



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Weekly notes 10th March 2024

Mothering Sunday - 4th Sunday in Lent

Today	4pm Confirmation Service at St Mary's
Monday March 11th	Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
<i>Lent (Week 4)</i>	7.30pm Julian Prayer Group at St Faith's
Tues March 12th	9.30am Mass at St Faith's and coffee and chat
<i>Lent (Week 4)</i>	10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
	Noon : Deanery Clergy Chapter at St Faith's
Weds March 13th	Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
<i>Lent (Week 4)</i>	Followed by Lent Fellowship
	6pm Exploring Faith Group at St Mary's
Thurs March 14th	10.30am Mass at St Faith's
<i>Lent (Week 4)</i>	
Friday March 15th	11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
<i>Lent (Week 4)</i>	Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
	7pm Race Night for Choir Trip at St Mary's
Sat March 9th	Peace in Gaza Prayer Walk
<i>Lent (Week 4)</i>	see Revd Wendy May
	9am Lent Breakfast at St Mary's
	10am Just Ask at St Mary's <i>come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.</i>
	11am Wedding Couples at St Mary's
	5.30pm PCU Concert at St Mary's
Sunday March 17th	8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's
<i>Passion Sunday</i>	9.30am Mass with Hymns at St Faith's
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	10am Sung Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's
	4pm Music and Reflections for Passiontide at St Mary's

Please note we often take photographs at our services and events that may appear on social media – please let us know if this causes you any problems. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices, please let us know.

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Watch and Pray please see our Lent leaflet for details

There are several opportunities to meet and reflect on God's restorative love.

Saturday 9am Lent Breakfast at St Mary's – please let Fr Bob know by Thursday 5pm if you hope to attend. This is the last of the Lent Breakfasts

Wednesday After Noon Mass – Lent Fellowship – this week please bring your own lunch

Monday There is no Lent Chat this week, but there will be a **Julian Prayer Group** – a time of reflection and stillness at **7.30pm at St Faith's**

Friday 7pm at St Mary's – A Race Night to raise funds to cover the cost of young choristers going to Bristol on the Choir trip. Come and join the family fun – **Tickets £2**

Saturday The Portsmouth Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage is a Lenten prayer walk of peace for Christians (and other people of goodwill, of any faith or none) around the boundaries of Portsmouth -contact Revd Wendy May for details.

Next Sunday 4pm at St Mary's – Music and Reflections as we enter Passiontide the last 2 weeks of Lent Brian Moles and the clergy will lead a time of reflection.

Chalice communion with the Chalice will be administered at the Lady Chapel Altar (by the Pulpit) at the front of the Church. Communion by Intinction will continue at the centre of the Dais.

Easter Eggs We will once more be inviting you to donate Easter Eggs for us to share with the families at the Roberts Centre. Please bring in your donations by Palm Sunday

Foot Washing and Vigil – Please see the lists in St Mary's if you would like to offer to have your **foot washed at the 7.30pm service on Maundy Thursday (March 28th)**– or can **watch and pray for a while between 9pm and Midnight ...**

Easter Flowers if you would like to give flowers for Easter in our Churches in memory of a loved one who has died or in thanksgiving for something please see the forms in Church and make a donation by Palm Sunday

Fr Rajiv If you missed last week's notices
It is with a mixture of emotions that we are sharing with you today the news that Fr Rajiv has been appointed as Vicar for Spiritual Formation and Learning in the Pontypridd Ministry Area in the Diocese of Llandaff. He will be leaving us on Sunday April 21st and then will be licensed there on April 28th. We are delighted for Fr Rajiv and the opportunities and new responsibilities this appointment brings; but are sad that he will be leaving us. There is much to give thanks for and details of how we can best do this will follow later in the month.
Please hold Fr Rajiv, Freya, Rajvir and Ranjini in your prayers as they prepare to move and also pray for the Pontypridd Ministry Area as they prepare to welcome them

May Fayre Monday May 6th ...so the countdown begins ... please can you take some **Raffle Tickets to sell** ...first prize is £100!
Also please fill in **the helper's slip** so we can begin to plan how we will work together to welcome 10,000 people to the Church and churchyard!

Dates to note

Tuesday March 19th 7pm PCC meets at St Mary's

Wednesday March 20th Noon – Lent Soup Lunch at St Mary's

Thursday March 21st 7.30pm Royal Marine Concert at St Mary's

Saturday March 23rd 10am Messy Holy Week at St Mary's
(with free lunch)

Sunday March 24th 9.30am Palm Sunday Procession St Faith's
to ...
10am Parish Mass at St Mary's

Monday March 25th Noon Stations of the Cross at St Mary's

Mon, Tues, Weds 7pm Mass and Reflection led by Revd Amanda Collinson, Bishop Jonathan's Chaplain