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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Sunday 18th May: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C.
Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 19th May: DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH, feast. No Mass today.

Tuesday 20th May: Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter, or, St Bernardine of Siena, Religious, optional memorial.
Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 21st May: Wednesday of the 5th Week of Easter or St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Priests, Martyrs, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 22nd May: Thursday of the 5th Week of Easter or St Rita of Cascia, Religious, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 23rd May: Friday of the 5th Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 24th May: Saturday of the 5th Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 18th May: 8.30am for Patrick and Matilda Devon RIP (Jane Bretz's Intention).

Thursday 22nd May: 10.00am for the Intentions of Patrick Fletcher & Family (Liz Kellar's Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Angela Jordan, Jonathan Sheridan, Philip Rowlands, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, Joyce Delahunty, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, Joshua David, Marie O'Sullivan, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

Collections: 11th May: Plate collection £801.39; Candles £27.83; Poor Box £3.34; Second collection for Clergy Training Fund £580.80. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 18th May: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - Today's readings are about renewal and new things: *The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven with a new earth, and a new commandment.*

11.00am Mass is a celebration for our **First Holy Communion candidates.**

We will also be joined this Sunday by visiting priest, Fr. Aloysius Alex of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, India, who is visiting his cousin Peter Philip and his wife in our parish for the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Welcome, Fr Aloysius.

Tea and coffee will be served in the church after 8.30am and 11.00am Masses. All welcome.

Wednesday 21st May: 12.30 – 2pm: The church is open on Wednesday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time whilst the church is open.

Sunday 25th May: 11.00am Mass: The **Music Group** will play at this Mass.

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO: Lord of life, love and hope, we thank you for the election of our new Pope. Watch over, protect and bless Pope Leo XIV. We pray that, led by the Holy Spirit, his faithful witness will be a beacon of hope in our fragile and often divided world. May the joy of the Gospel inspire him with compassionate understanding so that, together, we can be peacemakers and life-givers. May Pope Leo XIV be a good and courageous shepherd, concerned for "the least, the last and the lost" of "every tribe and tongue and people and nation". Guide him to be a leader after your own heart, which is more loving than we can possibly imagine. We ask you, Lord, to surround our new Pope with people of pastoral wisdom as he adjusts to his new role. Fill him with confidence in the power of prayer. Help us to help him. Amen.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: The building works are well underway. Since parking spaces are now fewer, please allow priority for older parishioners, the disabled and families with young children. **N.B.** If attempting to park in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, you may be subject to parking fines (please check parking signage carefully).

Retrouvaille: What is it? ... a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. They have helped thousands

of couples get back on track. Call to find out more on – 07973 380443 or search www.retrouville.org.uk

LAUDATO SI' WEEK: 24th – 31st May: 10 years ago, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si', setting out a bold vision for our common home. Laudato Si' Week unites thousands of people worldwide with a common goal: the protection of Creation. For more information, please go to: www.laudatosiweek.org

WEST BERKSHIRE FOODBANK: The Foodbank is currently looking for signposting volunteers to work in their distribution centres across the local area. Full details can be found on their website. Volunteers will greet clients, give them a drink and sit and chat with them whilst making up a shopping list of needed items, which will then be packed for them to take away. Being a friendly listening ear is very important. Email hr@westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Quiet Garden Days: Spend a day of peace in contemplation and stillness in Tithe Barn Quiet Garden, on one of three days this summer, hosted by Penny Lovelock at Tithe Barn, Stroud Green RG14 7JA. 10 people limit on any one day. With short introductions by a leader, the day is spent in silence around the garden or house. £20 for full day; £10 on Penny's day (5th Sept). A good lunch is provided! Friday 30th May: 10.00am - 4.00pm Lead by Fr Peter Bowe; Friday 4th July: 10.00am - 4.00pm Lead by Revd Pat Bhutta; Friday 5th Sep: 10.00am - 4.00pm Lead by Penny Lovelock

Book: pennylovelock44@gmail.com or mobile 07913 358068

Saturday 7th June: Caritas: Charity and Volunteer Networking Event at St John the Baptist Parish in Andover (SP10 3AD), 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Meet people in the Diocese passionate about social justice and supporting their community; different charities offering volunteering opportunities; explore ideas for your parish with staff and volunteers running projects in the Diocese; visit the Andover foodbank; learn how Caritas can support your parish or school to help your community. All welcome. Parking available at the parish and nearby; and less than 10-minute walk from the station. For more information visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk> or email caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 21st June: SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 21st June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to attend, please contact the St Joseph's parish office or send an email to

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return.

Saturday 28th June: Seeker Saturday 'Discerning God's will': 11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham PO16 0NQ. Fellowship, Formation and Food. Booking required. For info please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Monday 7th July: Called and Gifted Information Evening from 7.00pm – 8.30pm on-line. This event is intended for anyone who may be interested in hearing more about discerning charisms and the spiritual and practical benefits this can bring for individuals and communities. There will be an introduction and overview to charisms, testimonies on the fruit of discerning and using charisms, a brief description of the Called and Gifted process and a time for Q&A. To register, please email calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name and parish.

Saturday 6th September: Diocesan Formation Day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy. This has been re-scheduled from Saturday 7th June. Please register your interest by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. There will also be a Readers' Day on Saturday 18th October. Further details for both dates to follow.

Jubilee 2025 – Youth Pilgrimage to Rome. To celebrate Jubilee Year Youth Week 2025, Bishop Philip invites anyone 17+ to take part in the Diocese of Portsmouth Youth Pilgrimage to Rome - **28 July and 04 August**, coinciding with the World Youth Day. A full programme in Rome led by Bishop Philip; visits to the Vatican; World Youth Day Jubilee events. Cost - £1,350 per person for a shared room (b'fast & evening meal); includes flights; transport in Rome; and 20kg of luggage. For more information, see poster in church or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Book soon as places are limited.

300 Club – May Draw: 1st prize £100 – Adrian Scrope; 2nd prize £50 – Deborah Puxley; 3rd prize £25 – Graham and Doreen Green. Congratulations!

Contactless Donations: Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate your chosen amount on our digital collection pads for Sunday collections. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email each week, please contact the parish office.

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who stand by watching them without saying or doing anything to contradict their words and actions.