

Mass Times 7th - 14th February 2026

Sat 7th 10am *Sr. Monica's Ints.*

Sat 7th 6pm *Liz Jarman's Ints.*

Sun 8th 9am *Pro Populo*

Sun 8th 11am *Kath Walwyn R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 9th 10am

Tues 10th 10am *Ellen Marshall R.I.P.*

Weds 11th 10am *For Vocations*

Weds 11th 12 Noon

Thurs 12th 10am

Fri 13th 10am

Sat 14th 10am *Adam Koch's Ints.*

Sat 14th 6pm *Peter Young R.I.P.*

Prayers please for Canon Peter who is ill in Hospital

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30 - 11am or by appointment



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Margery Flanagan, Aileen Dunne, John Lynch, Graham Cartey, Peter Deakin, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Isabel Smith, Bob Dore, Michael Carroll, Winifred O'Neil, Violet Aitken, Fiorenza Innes, Joe Emery, Sylvia Ody, Cynthia MacDonald, Philip

Ciampoli, Anna Heffernan, Daniel Cumberbirch, Edith Williams, Grace O'Connor, Stephen King, Daniel Rafferty, Mary McNamee, John Hogan, Gillian Dawes, Mary Gibbons, Mary Homer, Alice Hales. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially Canon Peter, Roy Kemp, Terry O'Hara, June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan and all those suffering at this time. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list.

Collections Thank You

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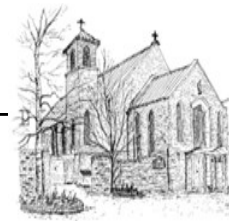
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th February 2026



Shining Example

We often hear folk proclaim that their faith is a very private affair, something strictly between themselves and God. Of course there's a place for private worship, but at the end of the day, what good is a religious conviction that rarely

impacts others and fails to make the world a better place?

Today Jesus tells us that if we live by our faith we will become 'the salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world'. How wonderful to be worthy of such compliments, but lest we get carried away, Jesus warns of us of the pitfalls. If the salt is to lose its taste it will become worthless, and if we are to hide the light beneath a bowl it will obviously fail to serve its purpose. What a silly idea! Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls yet we do it all the time.

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays and hiding God's light gives us a get out clause. Hiding the light means we can choose the comfortable or the easy option. Hiding the light means ignoring someone who is alone, or suffering. Hiding the light means keeping quiet and erring on the side of popular opinion. Hiding the light means keeping quiet in the face of injustice or intolerance. Today we are invited to remember all those who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. We all remember someone who has motivated and inspired us. We all remember someone who has stood out against the crowd. Today we ask, "Are we guilty of practising our faith quietly and only when it's safe, or are we shining examples."

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February - For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Join us in the hall for refreshments after 9am Mass



There is a lovely old adage that says - Before Mass, talk to God and after Mass talk to your neighbour. While we all like to chat and catch up, before Mass is a time for God, a time to recollect ourselves and to prepare to celebrate devoutly. Quietness also helps others to prepare. So please be considerate and keep our conversations for after Mass.

Canon Peter would like to thank everyone for your prayers, Masses offered, numerous cards and gifts, and he apologises that he is not able to thank you all individually at the moment, nor is he able to see visitors yet, but is continuing to make slow and steady progress.

Crown Singers present - Miserere: A Concert of Sacred Music by Female Composers. **Sunday 8th February, 3pm at St. John Vianney Church.** Tickets £12 including refreshments, available on the door. Under 16s free. See poster in the porch.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the pilgrimage. Monday 6th July until Friday 10th. For more information, email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (assisted booking available).

Retirement It is with deep regret that we have to announce that Sharon is retiring as our Parish administrator. This is due to greater family commitments. Her last day will be on Friday 13th February. I know that you will join with me in thanking her for her wonderful service over the past few years. Her support to us all and the parish has been wonderful.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office. Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 Thank you for your support.



First Saturday Devotions 7th February - will begin with the Holy Rosary at 9:30am. For more information on the First Saturdays Devotion, visit <https://www.ctsbooks.org/first-saturdays-devotion/?srsltid=AfmBOorNeJ3AcwbryLbFU-0->

Invitation To Volunteer Catechists – as our parish continues to grow, our Pastoral Area Formation Team are seeking to recruit more volunteers to serve as catechists. In particular, we need more volunteers to work with our Children's Liturgy group. Catechists support learners in exploring scripture, the sacraments, prayer and Christian living. If you would like to know more, please just add your name to the list on the notice board and Gabriella will contact you.

Training for Children's Liturgy Catechists, Saturday 14th February, 10:30am-1pm in St. John Vianney Church hall. The Dominican Sisters are providing a training day for Catechists to explore ways to help our youngest parishioners understand the Sunday gospels at their own level through simple readings and activities. If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to Gabriella after Mass.

Re register - the diocese has appointed a new company to manage our parish databases from the end of January. Please use the QR code to re register as a parishioner and continue to receive the newsletter and other parish information. There is a separate QR code to register child parishioners. Both codes are available on the notice board. Paper copies available for those unable to access QR codes.



Reduced Office Hours: 8:30-9:30am each day. Emails will be monitored but please be patient when needing a reply. In an emergency, please contact Fr. David on his mobile.

Important Contacts.

Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion,

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on **01235 762374**

Parish Safeguarding Rep Barbara Jarrett is our contact for all adult and child safeguarding issues. Please contact Barbara through the parish office.

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday
email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Other Priests in the area :

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