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Sunday 8th September 2024, Twenty-Third in Ordinary Time Parish Mass Book page 129, Prayer of the Church Week 3

Scriptures at Mass: the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Isaiah 35:4-7 *The prophet urges the people to take courage because God is coming to save his people.*

James 2:1-5 *Class distinction should have no place among Christians.*

Mark 7:31-37 *Jesus cures a Gentile man who is deaf and has a speech impediment.*



Healing of the blind man by Duccio di Buoninsegna, circa 1260 -1319

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation. The Celebration, on now, concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Visit the [web page](#) for links to resources, prayers and ideas to celebrate the season and be inspired for change.

Readers There is a Training Day for Readers at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 20th October, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm. It includes a sandwich lunch. Please enrol by emailing:

liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 7th September

Our Lady on Saturday

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

8th September

Twenty-third Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Helen Townsend RIP

Monday 9th September St Peter Claver

10 am Mass Fr Gerry O'Collins RIP

Tuesday 10th September Feria

10 am Catholic Grandparents Association meet: all grandparents are welcome.

12.15 pm Jubilarians' Mass
at St John's Cathedral

Wednesday 11th September Feria

Thursday 12th September Feria

10 am Mass June Farrell' intentions
and Martin Thomas RIP
10.30 am until 11.30 am Adoration

Friday 13th September Feria

Oaklands School Mass at 9 am and 10.20 am

Saturday 14th September

Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Vigil Mass for the Parish

15th September

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Helen Townsend RIP
We have a collection for our Home Missions.

Our Lady of Guadalupe For the next couple of weeks we host again this beautiful image, which can be a great inspiration to prayer. You will find it in our Paraclete Chapel.



Universal Meal We celebrate our Patronal Feast on Sunday 29th September after Mass. We rejoice in our Parish diversity with a shared lunch, people bringing dishes from their nation of origin. Pop the date in your diary!

Education Sunday is this weekend. Please pray for everyone who works in our schools and, if you can, donate to the Catholic Education Service in our retiring collection.



Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever-deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our Catholic education sector: chaplains, support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and trustees. We thank them for their hard work and dedication. Thank you for all the leaders of Catholic education. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our pupils and students. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school and university they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, Amen

Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in becoming part of the Church? Or do you have a child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? We invite you to join a ten-week **Alpha** programme this autumn. To help everyone there are two weekly opportunities:

- Mondays from 23rd September, 1 – 3 pm, freeing you for school's end &
- Tuesday evenings from 24th September from 7 – 9 pm, beginning with a simple soup, bread, cheese and fruit supper.

After the programme we enrol First Holy Communion children and prepare those who wish to join the Church.

