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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Sunday 25th May: 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C.
Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 26th May: St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder, memorial. No Mass today.

Tuesday 27th May: ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop, feast. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 28th May: Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter or Blessed Margaret Pole, Martyr, optional diocesan memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 29th May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, solemnity. Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Friday 30th May: Friday of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 31st May: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 25th May: 8.30am for Pam Thompson RIP (Anne Thompson's Intention).

11am for Kitty Conroy RIP (Oliver Conway's Intention).

Saturday 31st May: 10.00am for Intentions of Fr Peter Codd (Kiki Morley'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: 18th May: Plate collection £662.50; Candles £30.88; Poor Box £16.30; Repository £23.30. Monthly totals for April: Standing Orders £1,997.50; Contactless £1,095.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 25th May: 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in his Church and of his indwelling in each one of us.

11.00am Mass: The Music Group will play at this Mass.

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

Wednesday 28th May: N.B. Regrettably, the church will not be open today for quiet prayer during the usual Wednesday times of **12.30 – 2pm**. Hopefully the normal opening will resume again next Wednesday.

Thursday 29th May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm. We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heavenly glory after promising his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, and commanding them to bear witness to him throughout the world by their lives and preaching.

Saturday 31st May: Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme: Reflection Day: Bible Alive – Scripture Speaks. 10.30am – 4pm (arrivals and coffee from 10am). Contemplating Mary's visit to Elizabeth: Led by Br Aidan Messenger OSB. Come and ponder, like Mary, on her visit to Elizabeth which we celebrate today, so we can discern once again Christ's saving action for us. In Lectio Divina we find we can discern with the Scriptures how this Word plays out in our lives. A contribution of £30 (to include lunch, coffee and tea) or £15 (bring your own lunch) payable on the day. All booking and enquiries to pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk. Further information is available at www.douaiabbey.org.uk

Sunday 1st June: There will be a **second collection** at both Masses today for the **Catholic Communications Network**.

Pray a Novena for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? A novena is a series of prayers that are said for nine consecutive days as a prayer of petition but sometimes as a prayer of thanksgiving. The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. For a Pentecost Novena, go to www.praymorenovenas.com

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

FROM POPE LEO: In a video on the Vatican website, Pope Leo XIV explains his choice of name. He said: "I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour."

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: Please allow priority for parking 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.retrouvaille.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.

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.

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: People can't drive you crazy if you don't give them the keys!