PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS

Sacred Heart parish office will be closed on **Monday, 5th of October and Tuesday, 6th October.** The parish office will open again on Wednesday, 7th October.

PRIESTS' RETREAT

From **Monday, October 5th to Friday, 9th October** the priests of the dioceses will be on retreat. Please remember to pray for the priests of our diocese.

THANK YOU TO FR ANDRZEJ

During the diocesan retreat for priests, Fr Andrzej Zuziak will be offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass at Sacred Heart church from Tuesday, 6th October to Friday, 9th of October. Thank you to Fr Andrzej for covering the masses of this week.

FISH FRIDAY SUPPER & QUIZ

On the **23rd of October** beginning at **7:00 pm,** Sacred Heart Parish will be holding a Fish Friday Supper and fun quiz in the parish hall. Fish & Chips along with soft drinks will be served. Tickets are only **£5.00 per person** and are available from the parish office, the Church Shop, after the weekend Mass tea/coffee gatherings as well as members of the Parish Social Committee and Fr John. Come along a share food and fellowship at the Sacred Heart - *A Parish Community of Communities*.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Will be held on **Saturday 10 October** for Readers & Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Our Lady Immaculate Church & Hall, led by the Dominican Sisters of Sway. **10am-4pm,** £8 each. Bring a lunch. Please sign up at the back of Church.

YEAR OF MERCY RETREAT (Rome, Italy): Pope Francis has announced the Year of Mercy beginning this December. The Year of Mercy retreat will take place in Rome (Italy) during the Divine Mercy Weekend which is from the **31st March to the 3rd of April**. For more information please consult http://www.marriagesformary.com/ Also if you would like a brochure of information you are asked to contact the parish office. Space at the retreat house is limited. The retreat is being lead by Fr John.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND CONSECRATED LIFE:

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Year of Consecrated Life will be celebrated on **Thursday, 15th October** (Feast of St Teresa of Avila) at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth beginning at 12:15pm. (Please note, that on that day, the parish Mass at Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 8:00 am.)

A BEQUEST TO OUR CHURCH IS AN ENDURING STATEMENT OF FAITH

We owe our children and grandchildren the example of lives lived with integrity and willingness to learn and grow and remain faithful to the Christian values we proclaim.
What better example could we offer than including our church in your estate plans?

A Bequest made to the Sacred Heart Church through your will, will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will, is of no cost and yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others.
It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during your lifetime.

A bequest made to the Sacred Heart Church will ensure that a Mass will be said each moth for up to 12 months. Mass intentions will be a the choice of the person making the bequest to the church.

Wills should always be drawn up by a qualified solicitor familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation and your wishes for your estate. Advice from a solicitor and other professional advisors should be sought when considering charitable giving.

If your solicitor requires the right form of words, the Diocese have made these available to us. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

If you are a single or married man perhaps God may be calling you to serve in the Permanent Diaconate.
There is an Enquirers' Day on March 5th 2016 to which prospective candidates will be invited. A preliminary registration form can be found at: http://www.tfaforms.com/352047. Please pray for the fourteen men currently in formation within the diocese. If you need more information please contact Fr Peter Hart at diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. or the Parish office and ask to speak with Fr John.

SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart Parish will be holding a Pre-Christmas Parish Dinner on **Thursday, 3rd of December at the Miramar Hotel** in Bournemouth.

More information will follow shortly, but remember to save the date in your calender.

MORE TIMES OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
Sacred Heart Parish will be adding more times of adoration and confession in the church. More information will be made available within the next two weeks.

CANONIZATION OF LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN
Blessed Louis and Zelie Martin, known as the parents of St Therese of Lisieux, will be formally made saints of the Church on **Sunday 18th October.** We pray……

God of eternal love you give us Blessed Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of St Therese as an example of holiness in marriage. In all the duties and trials of life, they remained faithful to you and to your commandments. They desired to raise their children to become saints.

May their prayers and example help Christian family life to blossom in our world today.

If it is to be your will, grant us the graces we ask you now through the intercession of Blessed Louis and Zelie Martin, and let them be counted among the saints of your Church.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Monastic Experience Weekends are designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. Those attending will be able to attend the liturgical worship in the church, pursue personal prayer and meditation on the Bible in the prayerful silence of the monastery, and hear talks from the monks about their way of life, their liturgy and the Rule of Saint Benedict which they follow. There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the monks and to ask questions. They will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation. To apply, please contact the novice master, Brother Duncan Smith, at novicemaster@quarr.org
When: 11-13 December 2015 and 4-6 March 2016
Where: Quarr Abbey, Fishbourne, Isle of Wight PO33 4ES

DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY

What is God calling you to do with the life he gave you? Have you ever considered that he might be calling you to be a priest? If so, come along to a retreat day and spend some time with the Lord in prayer opening yourself up to the possibility. The day will include Holy Mass, a chance to meet other men discerning a priestly vocation, a tour of the seminary. It's a really relaxed day… Come and see! For further details contact Fr John Chandler jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.ukor (01329) 663 435
When: Saturday 7th November, 10am - 3pm
Where: St John's seminary, Wonersh

SACRED HEART CHURCH SHOP
See below for Opening Times
Located in the Church Hall, on Richmond Hill

The **2016 Catholic diaries and Church Art Calendars** are selling well, so don't leave it too long if you need one.

We have many religious Christmas items on the shelves now, all inexpensive as well as boxed **Christmas cards and Quidenham single cards** for your special friends or relatives.

Come and visit us, you are sure of a warm welcome. **OPEN:** Occasional Saturdays after 12.15 pm mass Sunday from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm **Sunday after 4pm mass, Dennis will be opening the shop**

DEVOTION OF THE DAY

Devotions are very important for living our Catholic Faith. Currently, Wednesdays of the week are days of devotion to St. Joseph along with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning in two weeks time Sacred Heart will be having devotions each day of the week following the Mass. The devotions will be linked to the popular statues of devotion withen the church. The following will be the rota of devotions for the week:

Mondays - St. Therese of Lisieux
Tuesdays - St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesdays - St. Joseph followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

The latest edition of the Portsmouth People magazine is now available from the back of Church.

One of the articles is a very interesting interview with Fr John.

Please take a free copy home with you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND and the people who care for them: This week we remember:

Win Morgan, Baby Bella Wierzchowiecki, Andrea Carvalho, Margaret Fox, Lilliana Crouch, Halina Witt, Baby Isabella, Rose Howarth, Rebecca Williams, Annie Mitchell, Joan Alderman, Alf Skee, Clare Jackson, Monica Carling, Mary Lander, Maria Wright, Christopher Smithies, Thelma Draper, Douglas Walton, Laurens Obagi, Natasha Coles, Michael O'Sullivan, Kathleen Hodges, Patricia Plumb, Patrick Doyle, John Turner, Anna Francis, Marjorie Walsh, Attracta Spears, Diane Stukey & Roy Coombs.