



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

5 May 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The first, second and Gospel readings of today reminds us of God's love for us. When we are lost and have fallen short from the glory of God, God is always there to deliver us. God has loved us first, and He has come to save us from our past mistakes and to restore us back to our first glory.

In the Gospel of today, Jesus encourages us to keep His commandment so that we may remain in His love. He says, "This is My commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." Not as you love yourself (cf. Lev 19:18), but as I have loved you.

How does Jesus love us? He laid down his life for us. He died for us so that we too can learn from Him and lay down our lives for our friends and our loved ones. The greatest sacrifice we can make in this life is to lay down our lives for others.

In Cor 13:5, love does not count our wrongs. Jesus spread His hands on the Cross, as a sign of love that we are His friends. He hates no one, He bears no grudges, He forgives all our sins, He does not discriminate, He does not judge, He knows that we are weak, and still, He chooses to lay down His life for us, so that we can have life. Jesus is asking us to love one another, to love our friends, to love our children, to love our families and to love ourselves.

Fr Paul Nwune

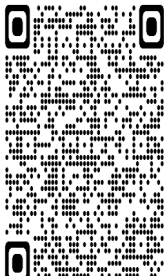
ONLINE DONATIONS

Please use this QR Code to donate to the cathedral parish.



WEST WINDOW

Thank you for donations to date of **£53,385**. Text **WINDOW** to **70560** to donate £10 or use the QR code.



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Please sign up to receive the newsletter by email. To date 336 people have done so.



IMPORTANT: GIFT AID DECLARATION

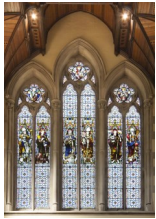
If you signed a gift aid declaration before **31 December 2022**, please sign a new one in favour of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth to enable us to continue to claim gift aid on your donations. Forms may be found at the exits to the cathedral or on the Documents section of the parish website and ought to be returned to the parish office or put in the collection basket.

Sunday 5 May Parish Mass Books, readings begin on page 266.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK



WELCOME: to any visitors to the parish. If you would like to 'gift aid' your giving there are 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the Church. Please ensure that you complete all the details in pen and sign the form. Join us for tea and coffee after 10:00 Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.



REDEDICATION OF THE WEST WINDOW: at the 10:00 Mass today Bishop Philip will formally rededicate the newly refurbished West Window.

MASS COUNT: A count of attendance will take place at all Masses during the month of May starting this weekend. The information will help the parish to identify pastoral priorities and planning.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: at the 10.00 am Mass today. Please note that this is for pre-First Holy Communion children, **aged 5-7 years**. Those on the First Holy Communion journey especially - but also older children - should not go to this, but should attend the whole of the Mass in church.



MAY IS MARY'S MONTH: The Rosary Group will lead this traditional devotion after the 12:15 Mass each day. We pray especially for peace in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and throughout the world. All are welcome to join in this prayer.

MONDAY (6 MAY) BANK HOLIDAY: Please note there will only be one Mass at 12:15. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 – 16:00 in the Mary Potter Room.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL CLUB: Wed 8 May at 13:15 in the conference room. We are

showing an excellent movie 'The Great Escaper' (2023) with Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided. All welcome.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thu 9 May. This Holy Day of Obligation will have two Masses, **12:15 and 18:30**. Please mark it in your diary.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS: Saturday 11 May at 11:00. Please note there will be **no 12:15 Mass**.

PARISH REPOSITORY: Open before or after all Sunday Masses and Wed—Fri from 10:00 – 13:00. Come in and browse!

COLLECTIONS:

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collections:

- **£1,529.15** (cash: £719.15 and planned giving of £810).
- Please consider switching to a monthly standing order. The parish benefits from continuity of income.
- Our bank details are: **Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account No: 0088 3884 A/C Name: CDP Portsmouth St John's Cathedral**.
- If you are making an offering by cheque, please make it payable to **CDP St John's Cathedral**.

NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: is a mandatory collection to be taken on **11/12 May** on the theme: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*.

TOMBOLA AND 'NAME THE DOG' COMPETITION: Sun 12 May after the 10:00 and 12:00 noon Masses. If you have unwanted gifts or would like to donate an item for the tombola, please bring them into the sacristy. The money raised goes towards the cathedral buildings fund.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2024: Masses will be celebrated at **18:00 on Sat 25 May** and on **Sun 26 May at 10:00, 12:00 and**

18:00 for the children and their families who have completed the journey. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for the big day to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

CATHOLIC TALKS: aimed at youth and adults focusing on how “God loves you as you are”. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 19:30 in Cosham, at the junction of the High Street and Magdala Road, *Missio Ad Gentes Room*. All welcome.

giftaid it **GIFT AID DECLARATION:** If you are a UK taxpayer and complete a gift aid declaration, the parish can claim from HMRC an amount equal to **25%** of your donation. If you are a taxpayer and have not yet completed a gift aid form, please do so. It increases our income **at no cost to you**.



DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP: Sun **28 July – Sat 3 Aug 2024** at St Cassian’s Kintbury for boys of secondary school age (leaving

Yr 6 to leaving Yr 11). There will be sports, outings, competitions, and games within the context of the celebration of the Catholic faith, including daily Mass. Cost £230 (partial bursaries available at dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR PAYING GUESTS: Host families required in the Southsea and Portsmouth area to accommodate (bed, breakfast, and evening meal with full board at weekends) Italian students (14-18 years) as paying guests for 2 or 3 weeks in July 2024 while they attend an intensive, fully structured language programme in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. For more information

please contact Rosina Kettle-Williams on m: 07715 998683 e: rosinakw@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: We hope to return to administering Holy Communion under both kinds for those who wish to receive also from the chalice. The hope is to begin from the **Feast of Corpus Christi (Sunday 2 June)**. When there are insufficient Ordinary Ministers (priests and deacons) available to administer at Mass, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may assist. A meeting and training with formal commissioning is being planned.



THE PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Philip warmly invites you to join him from 22-26 July 2024. Departs from Gatwick Airport to Toulouse and then by coach transfer to Lourdes and staying at Hotel La Solitude. Email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL 2024: Families in Sudan are facing extreme hunger. 25 million people need urgent help. CAFOD needs your help – both prayers and financial giving. [www.cafod.org.uk/Sudan Appeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal). Please use gift aid envelopes available.

PARKING: Those who attend Mass at the cathedral, please park sensibly, legally (observe disabled bays) with sensitivity to other users who may need to leave promptly after Mass. Please do not block in other cars. Do move your car if you have blocked anyone else in.

SAFEGUARDING: Parents /carers must accompany children when using the toilets.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass

Sun: 5 May 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18:00 (Sat) Annie and Steve Caprio Int

08:00 Justin Ochuba Int *(Latin Mass)*

10:00 Dougie Waterman RIP

12:00 Annie and Steve Caprio Int

15:00 Diocesan Confirmation Mass (+P)

18:00 People of the Parish

Mon: 6 May of the 6th Week of Easter

No 07:00 Mass (Bank Holiday Monday)

12:15 Stewart Stirton Int

Tue: 7 May of the 6th Week of Easter

12:15 Paul and Kate Coghlan Int

Wed: 8 May of the 6th Week of Easter

12:15 Sylvia and Stewart Stirton Int

Thu: 9 May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

No 07:00 Mass

12:15 Dave and Rose Rutherford RIP

18:30 Mason Family Int [In Thanksgiving]

Fri: 10 May 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

12:15 Sylvia and Stewart Stirton Int

Sat: 11 May 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

11:00 Diocesan Confirmations (No 12:15 Mass)



Prayer Requests Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

- The children of our parish preparing for their First Holy Communion.

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THE PARISH PRAYER



Loving Father, we ask you to bless our parish.

Make us better people, more considerate towards others, more honest with ourselves and more faithful to You.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit open our ears to hear You in prayer, open our eyes to Your presence in one another and open our hearts to those who are searching for You. Help each of us to find our true vocation in life, so that we may not only find our own happiness but bring happiness to others.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 and 17:00-17:45; also on Sundays for 30 mins before Mass when a priest is available.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday from 10:00—16:00. **ROSARY:** recited every Monday-Friday after 12:15 Mass. All welcome.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the lamps have been donated for:

Blessed Sacrament

Chapel:

Pratt Family Int

Chukwunedum Azikiwe Int

St Patrick's Chapel:

Baby Sienna & Sahil & Sarah Int

Liz Carter Int

Our Lady Chapel:

Mary Pratt & Family Int

Clifford David RIP

