

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B.**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: St Catherine of Siena, Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe, feast. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter or St Pius V, Pope, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: St Joseph the Worker, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Ss Philip & James, Apostles, feast. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May: The English Martyrs (1535-1680), feast. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### Mass Intentions:

Sunday 28th April: 8.30am for Matilda & Patrick Devon RIP (Jane Bretz's Intention).

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am for Ann Allen RIP (Jane Smith's Intention).

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 10.00am for a Private Intention.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 10.00am for Peter Fletcher RIP (Liz Kellar's Intention).

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 10.00am for Manuel Fernandez RIP (Mr & Mrs Pereira's Intention).

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, James Pringle, Joshua David, Colin Devery, Marie O'Sullivan, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael by phone or email.

**Collections:** The plate collection for 21st April was £755.99; Clergy Training Fund (Second Collection) £447.77; Candles £73.70; poor box £19.22. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)** Today's readings emphasise the need for Christians to abide in

Christ as a condition for producing the Spirit's fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness.

**8.30am Mass: Baby and Toddler Group** in the parish hall after this Mass today. All are welcome!

**11.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy** will take place in the hall today for all those of primary school age. The **Music Group** will assist with the celebration of Mass.

**Tea and coffee** will be served in the hall after both Masses. All are welcome. If you would like to join the rota for tea/coffee preparation, please sign up on the sheet in the hall or let Fr Michael know.

**2pm-4.30pm: The Repair Café** – in Newbury Methodist Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Bring in items for repair (toy, toaster, iron, item of clothing, piece of jewellery etc.), thereby reducing waste and prolonging the life of the item, which also saves it going to land-fill and having to buy a replacement. A big help in the cost of living crisis! Coffee or tea on offer whilst waiting for the repair to take place.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 12.30-2pm:** The church will be open for an hour and a half on Wednesday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome to come along at any time whilst the church is open.

**7.15pm: Bible Study** with Fr Peter Codd at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford. All are welcome.

**7.30pm: Adult Formation Discussion Group.** Tonight's topic – '**The Mass/the Eucharist**', in St Joseph's Hall. This is the second session of a new parish initiative to allow us to deepen our faith understanding, to learn, and to discuss issues that are important to us. All are welcome.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group 2.30pm – 4.00pm** at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road RG14 2QH to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Holy Rosary** recited after 10.00am Mass.

**Bible Society Romans Course:** The fifth session of this 10-week course looking at St Paul's letter to the Romans

will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm at Newbury Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rosie Greenhalgh ([rosie.greenhalgh@ntlworld.com](mailto:rosie.greenhalgh@ntlworld.com)).

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Our Father in Heaven**

**Retreat:** In this year which Pope Francis has asked we keep as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Fr Mark Hogan invites us all to a FREE Year of Prayer Retreat - Our Father in Heaven - on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (evening) and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May (all day) at St Peter's Church Pastoral Centre in Winchester. Full details will be sent upon registering. Please book by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April latest by registering at <https://shorturl.at/yMTU8>

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** 11.30am Baptisms of sisters Cecilia and Lorelai Howson. Congratulations!

Also today, **FORMATION DAY: A Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 9.30am – 2.30pm** at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. The day starts with Mass at 9.30am and includes talks, reflections and refreshments. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Youth Club:** We are pleased to let you know that we have booked a paddle boarding evening at The Waterside Centre, Newbury. It will be from 5.45pm to 8pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The cost is only £12, which includes tuition and use of equipment. Places are limited so please contact us if you would like to reserve a place. Please message Ellen for details: [ellenmclinch@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmclinch@gmail.com)

**SUDAN CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL!** The war in Sudan has forced millions to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people caught up in the conflict are now facing yet another crisis – hunger. Food, water and medicine are scarce, and many families risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting. Please donate today to help meet these urgent, basic needs. CAFOD's country representative for Sudan states, "At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." Donate at – <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

**Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (4 nights)** £859 per person sharing. For further details, please see the poster at the back of church. For more information and bookings, please contact [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or telephone 07780 221686. The Pilgrimage organisers are also asking for young people of the Diocese to consider participating as Youth Pilgrims, helping some of the

pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steady arm and a warm smile. The Youth Pilgrim fare is £780 but there is potential for funding.

**TEACHING POINT: The Sign or Kiss of Peace.** This part of the Mass is often omitted on Holy Thursday to avoid imitation of Judas, who betrayed Our Lord with a 'kiss' on that day. In medieval times a 'pax brede' was used; a representation of the crucifixion on a flat object with a handle, and this was passed around for everyone to kiss. The kiss of peace was normally given before Communion, to comply with Matthew 5:24, "first make peace with your brother, and then offer your gift at the altar." Today the kiss of peace is more often a handshake, or a bow of acknowledgement.

**PAPAL COMMUNICATION: Rome's call for Ethics in AI.** CISCO, the multinational digital communications technology company, has signed an agreement at the Vatican committing to an ethical approach to artificial intelligence in the areas of Ethics, Education and Rights. The document aims to promote shared responsibility among international organisations, governments, institutions, and the private sector to create a future in which digital innovation and technological progress - and in particular AI - respect the dignity of the human person so that every individual can benefit from the advances of technology. Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia emphasised that artificial intelligence is "no longer a topic just for experts" and that the ethics of its development is more urgent than ever.

**DATA PROTECTION LEAD:** The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is seeking a Data Protection Lead to join its team and help ensure its compliance with data protection laws and regulations, and respect the privacy and dignity of our clergy, staff, and volunteers. Hours: Full time Salary: £35,000-£37,000 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications. Based at St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. For full details and to apply please visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs).

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL:** The hall is often available for your bookings for social events, classes, or activities. Reasonable hire rates. Please contact Anne Paice to book on email: [annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk)

**Contactless Donations:** Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate on our *Digital Collection Pads* for Sunday collections. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations.

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**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, while the pessimist invents the parachute.