Dear All,

Father Patrick returns!

Father Patrick will be back from holiday this weekend and will celebrate both Sunday Masses.

However, please note....

There will be no Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Michael's this weekend 6th July AND next weekend 13th July.

Father Patrick will be away at Portsmouth Cathedral this Saturday and the following Saturday.

He expresses his thanks to Ben Rowden for offering him a lift this Saturday to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of our Diocesan links with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Archbishop Andrew of Bamenda will be celebrating with Bishop Philip and clergy from our Diocese and the Archdiocese at 11:00 AM Mass, followed by various events until evening prayer at 4:00 PM. A special thanks to Mary Lee and Denis Murtagh of our Parish, who have helped facilitate this important event, as members of the Bamenda Committee.

The following Saturday there will be Ordinations to the Priesthood at our Cathedral at 11:00 AM. Ambrose Chou and Tom Hiney should be in our prayers over the coming days as they prepare to become members of The Ministerial Priesthood, having already received the Diaconate in their priestly journey. Father Patrick knows them both, as does Roy Singh, who has kindly offered him a lift to this important celebration.

Days when Father Patrick will generally not be available

Father Patrick is having continuing dental treatment on **Tuesday 9th July** for two broken teeth and will be attending the Diocesan meeting for clergy on Charity Law and Finance at the Apollo Hotel, Basingstoke on **Thursday 11th July**.

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Sunday 7th July: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church Sunday 7th July: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

No Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Michael's

Advance Notice: Next weekend 13th / 14th July, there will be a Mandatory Second Collection at all Masses for Stella Maris.

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THIS SUNDAY: Tadley Remembers

On behalf of Churches Together around Tadley (CTAT) & Tadley Town Council, all are invited to attend a memorial service this Sunday 7 July at 3pm, at Tadley Cemetery, Church Road, Tadley RG26 3AU. At the service we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who we have loved and lost, no matter how long ago or how recently.

REMINDER: Parish Canal Boat Trip - Sunday 21st July

For all those who have booked places on this trip, please kindly make your payment now to Pauline Penfold or Mary Lee.

For all those who think they might have now "missed the boat" (pun intended!), there are still **4 places up for grabs**! To book, please call Pauline on 07749 409920 or Mary on 07821 254100 or email Mary at mlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The trip will be from from Newbury Wharf, RG14 5AS along the Kennet & Avon Canal, depart at 4 pm, so meet at the Wharf at 3.45 pm.

There are 2 steps up and then 5 "rather steep" steps down to access the boat, which has a licensed bar and a toilet onboard. The trip usually lasts about 75 mins, but there can be delays if the canal is busy. Cost: Adults £10, Children £5. We suggest we gather for a bring-your-own picnic in Victoria Park, Newbury beforehand!

Calling all Ladies!

As mentioned in our Newsletter a couple of weeks ago, Pam Darroch and other ladies from St Michael's church are keen to restart the **CTAT Ladies' Breakfast**. It is proposed that this will take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the URC Immanuel Centre. The proposal is to offer fellowship, a non-cooked breakfast of cereal, croissants and fruit with tea/coffee, followed by a speaker giving a talk on a topic of interest. The whole event would last about 2 hours and would be open to ladies from all CTAT churches and from none - it will be open to all-comers.

If you have the "appetite" (pun intended, once again!!) to attend, please contact Pam Darroch on: torrisdale_pam@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07883 059529 to register an interest in attending and to advise your preference for a start time: 9am or 9.30am or 10am.

Also, volunteers will be needed to create a helpers' rota to help with set up, breakfast service and clearing up, so please also let Pam know if you would be willing to help occasionally.

REMINDER: CTAT Event - Steve Legg Tricks and Laughs BBQ, & Live music

Next Saturday 13th July Pamber Heath Memorial Hall 6-9pm. Adults £10, Children £5, all ages welcome. Tickets via https://bccs.churchsuite.com/events/ydyomqub Or call 07932247363
Profits to support youth and children's work.

<u>ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat – 27th July – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: Going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer</u> Growing in Holiness is the work of God's grace, but we can open ourselves to receiving His grace through praise, worship, repentance, prayer, love, and the Sacraments. As we put Jesus at the centre of our lives and love him with our whole selves - mind, body, emotions and spirit - we become "Partakers in the divine nature." (CCC 1721). The Holy Spirit changes us and conforms us to Christ so that we can move in His authority and power.

On July 27th there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat that will explore this in more depth. This meeting on Zoom is hosted by "ADoRE" one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from **Friday 23rd August - Monday 26th August 2024** in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire.

This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith! The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from www.youth2000.org/events. Tickets are also available for families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.

FINAL REMINDER - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Philip warmly invites us all to join him & fellow pilgrims for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year's pilgrimage is from **Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July 2024**.

Departing from London Gatwick Airport on Monday 22nd July. Accommodation will be close to the Sanctuary at the four-star Hotel La Solitude which enjoys panoramic views of the upper town and the Pyrenees. The hotel boasts en-suite rooms with tea and coffee-making facilities and a comfortable restaurant with a varied and plentiful menu. The itinerary which takes full advantage of all that Lourdes has to offer, which includes participation in all the usual Pilgrimage activities.

If you would like to know more about the Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or click here for a booking form.

Calling the young People of our Diocese: Why not join our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! Youth pilgrims are an essential part of this Pilgrimage. Watch the promotional video by clicking here & scrolling to the bottom of the page to give you a flavour of what it is like to take part. If you would like to know more, contact: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk - Funding potentially available to assist with costs.

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,

Dan (on behalf of Father Patrick).

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