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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Sunday 1st June: 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C.
Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 2nd June: Monday of the 7th Week of Easter or
Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs, optional memorial. No
Mass today.

Tuesday 3rd June: St Charles Lwanga & Companions,
Martyrs, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 4th June: Wednesday of the 7th Week of
Easter. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 5th June: St Boniface, Religious, Bishop &
Martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 6th June: Friday of the 7th Week of Easter, or St
Norbert, Founder & Bishop, optional memorial. Mass at
10.00am.

Saturday 7th June: Saturday of the 7th Week of Easter.
Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 1st June: 11.00am for the intentions of Maureen Dixon.

Saturday 7th June: 10.00am for Giulia Columbro RIP (Rosie Byrne's Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Angela Jordan, Jonathan Sheridan, Philip Rowlands, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, 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: 25th May: Plate collection £585.19; Candles £31.35; Poor Box £3.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 1st June: 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - Today's readings are about bearing heroic witness to Jesus through life and death, and the source of the inspiration behind such witness.

There will be a second collection at both Masses today for the Catholic Communications Network. This year's theme is: 'Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.' The theme draws attention to the fact that today

too often communication is violent, aimed at striking and not at establishing the conditions for dialogue. You can also give on-line at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection>
Tea and coffee will be served in the church after 8.30am and 11.00am Masses. All welcome.

Monday 2nd June: 7.30pm Confirmation Rehearsal at St Joseph's Church for all candidates being confirmed here by Bishop Philip on 10th June. Please ensure you are present to be sure of details of the occasion. For a post Confirmation gathering, candidates and their families are all invited to **St Francis de Sales Parish Garden Picnic**. This will take place on **Sunday 29th June at 12.30pm**. Bring along your own picnic, soft drinks are provided.

Wednesday 4th June: The church will be open today for quiet prayer during the usual Wednesday times of **12.30 – 2pm**. All are welcome to drop in.

7pm: Music Rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass in St Joseph's Church. Singers and instrument players from all churches in the Pastoral area are invited to prepare for this important occasion.

Friday 6th June: **Recitation of the Holy Rosary** will follow directly after 10.00am Mass today.

11.00am Memorial Service at Greenham Common Control Tower to mark the **81st Anniversary of 'D Day'** - conducted by Fr Michael. US personnel, veterans, the Royal British Legion participating, plus music. All welcome.

Saturday 7th June: 7pm Quiz Night at St Francis de Sales' Hall, Wash Common. Includes supper, prizes, raffle, bar. Adults £10; Child (5-13) £5; Family tickets for 2 adults & up to 3 5-13 year olds also available. Proceeds to parish charities. Please email stfrancisjpgroup@gmail.com to book tickets.

Sunday 8th June: PENTECOST SUNDAY. At the 11.00am Mass this Pentecost Sunday, Fr Michael has been authorised to give the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to Nilton and Walkiria, parents of Sophia who will herself also be confirmed – together with 31 others by

Bishop Philip in our church on Tuesday 10th June. It is a joy and privilege to witness this special occasion next Sunday! Congratulations to the family!

Also, today, **Pastoral Area Youth Group Afternoon Retreat** at St Cassian's, Kintbury, 1pm-4pm, theme '**Friendship**'. **Bring a packed lunch** and water. **NB:** Parents who wish to remain in the grounds of St Cassian's for the afternoon are welcome to do so. Please bring a packed/shared lunch for you to enjoy with the children, and after lunch enjoy the grounds of St Cassian's whilst they are having their retreat in the centre and grounds. **R.S.V.P.** to Ann Haynes by Wednesday 4th June. Email: annhaynes07@hotmail.co.uk or Mobile: 07791258363

Pray for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: Just as the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent time in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit, please do the same. For a Pentecost Novena, go to www.praymorenovenas.com

Volunteering: Volunteering is central to the Catholic Church. Pope Francis said that "volunteering is a grace from God" and that "volunteers are the strength of the church". Across the UK, however, the volume of people who volunteer has been in long term decline. The sense of well-being derived from volunteering is profound for recipients and volunteers alike. It helps recognise the dignity and gifts of every human being; and it builds a sense of community. It can unify people of all ages. When asked why they do not volunteer, over a third of people say they are concerned about making a long-term commitment. Many projects do not ask of this. Would you please consider volunteering in some aspect of our parish life?

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.retrouvaille.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

ONQ. 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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023/24: The Diocese's annual report and annual set of accounts for 2023/24 have now been published on the Diocesan website.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: Please allow priority for parking for older parishioners, the disabled and families with young children. **N.B.** If parking in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, you may be subject to parking fines (please check parking signage carefully).

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 greatest gift you could give someone is your time, because you are giving a portion of your life that you can't get back.