



St John's Cathedral,  
Portsmouth

# CATHEDRAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 28 April 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**I am the  
vine you  
are the  
branches,  
remain  
in Me!**



The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B centre around the themes of community, love in action, and abiding in Christ.

In the first reading from Acts, we witness the conversion of Saul, who later became known as the apostle Paul. After his encounter with Jesus on

the road to Damascus, Paul is initially met with scepticism by the disciples in Jerusalem. However, Barnabas vouches for him, and Paul is welcomed into the Christian community. This passage highlights the importance of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the transformative power of God's grace within the Christian community.

The second reading from 1 John emphasizes the necessity of love in action. The passage reminds us that love is not just a sentiment but is demonstrated through our deeds. By loving one another and keeping God's commandments, we abide in God, and His Spirit dwells within us. This passage challenges us to live out our faith tangibly by caring for others and serving those in need.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to illustrate the intimate connection between Him and His followers. He emphasizes the importance of abiding in Him to bear fruit and glorify God. This passage calls us to remain rooted in Christ, allowing His life to flow through us and produce the fruits of love, joy, and obedience.

As we reflect on these readings, we are invited to deepen our sense of community, actively demonstrate love through our actions, and abide in Christ to bear fruit for God's kingdom. Through forgiveness, love in action, and remaining connected to Christ, we can experience the abundant life He offers and glorify God in all we do.

**Zacharias Parambi**

### **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.

***This parish livestreams Masses and other events.  
Please see notices in the cathedral for further details.***

***Sunday 28 April: Parish Mass Books, readings begin on page 264.***

## TODAY AND THIS WEEK



**WELCOME!** A warm welcome to all who are visitors to our parish. Please join us for tea and coffee after 10:00 Mass in the hall. If you are new here, please introduce yourself to one of the priests.

**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS:** today at 15:00 celebrated by Bishop Philip.

**A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE:** is observed on Tuesday 30 April 2024. It is marked on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. The prayer is on page 4 of this newsletter.

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

### **COLLECTIONS:**

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collections:

- **£1,517.08** (cash: £646.08 and planned giving of £871).
- Clergy Training Fund: **£389.50**
- 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.**

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP:** The Youth Group (13-17 years) will return on **Friday 3 May** in the hall from **18:30-20:00**. Come to learn about the faith, socialise and enjoy food.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** **Sat 4 May at 09:30** in the CDC for parents and godparents who have already booked a

baptism. 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.

**ROSARY PROCESSION:** **Sat 4 May** after the 12:15 Mass. The Portsmouth University students welcome everyone to join a rosary procession with reflections and prayer intentions followed by refreshments in the CDC afterwards.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP):** provides practical help and support whenever possible for those who need it. Are you in need of help of any kind? Or do you know someone who is? If so, contact Emma on 0785 1701 806 to arrange a visit. SVP will next meet on **Sat 4 May at 13:00** in the conference room.

## NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

**REDICATION OF THE WEST WINDOW:** **Sunday, 5 May at the 10:00 Mass** to be celebrated by Bishop Philip.

**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS 2024:** next **Sun (5 May) at 15:00** and next **Sat (11 May) at 11:00**. As a result, there will be **no 12:15 Mass**. The same will be true for the next few weekends. During the Confirmation season the CDC needs volunteers to help serve refreshments on Saturdays from 09:00-12:00 and on Sundays from 13:00-16:00. If you can help please email [clairehoskins30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clairehoskins30@yahoo.co.uk).

**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.

**ASCENSION DAY, THURSDAY 9 MAY:** This solemnity is a Holyday of Obligation, that is a day when all Catholics should attend Mass if possible. Holy Mass will be at **12:15 and at 18:30**.

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK:** is a mandatory collection to be taken on **11/12 May** as the Church marks World Communications Day on the theme: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.*

**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, *Misio Ad Gentes Room.* Come and listen!

*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.**



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** The Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from **Monday 22 July until Friday 26 July** to be led by Bishop Philip. Departs from Gatwick Airport to Toulouse and then by coach transfer to Lourdes and staying at Hotel La Solitude. If you are interested email: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**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](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)).



**SPONSOR A SANCTUARY LAMP:** in memory of someone. For a donation of £5 the sanctuary lamp will burn for a whole week either in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or at Our Lady's Chapel or in St Patrick's Chapel.

**CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL:** The war in Sudan has forced people to flee their homes and these families now face a hunger crisis. Your donations can provide food, shelter and water to families who need it and its surrounding countries: Donate at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH:** We will have the prayer of the Holy Rosary after the 12:15 Mass daily. Please join in this traditional devotion and volunteer to lead the Rosary on one of the days.

**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 examination programme in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. For more information please contact Rosina Kettle-Williams on m: 07715 998683 e: [rosinakw@gmail.com](mailto:rosinakw@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To Roger Randall who received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Saturday 27 April. Please pray for him including the rest of our new Catholics for their continued growth and perseverance in the faith.

## CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

[www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass](http://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass)

### Sun: 28 April 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 18:00 (Sat) Eddy Carvalho RIP
- 08:00 People of the Parish *(Latin Mass)*
- 10:00 Helga Higgins RIP
- 12:00 Vivian Onuoha Int
- 15:00 Diocesan Confirmation Mass (+P)
- 18:00 Rosalina D'Costa RIP

### Mon: 29 April St Catherine of Siena, *feast*

- 07:00 Stewart Stirton Int
- 12:15 Mary Cecilia Coghlan RIP

### Tue: 30 April of the 5th Week of Easter

- 12:15 Stewart Stirton Int

### Wed: 1 May St Joseph the Worker, *op mem*

- 12:15 Sylvia and Stewart Stirton Int

### Thu: 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop, *memorial*

- 07:00 Stewart Stirton Int
- 12:15 Daisy Catherine Taylor RIP **FM**

### Fri: 3 May Ss Philip & James, Apostles, *feast*

- 12:15 The Saliba Family RIP

### Sat: 4 May The English Martyrs, *feast*

- 12:15 Succorrianna Anunciacao Pereira RIP

Loving Father, one who is Healer, we ask for your mercy for the times we have drastically failed in showing love, respect, and dignity towards others, especially the most vulnerable of society.

We pray for all victims of abuse, for failing to be attentive in listening and accompaniment. Be always their refuge and strength.

Give us the grace to bring healing to the broken hearted, to show love and respect to all people. Give us the wisdom to know what to say and how to act in times of great injustice.

Give us the courage to speak out against all forms of abuse. Bring your healing love and protection upon all those who are in hurt.

We ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 and 17:00-17:45; also on Sundays for 30 mins before Mass.

**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:**

Patricia Church Int  
Milo Eden Int & Jasmine Eden RIP

**St Patrick's Chapel:**

Liz Carter Int

**Our Lady Chapel:**

Baby Sienna & Sahil & Sarah Int  
Mary Pratt & Family Int



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the role of women; that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

- ◆ Our children preparing for First Communion.
- Victims of current wars.
- Those who died trying to reach the UK.
- ◆ For students taking exams at this time.

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