

10 August 2025—Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

Weekday services suspended

Please note that there will be no midweek Masses at Holy Trinity until further notice.

Richborough Assumptiontide Festival

All members of the 'Richborough Family', together with relatives and friends, are warmly invited to this event in Portsmouth **this Saturday** (16th August) – our first regional gathering under the leadership of Bishop Luke. It begins at 12 noon with Solemn Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral, High St, Portsmouth PO1 2HA, followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch and free time in the afternoon, with the day concluding at 4 pm with Benediction in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road, Southsea PO4 0DY, followed by afternoon tea.

Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Afternoon Tea

You are invited to an afternoon tea at 2.30 pm onwards on Monday week (18th August), to be held in Jackie Davies' garden at 62 Oakfield Road, Hawley GU17 9DZ. All are welcome to attend but please let Jackie know so that she will have an idea of numbers. Please bring some cash for the raffle.

Aid to Ukraine

If anybody can provide such toiletries as toothpaste, toothbrushes, and men's shaving products, also any men's T-shirts (only – not other clothing), please contact Marian King on 07887 488076. This is for soldiers who are in hospital and are running out of these kinds of essentials; any donations will go direct to the hospitals. Many thanks.

'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 19 in Ordinary Time, Year I

N.B. No weekday Masses

Thursday *St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr*
11.00 am: Bible Study Group

Friday ***Assumption of the B.V.M.***
2–4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Saturday
12 noon: Richborough Assumptiontide
Mass—*Portsmouth Cathedral*
and 4 pm: Benediction—*Holy Spirit, Southsea*

Next Sunday—Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*
11.00 am: Sung Mass

Weekly news sheet—*Please note earlier deadline*

For this week only, please send any items for inclusion on the news sheet to Fr William by midday **tomorrow** (Monday).

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those recently married: Giulio & Sophie Dalicco

The sick and infirm: June Anderton,
Janet Dadson, Leah James, Jane Lister,
Esther Moore, Janet Murton, Dave Powers,
Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Shirley Whiteley,
Christina & Geoff, Graham, Jack & Rosemary,
Kate, Kirk & Karen, Pam, Tony

The recently departed & their families:

Fred Cort, Jean Vickers

Anniversary of death: Brian Bartlett,
David Chandler, Sallie Cooper, Connie Hendey,
Stan Parry, Sylvia Powers, Victoria Spence,
Joan Tass, Robert Townsend, Fr Roy Wynne-Green

Living the Word: Hebrews 11: 1 – 19

In this chapter each paragraph begins, 'By faith...' The Greek puts it with a firm and striking emphasis 18 times, and at the beginning and end of the chapter (verses 2 and 39): 'it was to this that our ancestors bore witness'. In each of the paragraphs one of the ancestors is praised or is said to have achieved 'righteousness' by acting purely on God's promise. The author works steadily through the figures of the Old Testament, who would of course be heroes to the Hebrew priests, who are the intended readers of the Letter.

Without faith, of course, the Bible makes no sense at all, and this recital of the reliance of the patriarchs on faith is a testimony of the decision of each one of them across biblical history to put their trust in the promises of God.

In this series, the faith of Abraham has pride of place, the first and longest account of historical figures. It was Abraham who received the call to leave his comfortable homeland and go out into the unknown, with only God's promise to sustain him and Sarah.

St Paul also has an important chapter (Romans 4) in which he meditates on Abraham's faith which made him righteous. For St Paul, Abraham's faith is the model of all faith.

Abraham's preparedness to sacrifice his son Isaac is a difficult point for us to understand. Was it to teach us that child-sacrifice is not acceptable? Was it to show how confident Abraham was in God? This Letter puts forward a different solution: that it was a parable of the resurrection from the dead, a cause of great joy to Abraham and a prefiguring of our own joy in the resurrection of Jesus for all humankind.

Sunday 10th August 2025 8th Sunday after Trinity or 19th in Ordinary Time Gospel: Luke 12: 32 – 48



There is an urgency to Jesus's teaching in today's Gospel. The Lord uses an outrageous image to describe his return, his second coming, as if he were a thief in the night, against whom the householder would guard his house if only he knew. It is a reminder, first of all, that Christians are to be watchful for the signs of God, but also that when Christ does return, that everything will be turned upside down. It is Christ's Kingdom that endures, and not the promises of this world.

Yet the Gospel begins with words of encouragement, Do not be afraid. Jesus describes his disciples as the little flock, and we should see ourselves in this light, remembering our that we are children of the heavenly Father. When the cares of the world drag us down, we are reminded that this life is not the end. Time rolls on and thoughts of Christ's return seem less urgent, yet the Gospel promises a rich reward for those who endure.