

MASS TIMES feasts/intentions		14 th -21 st January
StL: St Laurence, Station Rd, Petersfield / StA : St Agnes, Plantation Rd, Liss		
14 th January	Second Sunday of the Year	
Sunday	9.00am StA	
	10.45am StL <i>Richard Patrick Munt RIP</i>	1Sam 3:3b-10,19 1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
	6.00pm StL <i>For the Parish</i>	
PSALM: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!		
Thursday	11.30am StL	Requiem Mass for Peter Baillon
Friday	11.30am StL	<i>Mr & Mrs Peter Connon FM</i>
Saturday	10.00am StL	<i>Jennifer Melville-Smith RIP</i>
21 st January	Third Sunday of the Year	
Sunday	9.00am StA	<i>For the Parish</i>
	10.45am StL <i>Wrenford Family FM</i>	Jonah 3:1-5,10 1Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:14-20
	6.00pm StL	
Sacrament of Penance on request Also at 8.45am Sunday (before Mass at StA) Divine Office 2 - Prayer of the Church before Mass at St Laurence		

Music for 10.45am Mass: The New People's Mass.

Coffee – after 10.45am Mass at St Laurence every Sunday - Everyone is invited.

Please Pray for all the faithful departed and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Your Prayers are requested for all those in our community who are sick.

The Parish Office is open Tuesday & Thursday 9.15am-1.15pm, and Friday 11-1pm. Please send in items for newsletter or notice board to office by Thursday morning.

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The information in this newsletter can be accessed on the parish and other websites

SAINT LAURENCE PARISH - PETERSFIELD

BURITON, SHEET, STEEP, LISS, RAKE, HAWKLEY, EMPSHOTT GRN, FROXFIELD, MONKWOOD, PRIVETT, WEST MEON, EAST MEON, LANGRISH, STROUD, WARNFORD, COLEMORE, LANGLEY



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Petersfield GU32 3ED

St Agnes Church, Plantation Road
Hillbrow, Liss GU33 7QB

Second Sunday of the Year - Peace Sunday - 14th January 2018

St Agnes Feast Day - celebration lunch in Liss village hall on Sunday 21 January at 1pm preceded as usual by Mass at 9am. Cost will be: Adults £7:50 Children up to 16 £1. Donations of hot dishes and desserts would be appreciated as would raffle prizes. Please bring your own wine if you would like a glass. Proceeds will be in aid of Friends of the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome and your support would be hugely appreciated. Margaret 01730 893179 or margitthe@aol.com

First Penance Preparation begins on 18th February with 4 meetings in St Laurence Hall 9:45-10:30 am and concluding with a Penitential Service for the family.

First Communion Preparation begins on 22nd April with 3 meetings in St Laurence Hall 9:45-10:30 am and concluding with First Communion mass on 13th May at 10:45 am. Details of the programme and enrolment sheet are available at the church desk.

White Flower Appeal – the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is currently campaigning to stop decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

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RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY - SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

January 2018

Tue 16 th	3.45pm	Tuesday Club in the Hall (Catholic teaching for young children)
Wed 17 th	2.00pm	Knitting Circle in the Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	7.30pm	POSTPONED Housegroup - Contact Justine Jenner 01730893642
Sun 21 st	4.00pm	Christian Unity Service (St Laurence Church)
Tue 23 rd	6.00pm	Parish Repair and Maintenance Committee meeting
	7.30pm	Parish Finance Committee meeting
Wed 31 st	7.30pm	Liturgy Committee meeting
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1st Feb	7.30pm	Housegroup - Contact Justine Jenner 01730893642
4 th Feb	7.00pm	Justice and Peace meeting
23 rd June	11.00am	Confirmation in St John's Cathedral

Peace Sunday Reflection - In my work, I have the privilege of meeting people from a multitude of different backgrounds and cultures. This past week I met a very distressed young man from Idlib, a city in north western Syria. He showed me extremely disturbing mobile camera footage of his neighbourhood being bombed by Russian aircraft. His parents and young siblings have left their home in Idlib and, like many thousands of others from the area, are now refugees without shelter and with nowhere to go. The Turkish border to the north is closed. There is a BBC news report on this situation at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-42633845> On this Peace Sunday weekend, the encounter is yet another reminder of the need for us to pray continually for peace. Peace, like fresh air and sunshine, we only miss these precious things when they are taken from us. Please pick up a Pax Christi prayer card after Mass. *Paul Farmer*

Justice and Peace. Rural Refugee Network - Walk for Hope Sun 4 Feb. Elstead Village Hall. 10am for a 10.30am start. 3 miles followed by hot food and cakes.

AMMENDED: Tuesday Club (Catholic teaching for children) - Naomi House and Jack's Place would like to thank the class for their donation of **£20.00** raised by the children's raffle. They said the ability to provide care and support to the families, would not be possible without our help.

Finance

Thank you for your generosity towards the work of the Church in this area.

Collections for last Sunday

1st Collection for the Parish: £430.43 + £600 (average weekly standing orders).

2nd Collection for Parish Covenant with the Poor: £148.27

The 2nd Collection for next Sunday is for the Parish Covenant with the Poor.

Housegroup will now take place on Thursday 1st February (NOT 18th Jan), 7.30-9pm. We are still studying Mark and warmly invite you to join us for Bible study, discussion, encouragement and prayer. We try to meet every other week, however, if you cannot make Thursday evenings but would like to be part of a similar group then please contact me as I would be very happy to help you organise one and get it going. Justine Jenner 01730 893642 or jenner36@btinternet.com

Faith Comment about the Feast of the Epiphany, by Christine Traynier can be read on p20 in Petersfield Post (10 Jan) or at www.pact.org.uk.

Confirmation - Portsmouth Diocese will be facilitating a residential retreat at Oaklands Catholic School, Waterlooville from 9 - 11 February 2018, fully catered with sleeping accommodation on classroom floors, and led by a variety of laity, clergy and religious. Thorough and fun catechesis, sport and art, rich liturgy and lively music. Please give an indication of interest and return the booking sheet by Friday 26th January. Contact St Laurence office for retreat info, programme and booking sheets.

PACT Woman's brunch - Saturday 27th January, 10am - 12pm at Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Petersfield. We are looking forward to welcoming Davina Irwin-Clark to lead us on the topic of 'Trust'. To give us a rough idea of numbers please let us know if you are planning to come women@sheet.church

PACT AGM - Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm, St Peter's Church. Although it seems like rather a long way off, a Christmas Day Lunch Representative is needed for our parish. If you think you might be able to help it might be useful to pop along to this meeting by way of introduction. The Service of Unity is being held at St Laurence's on Sunday 21st January at 4pm. Helen Mason 07941 334245

Adore - The next mini-retreat day (The Good News of Jesus Christ) is Saturday 27th January. More info on notice board or at www.altonrenewal.com

Consultation until 31st January 2018 on admissions arrangements for the school year 2019-2020. See proposals at www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org. Comments to the clerk: C.Colley@oaklandscatholicsschool.org

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland. 14th March, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. Wheelchair accessible rooms. See poster at back of church for more details or contact Patricia 01268 762 278 / 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

World Youth Day - Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising. Please email no later than 15th January if you would like to go - youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk