



St John's Cathedral,
Portsmouth

CATHEDRAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

19 May 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY, *solemnity*



Pentecost – come Holy Spirit!

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Holy Spirit, on the fiftieth day of Easter. According to one way of considering the Church, it is also her “birthday”. In the Nicene Creed, we profess our faith in the Church as “one, holy, catholic and apostolic”. These “marks” of the Church are all on display at her “birth” in the upper room in Jerusalem, in which the apostles had gathered with Mary and the other disciples. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the first members of the Church began to speak in foreign languages which made them intelligible to natives of a

wide range of places scattered throughout what is now Asia, Africa and Europe. (The reader of the first reading this Sunday must contend with possibly the most difficult reading of the Church year as he or she reads words like Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Phrygia and Pamphylia!)

The catholicity or universality of the Church was on display on the day of Pentecost. It is also on display each Sunday in our parish community when people from dozens of different countries and cultures come together in one faith to worship God. Our unity in diversity is a gift from God, but one which we cannot take for granted. Each of us needs, again and again, to experience conversion, and we need to nourish and sustain our faith with prayer, regular reception of the sacraments and the fellowship of other disciples. This is the objective of the “six holy habits” proposed by Bishop Philip. So, as we resume “Ordinary Time” tomorrow, let our prayer be, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us, your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love!”

Canon James McAuley



WEST WINDOW

After a successful appeal against the decision of the insurers to reject our claim, we have been awarded an amount of £8,900 towards the cost of restoration.

Donations to date of £54,534 plus the receipt from our insurers brings the total amount raised to date to £63,434. The final cost of restoration (net of VAT) was approximately £92,000. To donate please text **WINDOW** to **70560** or use the QR code.



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.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK



A WARM WELCOME: To all visitors and parishioners. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy after Mass and fill in a registration form from the back of the cathedral.



PENTECOST SUNDAY: Today marks the end of Eastertide. The clergy wear red vestments to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit on to the people of the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Raphael Jaze Patulot and Lexi-Rose Parker Ellis who will be baptized today at 15:00. Please keep Raphael, Lexi-Rose, their parents, grandparents, and godparents in your prayers.

MASS COUNT: A count of in-person attendance will take place at all Masses this weekend. The information will help the parish to identify pastoral priorities and planning.



ROSARY IN MAY: The Rosary group recite the rosary after the 12:15 Mass each day especially during May in honour of Our Lady. Please join us if you can as we pray for peace in our world.

LECTIO DIVINA, 'PRAYING WITH A LISTENING HEART': Thu 23 May at 18:30 in the CDC. There are many ways of praying but heartfelt listening leads us to a heartfelt reflection on what we have heard so we can respond to God who speaks to us. Then we come to know God more and more. It is a simple and profound way of praying. Why not come to 'Taste and see'? Particularly those who read at Mass.

RWANDA GENOCIDE AGAINST TUTSI

ANNIVERSARY MASS: here on Sat 25 May at 14:00 celebrated by Fr Paul.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Masses will be celebrated at 18:00 on Sat 25 May and on Sun 26 May at 10:00 and 12:00 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.



COLLECTIONS:

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collections:

- **£1,681.72** (cash: £811.72 and planned giving of £870).
- 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

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: Sat 1 June at 09:30 in the CDC for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant. Baptisms are offered for those who live in the parish, and are practising the faith, where at least one parent is a Catholic. These baptisms are for under-fives only.



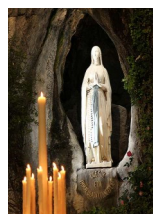
HOLY COMMUNION: We hope to return to the practice of Holy Communion under both forms – Host and Chalice – for those who wish, from Corpus Christi, **Sunday 2 June.** There will be a meeting for those

invited to serve as Extraordinary Ministers at a date to be confirmed.



ALTAR SERVERS: Young people who are interested in becoming an Altar Server and have received their First Holy

Communion can enrol for the next training session with Anjolie on Sunday 16 June at 11:00 in the cathedral. Please email: anjolie@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Mon 22 July to Friday 26 July. The annual diocesan pilgrimage will be returning to Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop Philip.

Please pray for all those considering joining this year's pilgrimage as they will be praying for us. For further details please email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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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**.

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 week-ends) 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

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.

OUR HALL AND MEETING ROOMS: are well equipped and available to hire. To find out more contact the bookings office 023 9200 8810 or email cathedral@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

THE REVISED LECTIONARY: The New Lectionary will be mandatory from the First Sunday of Advent 2024. Further details can be found here: www.ctsbooks.org/highlights/lectionary.

INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: Are you interested in how the Catholic Church engages with other faith traditions? If so, the diocesan inter-religious dialogue team needs your help. For further information contact Dr Yvette Harrington, yvette.harrington@icloud.com.

TOMBOLA: Last Sunday's tombola raised £94.50 for church maintenance fund.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2024: This national event will take place in London on Saturday 7 September 2024. The theme this year is: *Abortion isn't healthcare*. To find out more about March For Life and this event, please visit their website: www.marchforlife.co.uk

ONLINE DONATIONS

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



SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Are you sick and housebound or know someone who is? Is your family member in need of a visit from a Priest/Parish visitor? Please leave a message with the Office – a visit can then be organised. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass

Sun: 19 May 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY, *solemnity*

18:00 (Sat) Terry Butler RIP

08:00 People of the Parish *(Latin Mass)*

10:00 Elizabeth Robson Int

12:00 Susan Teresa Pye RIP

18:00 In Thanksgiving Int

Mon: 20 May ORDINARY TIME RESUMES (WEEK 7)

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

07:00 Eileen and Richard West FM

12:15 Zoe Ganado Int

Tue: 21 May St Christopher Magallanes and

Companions, Priest, Martyrs or: Feria

12:15 Florencio Britto RIP FM

Wed: 22 May St Rita of Cascia, Religious, *op mem*

12:15 Carmen Labiano RIP

Thu: 23 May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the

ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, *feast*

07:00 Provost Gerard Hetherington FM

12:15 Marie and Sylvia Int (Birthday)

Fri: 24 May Feria [7th Week in Ordinary Time]

12:15 The Saliba Family RIP

Sat: 25 May St Bede the Venerable, Religious, *mem*

12:15 Andy RIP



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.

- For those sitting exams at this time.

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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

Terry Butler RIP

St Patrick's Chapel:

Baby Sienna & Sahil & Sarah Int

Liz Carter Int

Our Lady Chapel:

Marie and Sylvia Int

Clifford David RIP

