the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en-suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

Diocesan Vacancies

Schools Estates Manager - Please note there is no closing date on this role.

Health and Safety Officer - Closing date of Friday 10 November 2023.

For these & other vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

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/>

Enjoy your weekend,

Dan.

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