



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Weekly notes Oct 20th, 2024

21st Sunday after Trinity

Today	3pm Farewell Tea for Joy and Arthur Tagg at St Faith's
Mon Oct 21st <i>Feria (Week 29)</i>	Noon Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's
Tues Oct 22nd <i>Feria (Week 29)</i>	9.30am Mass at St Faith's followed by refreshments 10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
Weds Oct 23rd <i>Feria (Week 29)</i>	Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Thurs Oct 24th <i>Feria (Week 29)</i>	10.30am Mass at St Faith's followed by refreshments
Friday Oct 25th <i>S Crispin & Crispinian</i>	11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's Noon Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's
Sat Oct 26th <i>S Alfred the Great</i>	9am Mass at St Mary's 10am Parish Autumn Fair at St Mary's Lantern Workshop in Vestry Hall till 4pm 10am Just Ask at St Mary's <i>come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.</i> at St Mary's 2pm Wedding Service at St Mary's
Sunday Oct 27th <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's 9.30am Mass and Hymns at St Faith's 10am Sung Mass at St Mary's

4pm Baptism Service at St Mary's

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.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices, please let us know.

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Chalice **Today** communion will be administered at St Mary's using the Chalice at the Dais (centre). Those who wish to receive by intinction will be able to do so by the Lady Chapel Altar (near the Pulpit). St Faith's will be intinction Please see note for St Mary's on reverse of this sheet.

Farwell Joy & Arthur – There will be a **tea at St Faith's today**

at 3pm and an opportunity to say farewell to Joy and Arthur Tagg as they prepare to move.

Panto Time Yes, it is that time of year again – we had a good gathering last Sunday and over 25 people hoping to be involved. If you have not yet **put your name forward and would like to be involved, then please contact Fr Bob asap!**

St Mary's Shop If you would like to help with **thinking about the future of the shop**, join us for a **conversation today after Coffee** or please contact Fr Bob.

Autumn Fair will be at **St Mary's on Saturday from 10am – Noon**
You are encouraged to join us at 9 for a Mass to ask

God's blessing on the day. Please let us know if you can help. Also consider if you can help with donations of any of the following

- Items with a **Christmas theme for a Christmas Stall** –
- Items for a **Tombola Stall**
- **Cakes**
- **'International Snacks'** for the Refreshment Stall – what could you provide as a finger snack from your culture?
- **Toys, Books and Bric a Brac**

Pompey Draw at the Fair we will be announcing the winners of the Pompey Draw – 3 Prizes – **a signed Team shirt; a signed Programme; 2 home game tickets, to enter (£1 a number)** either pay on the day or contact Linsey ... spread the word!

All Souls Nov 2nd is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) each year we remember and pray by name for those we have loved who have died. There will be 3 opportunities to come and pray for those you love – and **there is a list for each service in the Church to sign :**

9.30am Tues Nov 5th at St Faith's; Noon Weds Nov 6th at St Mary's and

Sat Nov 2nd 6pm at St Mary's at which the choir will sing **Faure's Requiem.**

St Mary's Church additional notes

We are delighted to announce that we have made 2 recent appointments in the choir.

Matt Dixon will be returning to the Church as Assistant Organist and **Grant Hardy** has become Assistant Conductor. Both will work to support the Choir and especially Brian Moles, the Director of Music .

PCC discussion on Communion

As you may know the PCC has regularly been reviewing the situation about how we receive and administer Communion in the Parish.

We moved to administering by Intinction (the bread dipped in the wine by the Priest) for everyone as we emerged from COVID restrictions. As time moved on, we relaxed the situation on the Sunday 10am service by offering members of the congregation a choice to receive by Intinction or by receiving in both kinds (the bread and drinking from the Chalice).

For some time the PCC has been unable to decide when we should return to our 'normal' practices. At the meeting last week the PCC discussed again and have decided to now cease Intinction at St Mary's – St Faith's will have a further discussion about their practice.

The reasons for doing this were based on long held understanding (prior to COVID) that the risk of transmission of any illness via a shared cup was very small as it was gilt metal and alcohol. This is helped by the Chalice not being constantly wiped by those administering as this was wiping off and then wiping on again

This had been the situation for at least 100 years or more. The even older tradition was for the congregation to receive in 'one kind' – the bread – and for the Priest to be the only person to drink from the cup. Interestingly to symbolise and remind people that to receive 'one kind' was to receive the whole a small fragment of the Priest's wafer would be placed in the chalice before communion.

The 'co-mingling' (as it was termed) was to show that it was the presence of Christ in the sacrament that was central, rather than whether we received, bread, wine or both.

This understanding is important as we move forward for what we should focus on is receiving and being blessed by the presence of Christ, not the detail of how and what we receive.

This is something we have also stressed as we stream services, inviting all – whether in Church physically – or online spiritually to be aware of that presence of Christ within us and strengthening us.

So **from Sunday Nov 3rd** – the 4th Sunday before Advent- as we begin what is known as the 'Kingdom Season' **we will revert to our pre-COVID process.**

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive the presence of Christ.

You can choose to simply receive the host (the bread) and move on back to your seat or you can receive the host and then move to drink from the Chalice.

The one thing that is discouraged is individuals dipping the host into the Chalice. Intinction will cease to be part of our administering of communion.

We hope this will mean that everyone will simply come to the Dais – and for visitors there will cease to be a confusion about where they should be going.

As now if you wish to receive just a blessing simply come with your head bowed, if you wish to receive communion at your seats then please stand towards the end of communion and the Priest will come to you.

Midweek services and the Sunday 8am we will invite people to stand around the Dais and after having received the host wither stay there to receive the chalice – or return to your seats if you wish to only receive in one kind.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this then please do talk to a member of the Ministry team.

As you have all done over the journey of the last 4 years, we hope you will support one another and help us as we get used to the this 'new' (or 'old') system.