

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

1 Sept (Sun)	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Hazel Friend-Pereira (RIP) Luke Blishen (birthday)
2 Sept (Mon)	Feria	7.30 pm (OF)	Aneta (Int)
3 Sept (Tues)	St Gregory the Great	9.15 am (OF)	In Thanksgiving—Agatha
5 Sept (Thurs)	St Laurence Justinian	7.30 pm (EF)	Alexander Stewart (birthday)
6 Sept (Fri)	Feria	9.15 am (OF)	David Merrifield (RIP) John Smith (RIP)
7 Sept (Sat)	Our Lady on Saturday (Vigil)	1.00pm (EF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Vocations Rosaleen O'Brien (RIP)
8 Sept (Sun)	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Jill Fleat (RIP) People of the Parish

Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket. We are currently booking Mass intentions for **September** (EF Masses for **November**) Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September	September
7th Fr Benjamin's Anniversary Mass (EF)(1pm)	14th Catechists Retreat Day
7th PARISH BARBECUE (2pm)	14th Adoremus
7th Youth Group 3-6pm	14th Sr Lucy Final Profession
7th March for Life—London	

THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9AM UNTIL 7PM EACH DAY

Confessions (when there is Mass)	Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite
Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm	Outdoor Rosary —Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am
Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm	Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am
Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am	Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon
Eucharistic Adoration	Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm	Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:
Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations	NEXT LUNCH: TBC
Sunday: 4.00 pm	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

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 September

PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

Today I give thanks to God for four years of being Parish Priest of Holy Family. In that time, I have grown to love this place very much, with all its people, traditions, quirks and beautiful spirit of prayer and generosity. It is my prayer that this Catholic community continues to flourish and offer worship to God.

It is this last point that I wish to reflect upon; that is, of being a community that places the worship of God as its priority and the means of glorifying Him through Christian action. As the second reading today from the Letter of St James emphasises: "You must do what the Word tells you, and not just listen to it" (1:22).

Everything begins with worship, and furthermore, worthy worship. Our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the example of this by giving Himself fully to His heavenly Father and to us by hanging upon the Cross. He gives sacrificial love and self-giving worship. His worship is action. Everything we see him do announces the Kingdom of God. Everything He says, speaks of God. His whole life is one of worship and proclamation. As I say, He is the example to us all in living the Christian life.

I feel compelled, then, to encourage you to continue to worship God constantly and worthily, and to allow that worship to extend itself into action in the community and the world. This can be in the workplace, at home, and of course in the parish community. This parish does not belong to me, but to all of us, the People of God, and it is for all of us to continue to build and support.

The Lord quotes the Old Testament today, saying, "This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me". The building and supporting of the parish, and therefore of the wider community, depends upon our faith, devotion and worship being active, so that, from the Parish of Holy Family, from the diocese and from the Church around the world, Christ may continue to be present in our midst and minister in the world as our great High Priest.

God bless you this Sunday and always

September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Lady

The Devotion of the Seven Sorrows recalls seven events in Our Blessed Lady's life when she experience great sorrow. We unite ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and sufferings of His holy Mother. 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Second reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Accept and submit to the word

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,114-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



Parish Notices

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH—Saturday 31st AUGUST SOCIAL

BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

Louis Suite after 6.30pm Mass

All are welcome to share some food and catch up on the latest news in the Parish

PARISH BARBECUE— SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

The Parish barbecue will be held on Saturday 7th September at 2pm following an EF Mass at 1pm to celebrate the Anniversary of Fr Benjamin's ordination to the sacred priesthood. Tickets are available in the Louis Suite and from the office. Please list your name at the back of the Church to give an idea of numbers. Payment would also be good from those who haven't! Many thanks

YOUTH GROUP—SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 3-6PM

AND THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Those aged 11-18 are very welcome to join this group of young people who meet under the guidance of the Dominican Sisters and our own Youth Catechists here at Holy Family.

Catechists Retreat Day—Saturday 14th September

A day of retreat will be held here at Holy Family for those who would like to help with Faith formation, supporting those who would like to learn more about their Faith. Please contact Angela ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk for more information.

Adoration of Our Blessed Lord

Enormous thanks to those who spent time with Our Blessed Lord during these summer holidays. Our Blessed Lord invites us all to "watch one hour with Me" (Matthew 26:40). Many graces flow from this devotion and we always welcome "new" Adorers.

If you would like to commit to a regular hour of Adoration please contact Angela ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024-2025

*****LAST CHANCE*****

We now welcome families with children in year 4 or above to register online for next year's preparation [SOUHF Initial Enquiry Form First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion \(office.com\)](https://www.holyfamily.org.uk/initial-enquiry-form)

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