



Edge of the Path, Rocky Patch, Thorns, Rich Soil

Last weekend Jesus began to explain **revelation** to us, and He will continue to do so for four weeks in total.

Last weekend we learned that revelation is a gift given to those who have been **chosen**. This is reiterated this weekend when Jesus responds to the disciples who ask 'why do you speak plainly to us, but to them in parables?'

This week we are also told that even if we are chosen and the word is planted in us, we might not be ready to receive it.

Jesus uses four images to explain the different ways we may or may not be able to receive His Revelation.

We might be like (i) the edge of the path (ii) a rocky patch, (iii) full of thorns or (iv) rich soil. Obviously it is our own responsibility make sure we are rich soil.

The disciples ask in the Gospel: "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given'.

Here Jesus reiterates that revelation is a gift – a gift each one of us has been given, but how have we received it? Are you trying to be 'rich soil'?



FROM
Community
TO
Communion

Parish Mission:

We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved honoured, worshiped & adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual discover the Lord who is waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle



Usual Holy Mass Times

Mon	10:00am
Tues	7:00pm
Wed	07:30am
Fri	12 Noon
Sat	6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun	10:00am

Confession Times

Tues	6:00pm
Fri	11.00am
Sat	5:00pm
Or 30mins before any Mass	



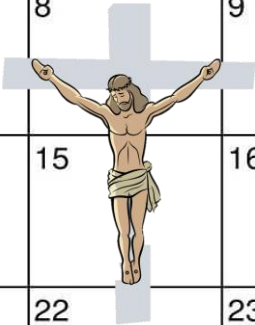
Adoration Times:

Tues 6.00pm

Fri 11am

Sat 5pm

July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 First Wednesday prayers	2	3  SOUPS	4 Chess 11am
5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6  Bible Study	7	8 	9	10  SOUPS	11 Table tennis 2pm
12 Sunday Formation after Mass	13	14	15	16	17  SOUPS	18
19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20  Bible Study	21	22	23	24  SOUPS	25
26 Sunday Formation after Mass	27	28	29	30	31  SOUPS	

Dates / Events coming up:

July

12th July

Faith formation 11:15am

August

16th August

Weekday Mass schedule alterations
Pipe band performing at Hogmoor enclosure

September

5th September

Chess Club 11am
Quiz Night 7:30pm

7th September

Leonard Cheshire's Birthday

12th September

First Confession and Holy Communion sessions begin

14th September

Foundation Mass of the Czestochowa Crucifix

Scan for Gift Aid form



Supporting the Parish:

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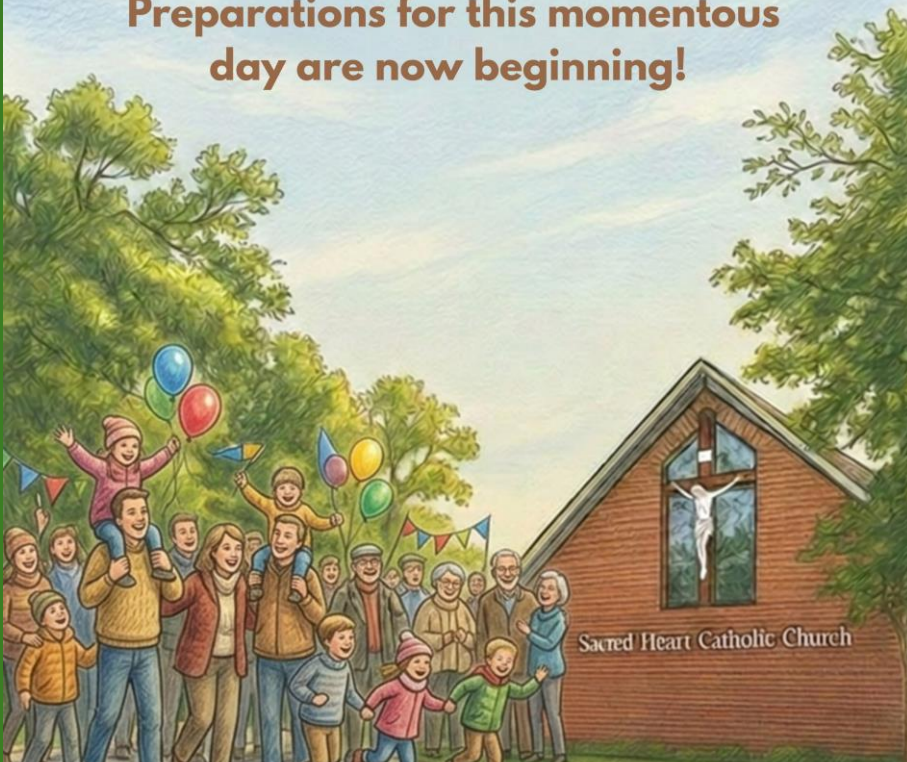
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In April 2028 we will celebrate 40 years since the blessing of the Foundation Stone.

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Preparations for this momentous day are now beginning!



Parish Fundraiser!

During Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, our fundraising campaign was launched.

Our goal is to raise **£20,000** to help replace the church floor, paint the church, build a porch and replace other items in the sanctuary.

Twenty months from now, on the **9th April 2028** it will be exactly 40 years since the foundation stone was solemnly blessed.

Our aim is to have the church ready before then.

Pledge Cards are available. Please take one, complete it and return it to Fr John. There you will find options to donate monthly or to make a one-off contribution to the fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Enrolment Forms

If your child will be 7 years old in **June 2027** it is now time to enrol them on the First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme.

If you have a child in Year 7 or above it is time to enrol them on the Confirmation Programme which lasts two academic years.

Both courses will begin in September. Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Fr John in the next few weeks.

Priestly Ordination

Deacon Jack Ryan will be ordained a priest for our diocese next Saturday (18th) at 11am in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

Melvyn Messina RIP

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Melvyn Messina who died this week. May he and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Quiz Night

Our thanks to Phil and Zena Canale who hosted our Quiz Night last Saturday. It was a fantastic evening as usual! Our next Quiz Night will be on Saturday 5th September at 7:30pm. Thanks also to Cecilia for the American Style hot dogs!

Sunday Formation Trial

We will continue after Mass this Sunday. We begin at 11:15am and finish at 12 noon. There is time for a quick coffee after Mass.

This session is open to all. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about Catholicism, please encourage them to attend.



Clergy moves 2026

As priests retire and new priests are ordained each year, a shuffling of priests takes place in September. The following list of Clergy moves has been announced to take place in September, although there will be some more announcements later on in the Autumn this year.

Deacon Craig Aburn to serve as deacon in St. Patrick's Hayling Island
Fr. David Bateman from St. Joseph and St. Edmund Southampton to Jersey
Fr. Ambrose Chou from Jersey to English Martyrs Reading
Fr. Marcin Drabik from St. Bernard's and St. Michael's Waterside with Our Lady of the Assumption Lyndhurst to Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey as parish priest and Coordinating Pastor/Dean.
Fr. Nishan Edward from St. Thomas of Canterbury Newport IoW with St. Saviour's Totland Bay
Fr. Oliver Ezeani (Archdiocese of Onitsha) to St. Colman and St. Paul Portsmouth
Fr. Michael Fava from St. Joseph's Newbury to St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs
Fr. Inna Gade from Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey to Our Lady Queen of Peace
Canon Mark Hogan from St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs to Our Lady and St. Edmund's Abingdon as parish priest and Coordinating Pastor (from 1st November)
Fr. Matthew King from St. Mary's and St. Columba's Gosport to Our Lady of the Assumption
Fr. Innaiah Maddineni from St. Patrick's Hayling Island to St. Patrick's Woolston
Fr. Jamie McGrath from Our Lady and St. Edmund's Abingdon to St. Joseph's Newbury
Fr. Paul Nwune from Holy Ghost Basingstoke to St. Thomas of Canterbury Newport IoW
Fr. Jack Ryan (newly ordained) to St. Joseph and St. Edmund Southampton
Fr. Benjamin Theobald from Holy Family Millbrook and UoS Chaplaincy to Corpus Christi
Canon Simon Thomson from Corpus Christi Wokingham to Our Lady and St. Joseph's
Fr. Andrew Wagstaff from St. Colman and St. Paul Portsmouth to Sacred Heart and St. Peter's

Farewells and Retirements

The following priests are either retiring this autumn or leaving the diocese:

Fr. David Adams (from Our Lady and St. Joseph's Lymington with St. Anne's Brockenhurst and St. Francis of Assisi Milford on Sea)
Fr. Alexander McAllister SDS and **Fr. Mario Lainez SDS** (from Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne)
Fr. Kevin O'Brien (from Our Lady of the Assumption Thatcham)
Fr. Mark Whiting from St. Patrick's Hayling Island

Please keep those Priests and Parishes in your prayers – it is not an easy time for the Priest being uprooted, for the people losing their Priest or for the Parishes receiving a new Priest who may be different from the previous Parish Priest.

Chess club
First and Third
 Saturday
 11am
 (From Sept)

Quiz Night
 First Saturday
 7:30pm

Parish Pipe
 Band
 Thursdays
 7pm

Coffee: Mon,
 Wed & Fri 8am
 -10am

Soups
 Every Friday
 12:30pm

Gardening
 Team
 Saturdays

Community
 Pantry
 Mon: 8am-
 10am and
 12noon -2pm,
 Wed: 8am –
 9:30am
 Fri: 8am –
 10am and
 12:45pm – 2pm



Holy Baptism
Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)

Confirmation
our next session will be on **Sunday 12th July** after Mass

Holy Communion
our First Holy Communion Programme has will begin again in September.

Confession
Tues 6pm
Fri 11am
Sat 5pm
or 30mins before any Mass

Holy Matrimony
It takes at least one year to prepare for marriage

Holy Orders
we should all consider whether God is calling us for service in His Church

Last Rites
As soon as there is a danger to life, a priest must be called



Family learning from the Catechism:

This weekend the Gospel contains the well-known parable of the Sower. Here is what the Catechism has to say in connection with this parable:

2706 To meditate on what we read helps us to make it our own by confronting it with ourselves. Here, another book is opened: the book of life. We pass from thoughts to reality. To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

2707 There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the three first kinds of soil in the parable of the sower.⁵ But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus.

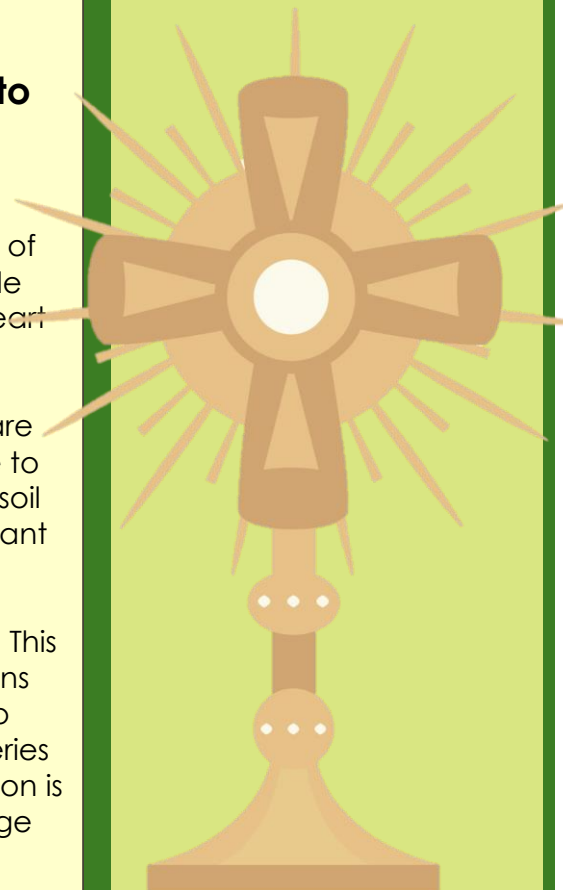
2708 Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in Lectio Divina or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.

Times when we can adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament:

TUESDAY 6pm

FRIDAY 11am

SATURDAY 5pm



The church is open every day from 9am – 7pm for private prayer

How long have you spent in prayer this week?

Saturday 11th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration 5:00pm

Confessions 5:00pm – 5:40pm

Sunday Vigil Mass: 6:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 12th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am Dec'd members of the Ashely & Sharaton Families RIP

Monday 13th July

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass 10:00am Theresa Pisani- Warner Int.

Tuesday 14th July

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Adoration 6:00pm

Confessions 6:00pm – 6:40pm

Holy Mass: 7:00pm Private Intention

Wednesday 15th July

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to St Joseph

Holy Mass: 07.30am Aborted Babies RIP

Friday 17th July

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Adoration 11:00am

Confessions 11:00am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Deacon Jack Ryan Int.

Saturday 18th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration 5:00pm

Confessions 5:00pm – 5:40pm

Sunday Vigil Mass: 6:00pm People of the Parish

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