



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

From where I sit or stand at Holy Mass on a Sunday, it is interesting that many people sit in the same seats. Some prefer the front, others the back. I myself would be a middle row person. In this Sunday's Gospel the disciples James and John are decidedly front pew people. Is it because they want to be able to see and hear more? Do they in some way wish to be nearer to God by being close to all the action? It appears not.

James and John ask to sit in the Lord's glory, one at His right hand and the other at His left. They know and believe Him to be God's Messiah, and they have heard Him proclaimed the Son of God. They desire to benefit from His glory, His power, and to be known to be close to Him. Yes, they undoubtedly loved Him, but perhaps they are also at some level seeking to benefit from this relationship.

Whilst they seek glory, Our Blessed Lord offers them what He calls "The Cup". This would likely be what Judaism of the time referred to as the Cup of Redemption, which was drunk at the Passover meal and signified the slaying of the Passover Lamb in sacrifice to God. Jesus offers His disciples to partake in His mission of salvation; to save the world by the shedding of His Blood as a witness that God is self-giving, love is self-giving, and a disciple of love must be self-giving rather than in any way self-seeking.

Being told this, would James and John shift to the back? Would any of us? Or would we desire to move to the front where the action is, the action of the Cross where the Son offers Himself to the Father for the forgiveness of sins? This is the only greatness God is interested in, which is not to be served but to serve.

God bless you this Sunday and always

Spiritual Bouquet for Fr Jean-Patrice

We would like to send a spiritual bouquet for the speedy recovery of our dear friend Fr Jean-Patrice. If you would like to commit to praying a rosary, having a Mass offered, or similar please make a note on the list at the back of the Church and we will send the bouquet for his speedy recovery.

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Endeavour this month to pray at least one Rosary every day, preferably as a family. Please pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred priesthood and for the Holy Catholic Church.

Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (Sundays 4pm)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am, Tuesday 10am

Stations of the Cross (the Church is open from 9am until 7pm daily)

First reading**Isaiah 53:10-11**

If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done. The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22**

May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You

Second reading**Hebrews 4:14-16**

Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way that we are

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel**Mark 10:35-45**

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many


James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

*****SECOND COLLECTION*****

Sunday 20th October

Missio—Foreign Missions



HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

Confirmation

We are now taking applications for those **young people** wishing to undertake preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation—please complete this link <https://forms.office.com/e/jpMVZbmU0M>

For those **adults** who would like to become a Catholic, and those **adults** who are not yet confirmed, you are invited to join us on Monday 14th October at 7pm in the Louis Suite.

Please contact ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

Adoration

We are seeking regular Faithful Adorers of Our Blessed Lord

Saturdays 11am -12 noon

Saturdays 12 noon -1pm

Saturdays 2pm -3pm.

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” (Matthew 26:40)

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

We welcome our children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Also Freddie and Sam who are preparing to enter the Church or be confirmed. They will make an act of commitment to this preparation during the 10.30am Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Prayer support for those preparing to receive the sacraments is vital. If you would like to pray for a specific child or adult, please give your name to Marion or Angela.

Baptism

Parents & Expectant Parents – you are invited to register online for your child’s baptism : [Baptism | Holy Family Parish \(holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk\)](#) Once you have registered, we will contact and arrange to meet you. We will discuss preparation for this sacrament and the dates for the baptism.

Let there be Light—Angels and Saints Party

All Saints Eve 31st October 5-7pm.

We shall be holding a party for the youngsters on All Saints Eve. There will be food and games, followed by a candlelight procession and night prayers in the Church.

All children are invited to come to this Christian celebration. Parents are welcome to come along to help.

Please complete a registration form so we know numbers (and allergies etc).

The evening will be free, but donations are always welcome and please bring a plate of food to share.

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

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| 20 Oct (Sun) | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF) | Brenda Theobald (RIP) Natty Twomey (RIP) |
| 21 Oct (Mon) | Feria | 7.30pm (OF) | Nichols Family (int) |
| 22 Oct (Tues) | St John Paul II, Pope | 9.15 am (OF) | Aba Shields (int) |
| 24 Oct (Thur) | St Raphael Archangel | 7.30 pm (EF) | Mary Harrold (RIP) |
| 25 Oct (Fri) | Feria | 9.15 am (OF) | Montu Lobo (RIP) |
| 26 Oct (Sat) | Our Lady on Saturday Vigil | 9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF) | Peter Le Van Vong, Mari Ngyuen Sui (RIP) People of the Parish |
| 27 Oct (Sun) | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF) | John Paul Urbine (Int) Natty Twomey (RIP) |
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Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket.
We are currently booking Mass intentions for December
EF Mass intentions are now fully booked for this year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| October | November |
| 20th Rite of Welcome | 2nd All Souls Masses 9.15 (OF), 12 noon (EF) 2pm Polish |
| 26th Bring and Share Social 7pm | 2nd Youth Group 3-6pm |
| 27th Rosary Rally, Portsmouth 2.30pm | 2nd Men's Group |
| 31st All Saints Eve Children's Party 5.00pm | 16th Christmas Fair |
| November | 17th Blessing of Graves |
| 1st All Saints—Holy Day Masses 9.15 (OF), 7.30pm (EF) | 30th Bring and Share Social |

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| <p>Confessions (when there is Mass)</p> <p>Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p>Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations</p> <p>Sunday: 4.00 pm</p> | <p>Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite</p> <p>Outdoor Rosary—Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon: NEXT LUNCH: Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm Bring a Plate to Share Social Last Saturdays at 7.30pm</p> |
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