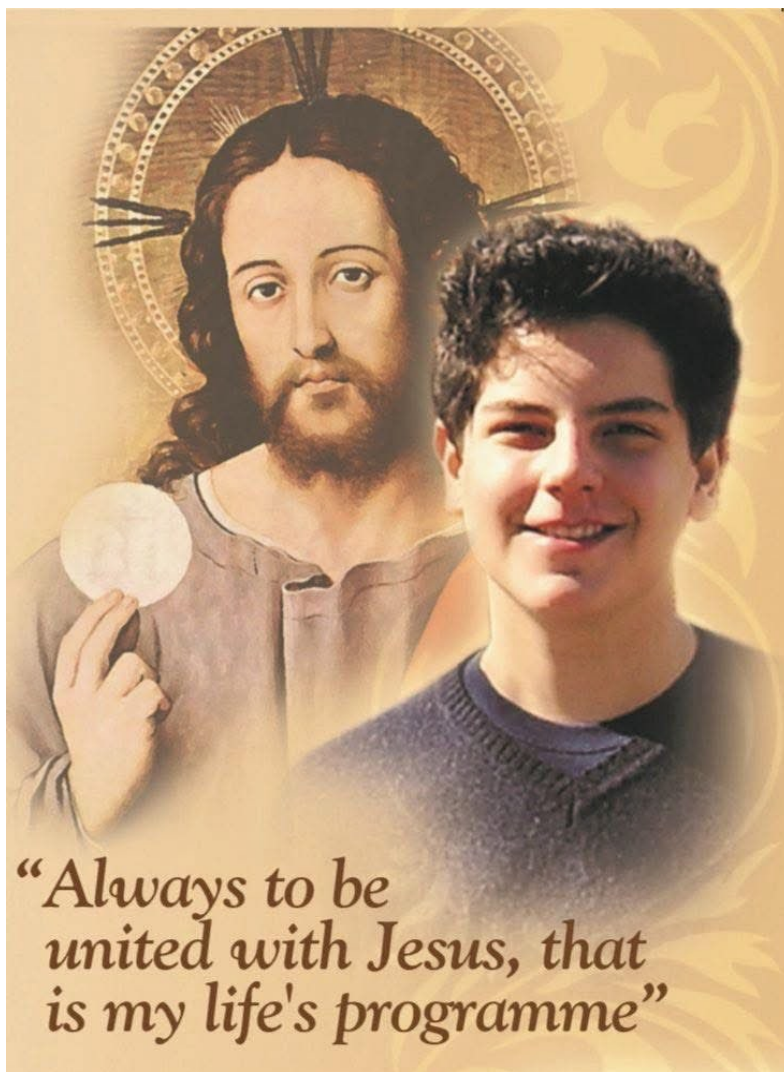




## PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### **Adoration from 8pm Thursday until 6pm Saturday every week.**

Our Parish benefits from many graces flowing from time spend in Adoration.

We appeal for a regular Adorer on Saturday afternoons 5pm until 6pm

Please contact [office@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk) or [ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk) if you are the answer to many prayers.

### **September is the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary**

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 most urgently that the House of Lords rejects the Anti-Life legislation which is before them. Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

**Adoration** (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

**Rosary, Vespers and Benediction** (Sunday 4pm)

**St Joseph Devotions** Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

The Church is open for private prayer from 9am-6pm each day

**‘Who can discern what the Lord wills?’**

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. 21****O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.****Second reading****Philemon 9b-10, 12-17****‘Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.’**

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

**Gospel****Luke 14:25-33****‘Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.’**


At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.’

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**SECOND COLLECTIONS—SEPTEMBER****21st Home Missions (HM)****28th Holy Family Church Roof Fund (Roof)**

We can take digital donations via the Dona collection plate at the back of the Church  
or via the Parish Bank Account Please mark donation (Roof)

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## HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

### Parish Notices

#### YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet next Saturday, **13th September**, from 3-6pm in the Louis Suite. (instead of Saturday 6th).

Children who have received their First Holy Communion, up to the age of 18, are very welcome to join this group.

#### RCIA

If you or any adult you know is interested in becoming a Catholic and/or learning more about the Faith Holy Family's preparation recommences on **Monday 15th September** at 7pm (in the Louis Suite which is the room adjacent to the Church at the top of the Church steps, straight ahead).

If you are already baptised but have not yet received further Sacraments this is also the group for you!

Please contact Angela [ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk) or the office [office@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk) if you would like to join this group.

#### RIGHT TO LIFE—WRITE TO THE LORDS

The Crime and Policing Bill has passed to the House of Lords for debate. The clause on decriminalising abortion is now Clause 191 of the Crime and Policing Bill. Peers will debate and can suggest changes to it. Please write to members of the House of Lords asking them to fight the extreme abortion up to birth amendment. This online tool [Fight the latest attempts to decriminalise abortion - SPUC](#) will generate a Peer at random for you to write to, and give a template. Once you have finished your letter, it will be emailed to you to print off and send to the Peer by post. Paper letters always have more impact than emails, and many Peers do not have publicly available email addresses. Please send the physical letter to Members of the House of Lords (or return them to the office to post for you). Please continue to pray

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATIONS 2025-2026

If your child(ren) will be entering **Year 4** in September you are invited to apply to register for the family preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The course will commence in October in preparation to receive these Sacraments in Summer 2026.

##### CLOSING DATE 15 SEPTEMBER

Please complete the expression of interest form <https://forms.office.com/e/9sG338tzDr> **You will be contacted in September to arrange to meet Fr Benjamin and the Catechesis Team to assess suitability for the course.**

#### Adoration and EF Mass Booklets

If you have borrowed Adoration or EF Mass booklets from the back of the Church would you kindly return them so people can use them to guide them through Adoration of Our Blessed Lord and Holy Mass here in the Church. Many thanks

**Job vacancies in the Diocese** [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



## Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

7 Sept (Sun)	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30am (OF)	Pauline Lobo (RIP) Intentions of the Adorers
8 Sept (Mon)		7.30 pm (OF)	No Mass today
9 Sept (Tues)	feria	9.15 am (OF)	Fr Marin Mikulic
11 Sept (Thur)	feria	7.30 pm (OF) Latin)**	George Harrold (thanksgiving)
12 Sept (Fri)	feria	09.15am(OF)	Lijo (health)
13 Sept (Sat)	Our Lady on Saturday <b>Mass in anticipation of</b>	9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Pro-Life Intentions—March for Life Kelly Avery (RIP) (Anniv)
14 Sept (Sun)	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00am (OF) Latin)** 10.30 am (OF)	Ewa Evans (Greater glory consecration) People of the Parish

**\*\*These Masses this week will most likely be OF—Latin offered ad orientem**

Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, Dcn Tom, or Catherine, or place in the collection basket. If you would like a Mass to be offered on a particular date please give several week's notice and we will try to accommodate you. Thank you

### Confessions (when there is Mass)

Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm  
Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm  
Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm  
**Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations**  
Sunday: 4.00 pm

**St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass**

### Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite

**Mother's Prayers** Wednesdays at 2.00 pm

**Sewing Group** - Fridays at 10.00am

**Lunch Group** Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:

**Next Lunch : September**

**Youth Group** 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm

**Catholic Men's Group** 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

**6th MARCH FOR LIFE—LONDON - coach full**

**Please spend extra time in Adoration on 6th to support those at the Rally.**

15th First Holy Communion Course -  
Applications Closing Date

19th Pilgrims' Progress

20th Sr Cooley Profession

27th Readers' Training (4pm)

27th 11am High Mass Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, St Agatha's, Portsmouth

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