

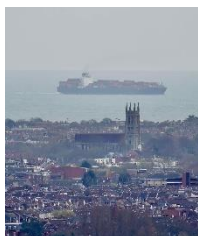


*Celebrating ...
Looking Back with thanks and
forward with hope!*



I hope that you will be able to join us over the coming days as we celebrate our Patronal Festival as a Parish. A Patronal Festival is when we give thanks for the saint we are named after and so whose 'patronage' we are under. It is a bit like a birthday celebration as we look back to what has been and forward with hope and prayer to what will be – asking that we may be inspired by, and seek to follow the example of, our patron saint.

For us as a Parish Mary is our patron – and **15th August** is a major festival of Mary. (Later on we will celebrate her as Patron of St Mary's Church and then St Faith as patron of St Faith's Church)



This year we will begin our celebrations on **Thursday August 15th at 7pm**. We will be joined by members from other local churches and some of their choirs and we will **welcome Fr Hugo, Vicar of Paulsgrove, as our preacher**. I hope you will be there to celebrate and welcome our guests.



Then on **Sunday 18th August** we gather as a **Parish for the 10am service in the Churchyard at St Mary's** – always a special gathering. This year the service will be followed by **music provided by Victory Brass from 12.30pm**; the **Tower will be open** and there will be a fun activity ...**bring a picnic lunch** and enjoy the day! Join us for **the St Mary's Derby**. Our wooden horses will race the St Mary's derby course for you to see if you can pick the winner in our giant horse racing game, fun for all the family.



There will be several races Then each race will be decided by drawing ping pong balls, one for which horse and the second how many steps it moves. This continues until we have a winner. It's like a giant board game really. You can 'bet' on a horse for 50p in every race so **don't forget your 50p's.**

As it is our Patronal it is good to look back over the last few weeks ...



Since the last newsletter we have marked the lives and deaths of 3 members of our Parish community. We were all shocked to hear of the death of **Jackie Fisher** – one of our Parish Wardens, Many commented on how much they miss Jackie's welcome and care and her quiet but supportive presence at so many things, At the same time she was a very private person, so it was good at her funeral to hear so many aspects of her life, and meet her family and friends as we shared our stories and memories together. A little before that we had given thanks for **Paul Summers**. Paul was a more recent member of our community, but his strong faith in the face of his cancer treatment was an example to us. Finally, another long-standing member of our community died recently – **Brenda Munden**, had been unable to be with us at St Mary's for a few years, but was a regular home communicant who was always asking about the Church and the people she remembered. Her Funeral will be **on Monday August 19th at 1.30pm at the Church.**



The PCC were recently informed of some exciting news. We have been awarded a grant from the Diocese to develop a pilot scheme for '**Choir Church**'. This is to support young people in our schools to discover choral music and singing together as well as explore aspects of faith. This will build on the work of the Music Foundation and will be led by Brian Moles. We are grateful to Penbridge and Arundel Court Schools who have allowed us to host a weekly after school club in each school.

Alongside this **Revd Julie Jackson** will be joining us for one day a week (she will also be a half time priest at St Luke's). She will support Brian at the weekly clubs and work with our team of volunteers to lead our Messy Church activities. She will be part funded by the Diocese and partly by the Swishers fund that we hold. She will be licensed by the Bishop at St Luke's on Tues Sept 3rd at 6pm.



The PCC also heard that we have been granted permission (a faculty) to carry out the installation of electronic automatic doors at the Northwest Porch and the work on the installation of the Reserved Sacrament at the High Altar. The World War One Memorial Items from St Wilfrid's have already been installed on the Vestry Hall wall. There has also been work at St Faith's improving the sound system and this has been welcomed by the community that worship there.



The end of the Summer Term saw several activities celebrating the Heritage of St Mary's – as part of the Organ Project legacy- and we welcomed several schools for a series of workshops and concerts, alongside this we held the Strawberry Tea and the Lord Mayor, and others enjoyed an outdoor concert and around 80 people climbed the Church Tower. The following week the choristers featured in the Annual Music Foundation Concert after the Picnic and Rounders match. At the end of the week the Skittles Night was a fun way to start the holiday season – congratulations to Maggie on her victory.



*But a patronal is also time to look forward
and see what lies ahead :*



There has been progress towards the opening of **the Pantry**, and we hope that it will be **open from Aug 20th**. If you live in PO1 or some areas of PO2 you are welcome to become a member and shop for £5 a week. If you are free on a Tuesday do pop down and

have a look – and look out for art workshops for families over the next 3 or 4 weeks.



Earlier in the Summer Emma hosted 2 mornings of **sports activity for children** – these were very popular> She will be hosting further mornings on **Aug 22nd and 29th** – any young person is welcome to join us (there is no charge) but they must be

accompanied by an adult.

The **Bank holiday weekend (Aug 25th)** we will again be holding a **Parish service at St Mary's at 10am**. There will be no service at St Faith's that morning.

On **Wednesday Aug 28th** we hope to host a picnic lunch to mark **Rita's 104th birthday** – do come along and celebrate with her. Looking further ahead and into September

Monday Sept 2nd The **Standing Committee** will meet at 7pm

Tuesday Sept 3rd **Licensing of Revd Julie Jackson at 6pm**
at St Luke's

Saturday Sept 7th **The Annual Pitch and Putt tournament** at the 10th Hole – join us at 8am for a 9-hole competition, followed by Breakfast at Tenth Hole. Supporters also welcome. Cost of Pitch and Putt £2 – pay for your own breakfast. **Please sign list or let Maggie Moles in the Office know if you wish to join us.**

Sunday Sept 8th **4pm** There will be a **special service giving thanks for 25 years of the city being a Fair-trade city** at St Mary's

Monday Sept 9th 7.30pm Julian Group meets at St Faith's

Thursday Sept 12th 7.30pm The Royal Marine School of Music
first concert of the 24/25 season at St Mary's

Friday Sept 13th 7.30pm Music Foundation Organ Recital
at St Mary's

Saturday Sept 14th 9.30am St Mags, Southsea –
Restorative Training for Churches – we hope many of our
community will be there – please contact Revd Wendy May for details
and booking.

St Mary's and St Faith's will be open for
the Historic Churches Bike Ride – details to follow. If you would
like to join a group being sponsored to cycle around churches in the
city – please see list in the Church.

St Mary's Tower will also be open

Sunday Sept 15th This year the **Fratton Family Festival** (with
live music) **will take place in the Church yard** from Noon (rather
than in Fratton Road).

So there is much to look forward to and fuller details will follow at the
beginning of September – as well as other dates for **Harvest (Sept**
28th) and the Autumn,

With best wishes

Father Bob

*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.*

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The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's
Weekly notes Aug 11th, 2024
11th Sunday after Trinity

Mon Aug 12th
Feria (Week 19)

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
7.30pm Julian Prayer Group at St Faith's

Tues Aug 13th
Feria (Week 19)

9.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments

Weds Aug 14th
S Maximilian Kolbe

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Thurs Aug 15th
Assumption of Mary

10.30am Mass at St Faith's followed by
refreshments
7pm Parish Patronal Mass at St Mary's
Preacher : Fr Hugo Deadman
Service followed by refreshments

Friday Aug 16th
S Stephen of Hungary

11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
Noon Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's

Sat Aug 17th
Feria (Week 19)

10am Just Ask at St Mary's
*come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc
or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.*

Sunday Aug 18th
*12^h Sunday after
Trinity*

8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Outdoor Sung Mass at St Mary's
followed by **Picnic Lunch, Brass Band and St
Mary's Derby races ...**



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's
Weekly notes Aug 18th, 2024
12th Sunday after Trinity

Today

*12th Sunday after
Trinity*

8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's

10am Outdoor Sung Mass at St Mary's
followed by **Picnic Lunch, Brass Band and St
Mary's Derby races ...**

Mon Aug 19th

Feria (Week 20)

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

1.30pm Brenda Munden's Funeral
at St Mary's

Tues Aug 20th

S Bernard

9.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments

Weds Aug 21st

Feria (Week 20)

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Thurs Aug 22nd

Feria (Week 20)

10am Sports activities for young people
In the Churchyard

10.30am Mass at St Faith's followed by
refreshments

Friday Aug 23rd

S Rose of Lima

11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's

Noon Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's

Sat Aug 24th

S Bartholomew

NO Just Ask at St Mary's

*come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc
or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.*

Sunday Aug 25th

*13th Sunday after
Trinity*

8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's

10am Parish Sung Mass at St Mary's

4pm Baptism Service at St Mary's



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's
Weekly notes Aug 25th, 2024
13th Sunday after Trinity

Today
13^h Sunday after
Trinity

8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Parish Sung Mass at St Mary's
4pm Baptism Service at St Mary's

Mon Aug 26th
Feria (Week 21)

NO Mass at St Mary's

Tues Aug 27th
S Monica

9.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments

Weds Aug 28th
S Augustine of Hippo

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
followed by **Picnic Lunch to mark Rita's**
104th birthday ...

Thurs Aug 29th
Behheading of John the Baptist

10am Sports activities for young people
In the Churchyard
10.30am Mass at St Faith's followed by
refreshments

Friday Aug 30th
Feria (Week 21)

11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
Noon Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's

Sat Aug 31st
S Aidan

NO Just Ask at St Mary's
come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc
or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.

Sunday Sept 1st
14^h Sunday after
Trinity

8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's
9.30 Mass and Hymns at St Faith's
10am Sung Mass at St Mary's