

## **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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**For Palm Sunday through to the Second week of Easter**

**THREE WEEK NEWSLETTER: Friday 11th April 2025 to Friday 2nd May 2025**

### **Holy Week and Easter Liturgies**

#### **NOTE TIMES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **PALM SUNDAY 13th APRIL**

6pm Saturday Vigil Mass St Patrick's

9am Sunday Mass Annunciation Church

11am Children's Mass St Patrick's Church  
– with procession

#### **Tuesday 15th APRIL**

9.30am Mass Annunciation Church - Netley

#### **Wednesday 16th APRIL**

9.30am Mass St Patrick's Church – Woolston  
*With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am*

#### **SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th APRIL**

##### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7.30pm St Patrick's Church - Woolston

#### **GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL**

10.30am Children's Stations of the Cross  
St Patrick's - Woolston

*Followed by Refreshments and Hot Cross Buns*

10.30am Stations of the Cross  
Annunciation Church – Netley

3pm The Lord's Passion  
St Patrick's Church – Woolston

#### **Saturday 19th APRIL**

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**

3pm – St Patrick's Church, Woolston

#### **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

8.15pm St Patrick's Church – Woolston

*Note later time due to Sunset being at 8.08pm*

#### **Sunday 20th APRIL**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

9am Easter Mass Annunciation Church –  
Netley

11am Easter Mass St Patrick's Church –  
Woolston

#### **HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL**

Fr Ross, Deacon Peter, Marion and Niel  
wish you all a very blessed Easter when it  
comes. God bless you all.

#### **EASTER WEEK MASSES**

##### **Easter Monday 21st April**

Sorry, No Mass

1.30pm Rosary St Patrick's Church – Woolston

##### **Easter Tuesday 22nd April**

9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley

##### **Easter Wednesday 23rd April**

9.30am St Patrick's Church, Woolston  
*Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

##### **Easter Thursday 24th April**

9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley

##### **Easter Friday 25th April**

Sorry, No Mass

#### **SUNDAY MASSES after Easter**

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)

## The EASTER COLLECTION

### Share the Gift of Easter Joy – Support Our Parish Priest, Fr. Ross

Easter is a time of **hope, renewal, and gratitude**—a time when we come together as a faith community to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

It is also a special opportunity to show our deep appreciation for **our dedicated parish priest, Fr. Ross**, whose tireless service, pastoral care, and chaplaincy work in our schools enrich our lives and strengthen our faith.

**Did you know?** Fr Ross does not receive a salary. Instead, his personal income comes from a small stipend and the offerings made at **Christmas and Easter**, which form a **significant part of his yearly financial support**.

This Easter, let us **generously support Fr. Ross in his vocation and mission**—both within our two parishes and beyond. Your Easter Offering is not just a financial contribution; it is a **gift of gratitude**, a **recognition of his dedication**, and a way to **ensure he can continue his vital ministry** in the year ahead.

**Please note:** your usual Standing Order/Direct Debit to the Church **DOES NOT** go to Fr Ross, it goes to the Parish, only the actual collection made at Christmas and Easter goes to support Fr Ross

#### ✦ How to Give ✦

- **Easter Offering Cash Envelopes** (available from the 5th Sunday of Lent and during Easter Masses). If you are a UK taxpayer, please fill in the Gift Aid declaration to increase your donation at no extra cost.
- **Online Banking** – For those who prefer to give digitally, please use the reference: Easter (see details in Support of the Church section of the newsletter)
- **By Cheque** – write Easter Collection on the back (see details later in the newsletter)
- **Or via the Give as You Live** link on the parish website and Facebook page

Every offering, no matter the size, is a **meaningful way to say ‘thank you’** for the countless ways Fr. Ross serves our parish family.

**May your generosity be blessed abundantly this Easter!**

## WEEKDAY MASS/LITURGY

### TIMES

#### Week beginning 28th April

Monday Rosary 1.30pm St Patrick's Church

Tuesday 9.30am Annunciation Church, Netley

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

**Thursday 2.30pm Requiem Mass for Cathy White**  
at The Annunciation Church, Netley

#### Week beginning 5th May

Monday Rosary 1.30pm St Patrick's Church

**Sorry, No Week Day Masses/Liturgies of the Word**

Wednesday 10.00am to 11.00am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at  
St Patrick's Church

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### CLERGY TRAINING FUND

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

The Clergy Training Fund supports our Ten 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**

### 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

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

#### Easter Egg Appeal 2025



Thank you to all those who have donated to this cause so far this Lent. The last weekend to bring Easter Eggs to Church is this weekend (Palm Sunday Weekend).

Thank you Irene Chapman & Mary Hannant



## **St Patrick's School**

Ofsted, Ofsted, Ofsted! During the last week of the Spring Term we had an Ofsted Section 8 Ungraded Inspection. Ofsted only give a half days notice that they are coming

and then they duly arrive the next day. The school of course did very well as always and the inspection report will be out in due course for all to read. We thank all the Staff, Pupils and Governors for their hard work and efforts during this inspection and for implementing the recommendations from the last full Ofsted Inspection in 2019.

Throughout the inspection we maintained our usual activities and learning including the school liturgies with a Celebration of the Word for the whole school on the Tuesday afternoon led by Mrs. Hales and Fr Ross. Fr Ross worked out that during his time as a priest this was the sixth inspection he has been involved with if you include both Ofsted and Section 48 inspections combined.

On the Tuesday 25th March the pupils had a day of pilgrimage and prayer as part of their Lenten Retreat. This involved the parish church of St Patrick being set up to host various prayers sessions and activities for the day. We thank Mrs Hales and Mr Travers for all their hard work to make this such an amazing spiritual experience for our young people.

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.

**We wish all the staff and pupils of  
St Patrick's School & St George College  
a very relaxed and blessed  
Easter holiday.**



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'.

On Wednesday 26th March we had Confessions up at the school and a large number of students made use of this opportunity to go to confession.

Our new picnic bench is now in use and some photos of the bench along with Fr Ross and some of our younger Parishioners will be included in the next newsletter, but you can also now view them online on our parish Facebook page.



**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 on our Easter break from the programme with just a few sessions left when we conclude the programme with a retreat day in Netley during May. The First Holy Communions will be taking place over three Sundays in June with a party on the 6th July in the Parish Hall after the Children's Mass. Please keep all the children, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers as we continue on our faith journey to receiving our First Holy Communion.

## **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.

## **DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cathy White RIP**, who died unexpectedly on Friday 28th March. Cathy was an active member of Netley parish for many years and we much lament her sudden passing. She will be greatly missed by all. We uphold John and their three daughters in our prayers at this difficult time. Cathy's funeral, a Requiem Mass, will take place on Tuesday 29th April 2.30pm at The Annunciation Church, Netley, followed by cremation at Wessex Vale Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen

**Peter Baker RIP**, who died on Wednesday 12th March. Peter's funeral took place at Southampton Crematorium yesterday (Thursday 10th April) at 12.15pm. Please pray for his family at this sad time.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025**

We have **25 teenagers** on our confirmation programme and we have now met for five 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.

We will have our confirmation enrolment during the 11am Mass on Sunday 27th April.

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

## **ST PATRICK'S TREE WORKS**

Thank you to those three families who have donated to the cost of the new trees which replaced three of the trees we had to have removed for Health and Safety reasons. These three trees are:

- 1) **A Yew Tree** in the rear car park area
- 2) **A Magnolia Tree** to the side of the Church running parallel with Manor Road South
- 3) **A Cherry Tree** to replace the one removed by the front car park

These trees have now been planted and we will arrange a time for the three families to be present so that the trees can be blessed. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

## **PARISH GARDENERS**

A big thank you to young Stephen M for agreeing to look after the side garden of St Patrick's church after my appeal a couple of weekends ago during Mass. He has done an amazing job so far.

If any other parishioners fancy helping in the maintenance of our parish gardens at St Patrick's Church to make them look beautiful and enrich our local environment please let Fr Ross or Moira know, we need more help from other 'CAN DO CATHOLICS'!!!

## **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.

## **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.

**FAREWELL TO TRICIA from Communicare**  
Sadly, for us, Tricia is moving onto pastures new and is leaving her paid role at Communicare later this month. We thank her for all her work over the past three years in establishing our now thriving Friendship Group in the Hall and we will greatly miss her energy, enthusiasm and laughter!!!

**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)

## 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, **EASTER** for Easter Collection.

### 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.

## MARCH COLLECTIONS

### March 2025 Income Annunciation

Standing Orders & DDs	£1,173.84
Loose Plate	£220.10
Parish Envelopes	£45.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,438.94</b>

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

CAFOD FAST DAY	£242.00
Clergy Assistance Fund (early donation)	£50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£292.00</b>

### March 2025 Income St Patrick's

Standing Orders & DDs	£1476.00
Loose Plate	£1170.40
Parish Envelopes	£155.00
Votive Candles	£112.40
Heating Donations	£70.00
Easter Flowers (early)	£10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2993.80</b>

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

CAFOD FAST DAY	£420.60
Holy Places (early)	£10.00
Clergy Assistance Fund (early donation)	£25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£455.60</b>

### HALL HIRE INCOME

<b>Jan, Feb, Mar 2025</b>	<b>£1,638.00</b>
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## St Patrick's Church Heating

Thank you to those who have kindly donated to the St Patrick's Heating Fund, so far this winter we have raised **£2,225.** in total, which will hopefully cover the total bill for the winter months. The boiler has now been switched off as the warmer weather has arrived. Thank you so much for your generosity!!!

## 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>

## **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

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday 12th April – St Patrick's

6 pm – Liam Kelly RIP (E&DB)

Sunday 13th April – Annunciation

9.00 am – Josephine Greatbanks RIP (SH) *B'Day Anniv.*

Sunday 13th April – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Ann & Vic Sammit RIP (IC) *moved from the 19th Feb due to a funeral*

#### **HOLY WEEK**

Tuesday 15th April – Annunciation

9.30am – Cathy White RIP (KM)

Wednesday 16th April – St Patrick's

9.30 am – Richard Dore RIP (E&DB)

#### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

Maundy Thursday 17th April – St Patrick's

**7.30pm** – Ted Elmore RIP (IC)

Good Friday 18th April – St Patrick's

**3pm** – No Intention as this is a Sacred Liturgy

Easter Vigil 19th April – St Patrick's

**8.15pm** – Wellbeing & Recovery of Doreen Toop (LP)

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**9.00 am** - Annunciation Church - Netley

John Jennings RIP *Anniv.* (M&DC)

**11.00 am** - St Patrick's Church – Woolston

For the people of our two parishes and for those being received into the Church this Easter

Tuesday 22nd April – Annunciation

9.30 am – Rev Francis Head RIP **FM**

Wednesday 23rd April – St Patrick's

9.30 am – Ted Elmore RIP (E&DB)

Thursday 24th April – Annunciation

9.30 am – Zoe Walne RIP (PW) *1st Anniv. 12th Feb.*

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday 26th April – St Patrick's

6 pm – For the healing of Tom Kennelly (E&DB)

Sunday 27th April – Annunciation

9.00 am – Peter Baker RIP (VB)

Sunday 27th April – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Edward White RIP (DB) *10th Anniv. 27th March*

Tuesday 29th April – Annunciation

**2.30pm Requiem Mass for Cathy White RIP**

Wednesday 30th April – St Patrick's

**St Pius V**

9.30 am – Michael O'Dwyer RIP (D&EB)

Thursday 1st May – Annunciation

**St Joseph the Worker**

9.30 am – Hannah Smith RIP (IC)

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

Saturday 3rd May – St Patrick's

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

Sunday 4th May – Annunciation

9.00 am – Peter Baker RIP (VB)

Sunday 4th May – St Patrick's

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

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

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

Saturday 10th May – St Patrick's

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

Sunday 11th May – Annunciation

9.00 am – John Ackland RIP (CA)

Sunday 11th May – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Nancy D'Arcy RIP (IC)

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

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

Saturday 17th May – St Patrick's

6 pm – Nora Rudderham RIP (IC)

Sunday 18th May – Annunciation

9.00 am – Olive Allison RIP (MH)

Sunday 18th May – St Patrick's

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

Tuesday 20th May – Annunciation

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

9.30 am – Nancy Forde RIP (PW)

Wednesday 21st May – St Patrick's

9.30 am – Fred & Julienne Parker RIP (IC)

Thursday 22nd May – Annunciation

9.30 am – Rose & Ann Ellis RIP (RB)

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

Saturday 24th May – St Patrick's

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

Sunday 25th May – Annunciation

9.00 am – Cathy White RIP (MH)

Sunday 25th May – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Mary Culnane RIP