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ST JOHN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH

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Easter, a time for renewal and new life, is pivotal to the Christian faith. Following the Passion of Christ's crucifixion, the disciples waited three days with fear and foreboding. On that third day, Christ rose from the dead and the Christian faith was confirmed.

Easter is also a time when those looking to become Roman Catholics are traditionally received into the Church.

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Easter Blessings

Easter, the major celebration in the Christian calendar, has again been celebrated in style at St John's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Portsmouth.

The forty days of Lent - when Christians renew and re-invigorate their conviction – culminate in the joyful celebration of Easter. Commenting on this year's celebrations, Bishop Crispian Hollis, Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth, said: 'Easter is a time for joy when Christians the world over celebrate Christ's triumph over death. We are doubly blessed again this year,' continued Bishop Crispian, 'with so many new members who have been studying our faith and who have opted now to become practising members of our Church. I pay homage and tribute particularly to those across our Diocese who have so recently become practicing member of the Catholic Church I bid them warm welcome.'

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