

## **St Patrick's (Woolston, SO19 9BD) & Annunciation (Netley, SO31 5AF) Parishes**

Stella Maris Deanery, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, Registered Charity 1199568

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Safeguarding Minister: Colleen Smith (023 8044 8671)

**For Third Sunday of Easter through to the Seventh week of Easter**

**FIVE WEEK NEWSLETTER: Friday 2nd May 2025 to Friday 6th June 2025**

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

**6pm Saturday Vigil Mass St Patrick's - Woolston**

**9am Sunday Mass Annunciation Church - Netley**

**11am Sunday Mass St Patrick's - Woolston**

**(Children's Mass on 4th May & 1st June)**

### **CONFESSION TIMES**

**Saturday 5pm -5.40pm in St Patrick's – Woolston**

**By appointment in Netley via the Parish Office**

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

#### **CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

##### **WEEKEND OF 10th/11th May**

The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood. Each seminarian participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. Ref for online giving via parish bank accounts is: **CTF**

#### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **NETWORK**

##### **WEEKEND OF 31st May/1st June**

This collection goes towards funding the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Please help the CCN to promote the Good News through the media. Ref for online giving via parish bank accounts is: **CCN**

#### **DAY FOR LIFE**

##### **WEEKEND OF 14th/15th June**

More info in the next newsletter

### **WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Week beginning 5th May**

*Monday Rosary 1.30pm St Patrick's Church*

**Sorry, No Week Day Masses or Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Week beginning 12th May**

*Monday Rosary at 1.30pm St Patrick's*

**Sorry, No Week Day Masses or Liturgy of the Word**

**Wednesday 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at**

**St Patrick's Church**

#### **Week beginning 19th May**

*Monday Rosary at 1.30pm St Patrick's*

**Tuesday 9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley**

**Wednesday 9.30am St Patrick's Church, Woolston  
with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am**

**Thursday 9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley**

#### **Week beginning 26th May**

*Monday Rosary at 1.30pm St Patrick's*

**Tuesday 9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley**

#### **ASCENSION MASSES**

**Vigil Mass for the Ascension Wednesday 7.30pm**

**St Patrick's Church, Woolston**

**Day Mass for the Ascension Thursday 9.30am**

**Annunciation Church, Netley**

#### **Week beginning 2nd June**

*Monday Rosary at 1.30pm St Patrick's*

**Tuesday 9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley**

**Wednesday 9.30am St Patrick's Church, Woolston  
with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am**

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## Easter Egg Appeal 2025

### **Stella Maris (Apostle Ship of the Sea)**

On behalf of seafarers visiting Southampton ports, Stella Maris (A.O.S.), wish to say an Enormous Thank You to the parishioners of St Patricks and Annunciation parishes for your fantastic response to the Easter Egg Appeal. You contributed an amazing **292 Easter Eggs** this year. What a wonderful response. More remarkable as the cost of chocolate has increased by 25% from last year on top of the 20% increase from the year before! The Port Chaplains have been distributing them to ships calling at Southampton during Holy Week and Easter and they thank the wonderfully generous members of at St Patricks & Annunciation Parishes. God Bless you all, Irene & Mary our AoS Reps

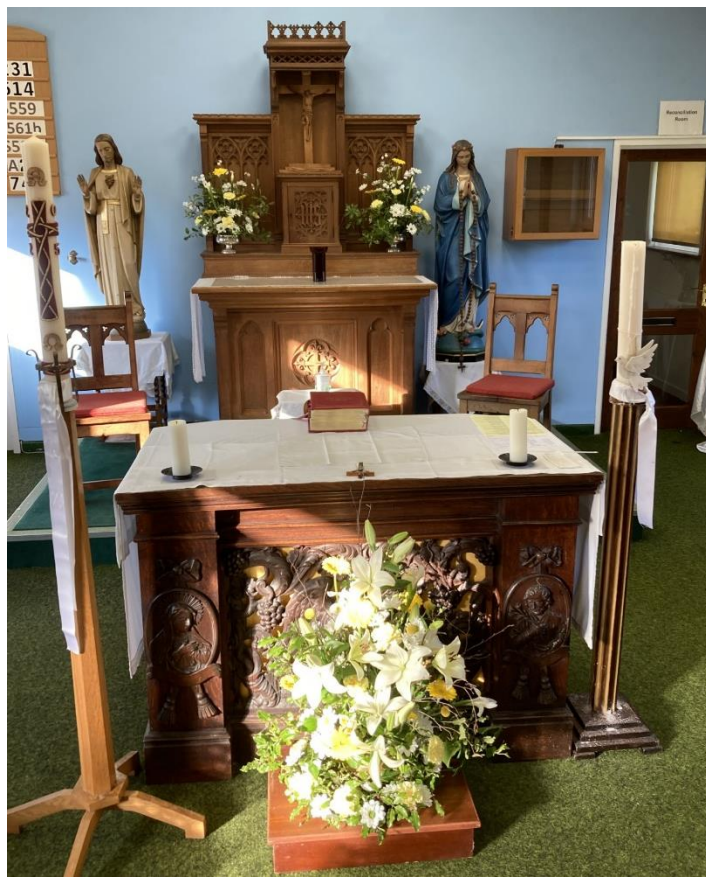
## EASTER THANKS

I wish to thank all of you who kindly gifted me Easter Eggs, cakes and other homemade goodies over Easter. I had more Easter eggs this year than ever! Which won't do my waist line any good of course. I am also extremely grateful for the generosity shown in the Easter Collection this year! You are very kind and very generous! Fr Ross.

## EASTER THANKS TO EVERYONE

Fr Ross and Deacon Peter wish to thank everyone who made the Easter Liturgies and Masses run so smoothly and meaningfully in both our Parish Churches. We were blessed with amazing floral arrangements and decorations in both our parish churches. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of 'welcomers' making people feel welcome in our two churches and assisting them as necessary. We are also gifted with wonderful musicians, cleaners, readers, church linen washers and ironers, wonderful sacristans and people who help to look after the grounds of both our churches making a welcoming and neat environment around our two churches. Thank you to Mrs Hales for our lovely Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. **Thank you also to Laura our MC and our young Altar Servers at St Patrick's Church** who did an amazing job supporting Fr Ross and Deacon Peter with the complex Easter liturgies.

God bless all of our wonderful volunteer **CAN DO CATHOLICS!!!!**



The above photos show the Easter Flowers and decorations in both of our Churches for Easter Sunday. Thank you to all our flower arrangers particularly Ann WS & Claire B (Netley), Flora & Team (St Patrick's). Also thank you to Irene and Moira for the extra Easter decorations in and around St Patrick's Church.



### Missio/APF - Red Box

It is again time to empty your Red Box (Missio/APF). Please can we ask you to bring your box into St Patricks church or The

Annunciation church during any weekend Mass during May for counting and hand it to Mark Baker or Irene Chapman.

Thank You very much. Mark and Irene



### St Patrick's School

We have all safely returned from the Easter Break and Year 6 will shortly be having their SATS Exams – so good luck to Year 6.

A different year group continues to attend the parish mass each Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church. Also on a Wednesday morning some of our pupils help out at the Wednesday Friendship Group.

The lovely Dominican Sisters from Sway continue to come in on a Wednesday afternoon to run the JCLUB aka Jesus Club, which is a very popular after school club which is catechetical in nature but fun at the same time. Thank you to our two Benefactors who fund the entire cost of the JCLUB.

We also have our Children's Mass once a month on a Sunday morning at St Patrick's Church, the main lead is taken by Mrs Hales, Mr Travers, Fr Ross and children from St Patrick's School.



Fr Ross continues to go up to St George College on a Friday to do the rounds and to make sure all our former St Patrick's pupils are behaving themselves, which thankfully they are on the whole, though some of course need reminding to 'be good'.

Year 11 will shortly be heading off on Study Leave as they prepare to take their GCSE Exams over the summer – so we wish all of Year 11 the best of luck.

Our new picnic bench is now in use at the college and there are some photos at the back of the newsletter for you to look at.



**Ofelia Franklin** is being baptised on Saturday 3rd May in St Patrick's Church at 12 noon, the daughter of Ryan and

Louise. Please keep Ofelia and her parents in your prayers as we welcome them into our parish family.

### First Holy Communion 2024/25

We are now reaching the end of the programme with a final retreat day at The Church of the Annunciation, Netley on Saturday 17th May. These children will then be receiving their First Holy Communion during the first three Sunday Masses of June. By celebrating FHC in this way we offer flexibility of dates for those who work shift patterns, flexibility for relatives who may be travelling from overseas and most importantly it enables the parish community to be a part of the celebrations and for Fr Ross to make a proper fuss of the children on this important day in the life of our youngsters.

On the following Sundays during June these children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church:

**Sunday 01/06/25:** Fryderyk, Solomon, Tyler, Emilly, Sonia

**Sunday 08/06/25:** Eva, Sophie, Mirabelle

**Sunday 15/06/25:** Kian, Max, Carla, Brielle

**Sunday 6/07/25: First Holy Communion Celebration Mass** followed by the traditional group photo with a bring and share lunch in the Hall.

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteer Catechists and helpers: Emily, Lana, Kat & Kat, Carmel, Irene, Helen and Fr Ross. We are very blessed to have such a willing and amazing group of catechists and helpers.



This year the FHC Children wish to fund raise to purchase some more new Altar linens and other liturgical items for St Patrick's Church. So please be as

generous as you can in the **RED BUCKET!!**

### Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass

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 21st June at 11am. Please speak to Deacon Peter or email the Parish Office for a registration form.

### CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

On Corpus Christi Sunday (22nd June) after the 11am Mass we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and a time of adoration before the Lord with Benediction, please do stay for this if you can.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025**

We have **25 teenagers** on our confirmation programme and we have now met for seven sessions. They are a really good group of teenagers and they are very communicative, ask very good questions and engage with the discussions also. We are also very blessed to know most of the candidates, many of whom made their First Holy Communion with us in the parish and the majority of them now attend St George College. This group of teenagers are also extremely polite and well-mannered - so all credit to their parents/guardians for promoting good habits in their children.

Three of the candidates are from Christ the King Parish and one candidate from Immaculate Conception Parish as a special favour.

The Bishop is coming to St Patrick's Church, Woolston, to confirm our candidates on **Saturday 14th June 2025 at 11am.**

Fr Ross, Deacon Peter & Melinda

## **First Holy Communion 2026**

The application process for the next cohort on our First Holy Communion programme for 2025/26 will soon open. Applications for a place on this programme will be accepted from **Monday 26th May and close on Friday 20th June.** If you are wishing to apply for a place on this programme for your child, please read the following information carefully:

**Your child will need to be in Yr. 4 or above from September and you need to live in the parish boundaries of Woolston and Netley Parishes.** If you are not regular to Mass, Fr Ross will want to have a conversation with you as to why you want your child to receive their First Holy Communion and what we can do as a parish to get you coming back to Mass regularly again. **Please note that we do not accept applications for those who live in other parishes, unless you regularly attend Mass in our two parishes here and we know you.**

Should you wish to register an interest for your child to join this programme, please email the parish office from **Monday 26th May at:**

[eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

with your name/s, your child's name and date of birth, your current address and which school your child currently attends and which year group they are in at school. Those who have previously shown an interest will also need to apply again at this time. Fr Ross and the First Holy Communion Team.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Due to GDPR we can no longer print surnames of the sick**  
Stella C, Dorothy B, John W, Betty L, Fr Shaun,  
Marie C, Joan M, Nancy D, John S, Jane H, Julie G.

## **Sick, Housebound or in Hospital**

If you or a relative of yours are not able to get to Mass because of illness, frailty or disability, please do let us know, so that we can ensure you/they are offered a visit from Fr Ross, Deacon Peter or one of our visiting group who can also bring Holy Communion.

If you are in Southampton General Hospital, do also remember there is a hospital chaplaincy team available to visit/bring communion to you. They can be contacted at the hospital on the following number: 023 8120 8517.

## **DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mercifully none to announce at this time.

## **NETLEY MARATHON**

On Sunday 18th May there is a marathon taking place in Netley, so there will be road closures. The committee are working around our Sunday Mass Time with roads shut on a rolling basis. If you are coming to Mass at Netley Church on Sunday 18th May you need to be here promptly for 9am when Station Road will close for an hour and will reopen shortly after 10am for your to leave. Fr Ross

## **Netley Easter Raffle**

Thank you to Lillian for organising the Easter Raffle for us at Annunciation Church, Netley. We raised £84. Thank you so much for taking part.

## **Regular Social Activities** **Annunciation Church, Netley**

**SCONES AND SONGS:** Tuesday afternoons 2pm-4pm in the Presbytery at Annunciation Church, Netley. If you enjoy classic songs from the 80's & 90's and from the musicals, then join us for a sing-song with tea and scones.

**NETLEY LUNCH CLUB:** On the last Friday of the month at 12.30pm in Netley Presbytery, £5 per head, please ring Di Olsen to book a place on 02380 452677.

**REFRESHMENTS after Mass:** every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

## **Save the date - Joint Parishes BBQ**

Sunday 22nd June from 3pm in the garden of Annunciation Netley. Tickets and further details available later in May.

## **Regular Social Activities**

### **St Patrick's Church, Woolston**

**WOOLSTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** every Wednesday 10.15am to 11.30am in St Patrick's Parish Hall, Woolston. This club offers friendship over a cuppa with cake, conversation, games, guest speakers, sing alongs, etc. This event is open to anyone who lives in the local area and is an inter-generational club. If you'd like to find out more, please pop along and check it out.

**SENIOR SAINTS EXERCISE CLASSES:** every Thursday 10am to 3pm in St Patrick's Hall, Woolston. These are **FREE** exercise classes open to anyone aged 60 and is run by the Saints Foundation throughout the day. These sessions improve strength and balance, followed by tea & chat afterwards.

**REFRESHMENTS after Mass:** every Wednesday in the Parish Hall and once a month after the Sunday Children's Mass at the back of Church.

**NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY:** every Tuesday during term time: Fortnightly for older teenagers and adults (7.00 – 9.00pm) and Fortnightly for children and their carers/families (6.00pm – 8.00pm). This group offers social and support groups for those with Asperger syndrome/Autism and related disorders. Contact Sue on 023 80 432612 or email: [nassouthampton@gmail.com](mailto:nassouthampton@gmail.com)

## **FOOD BANK STUFF**

### **Helping our Local Food Banks**

Please leave your donations in the boxes at the back of our two churches. Thank you to those who volunteers to take it the food banks for us.

## **THE BIG DIFFERENCE**

### **WOOLSTON PARISH**

**This helps the Big Difference in Woolston**

Any standard non-perishable food items welcome

## **HOUND BASICS FOOD BANK**

### **NETLEY PARISH**

Please click on link below for latest wanted list

<https://houndbasics.org.uk/donate/wanted.php>

## **Support of the Church**

It is very easy these days to give to the church via Online Banking Apps or by a Regular Standing Order. Please do consider this option if you use online banking and no longer use cash. If you pay tax all you need to do is provide us with your full name and current address and we can do the Gift Aid Claims here. The Church needs your regular support more than ever if we are to remain open for the future. To set up a standing order you will need the account details shown below depending on which Church you wish to contribute to and also for what purpose **so the reference is important.** You must put your surname followed by **COLLECTION** (for your weekly collection), for the second collection as stated in the newsletter, or to make a one off donation use **DONATION**, or **MASS** for a Mass intention.

### **Annunciation Church**

Sort Code: **30-93-04**

Account Number: **00882888**

Account Name:

**CDP NETLEY ANNUNCIATION**

### **St Patrick's Church**

Sort Code: **30-93-04**

Account number: **00888665**

Account Name:

**CDP SOUTHAMPTON ST PATRICK**

As a reference put your name followed by what it is for as shown above

## **Making Donations to the Church by Gift**

### **Aid Envelope Or by Cheque**

If you are making a donation to the Church or for a Second Collection by cash or cheque and you wish this to be **GIFT AIDED** then please use the Gift Aid Envelopes that are now available in both parish churches.

**If you are making a donation by cheque** to either of our Parishes please make them payable as follows:

**CDP SOUTHAMPTON ST PATRICK**

or

**CDP NETLEY THE ANNUNCIATION**

With the reference on the back telling us what it is for and if you wish this donation to be gift aided please place a gift aid envelope as explained above.

## **APRIL COLLECTIONS**

Will be shown in the next newsletter as we have only just reached the end of April.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**If you wish a Mass said on a specific date in 2025 please give at least three to four months' notice. To**

**request a Mass intention please contact the Parish Office by telephone, email, post or by putting your intention and mass donation into the Presbytery post box in Woolston.** The Diocese of Portsmouth suggests a **donation of £10** for a Mass intention, though please feel free to give according to your circumstances.

**There are plenty of free Mass Intentions for Netley Parish in 2025, so keep them coming in**

### **MASS INTENTIONS WITH SAINTS DAYS**

FM = Foundation Mass

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday 3rd May – St Patrick's

6pm – Birthday intentions of Mary Kennelly (E&DB)

Sunday 4th May – Annunciation

9.00am – Peter Baker RIP (VB)

Sunday 4th May – St Patrick's

11.00am – Priscilla Paddock RIP *B'Day Anniv.* (S&JP)

#### **SORRY NO WEEK DAY MASSES**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday 10th May – St Patrick's

6pm – For the healing and wellbeing of Mort Kennelly (E&DB)

Sunday 11th May – Annunciation

9.00am – John Ackland RIP (CA)

Sunday 11th May – St Patrick's

11.00am – Nancy D'Arcy RIP (IC)

#### **SORRY NO WEEK DAY MASSES**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday 17th May – St Patrick's

6pm – Nora Rudderham RIP (IC)

Sunday 18th May – Annunciation

9.00am – Olive Allison RIP (MH)

Sunday 18th May – St Patrick's

11.00am – Wellbeing & Healing of Julie Dalope Grothe (JD)

Tuesday 20th May – Annunciation

#### **St. Bernardine of Siena**

9.30am – Nancy Forde RIP (PW)

Wednesday 21st May – St Patrick's

9.30am – Fred & Julienne Parker RIP (IC)

Thursday 22nd May – Annunciation

9.30am – Rose & Ann Ellis RIP (RB)

#### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday 24th May – St Patrick's

6pm – Wellbeing & Healing of Julie Dalope Grothe (JD)

Sunday 25th May – Annunciation

9.00am – Cathy White RIP (MH)

Sunday 25th May – St Patrick's

11.00am – Mary Culnane RIP

Tuesday 27th May – Annunciation

#### **St. Augustine of Canterbury**

9.30am – Nancy Forde RIP (PW) *Moved from the 29th April due to a funeral*

Wednesday 28th May – St Patrick's

#### **7.30pm Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord**

Alan Kennelly RIP (D&EB)

Thursday 29th May – Annunciation

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

9.30am Mary Teresa Thomas RIP (KM) *Anniv. 30th May*

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday 31st May – St Patrick's

6pm – Margaret & Gerald Kavanagh RIP (AF)

Sunday 1st June – Annunciation

9.00am – Christine Bartlett RIP (BH) *2nd Anniv.*

Sunday 1st June – St Patrick's

11.00am – Wellbeing & Healing of Julie Dalope Grothe (JD)

Tuesday 3rd June – Annunciation

#### **St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**

9.30am – Wellbeing of John White (ND)

Wednesday 4th June – St Patrick's

9.30am – Noreen Moran RIP (D&EB)

Thursday 5th June – Annunciation

#### **St Boniface**

9.30am – Mary – May Buckley RIP (PW)

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Saturday 7th June – St Patrick's

6pm – Ida Pinheiro RIP (LP) *1st Anniv. 13th May*

Sunday 8th June – Annunciation

9.00am – John Ackland RIP (CA)

Sunday 8th June – St Patrick's

11.00am – Henry Micallef RIP (ML'E)

Tuesday 10th June – Annunciation

9.30am – Tony & Vincent Walne RIP (PW)

Wednesday 11th June – St Patrick's

9.30am – For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (TP)

Thursday 12th June – Annunciation

#### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest**

9.30am – Kathleen Adamson RIP **FM**

### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Saturday 14th June – St Patrick's

6pm – Andy & Joyce Carroll RIP (IC)

Sunday 15th June – Annunciation

9.00am – Cathy White RIP (DO & DO)

Sunday 15th June – St Patrick's

11.00am – Veronica Norden RIP (IC)

**Please note that Mass intentions sometimes have to be moved due to unforeseen circumstances arising**

## **PICNIC BENCH DONATED TO ST GEORGE COLLEGE**

As many of you know we recently raised £600 to donate a picnic bench to St George Catholic College. Please see below some photos of the bench with some of our former St Patrick's Primary School pupils who are also parishioners at both our parish churches. Thank you once again to all those who donated.



