

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C.**

**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Monday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter. No Mass today.**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Friday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter, or, St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May: 8.30am for Manuel Fernandes RIP (Fernandes Family's Intention). 11am for the Intentions of Veronique and Emmanuel Gedeon.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May: 10am for Court Granville RIP (Deidre McNair-Wilson's Intention).

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 10am for Alan Hobbs RIP (Denise Dougan's Intention).

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May: 10am for Richard Kerr RIP (Christina Castle's Intention).

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May: 10am for Martin Pereira & Rosa-Maria Pereira RIP (Pereira Family's Intention).

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

Angela Jordan, Jonathan Sheridan, 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:** 27<sup>th</sup> April: Plate collection £569.89; Candles £57.16; Poor Box £34.07; Easter collection £30. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C.**

Today's Gospel shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. God searches for us, even when we seek to evade him.

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

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL:** The building works are scheduled to start this **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. Please be aware that the number of parking spaces at Church will be reduced until the work is completed in the autumn. At weekends and on Holy Days younger members of the congregation and those with teenage children are asked to park in neighbouring streets and nearby car parks, leaving the reduced parking spaces at Church 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 (resident parking only); Chestnut Crescent - off Hawthorn, does not appear to have this restriction.

**MAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY:** a specific month when devotions are made in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Over time, many Western cultures came to view May as a month of life and motherhood but it was not until the 18<sup>th</sup> century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary and various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread in this month. In 1945, Pope Pius XII decreed May as a Marian month when he established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31<sup>st</sup> May. After Vatican II, this feast was moved to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, but 31<sup>st</sup> May became instead the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May: 10am – 1pm: LAUDATO SI' 10TH ANNIVERSARY:** Join CAFOD and Caritas in a joint celebration for the 10th anniversary of the publication of *Laudato Si'* at St Peter's, Winchester. The session will

be packed with practical information and opportunity to ask questions on how we can make a difference in our lives and that of our parish, including CAFOD's LiveSimply Award. More information and to register visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>. Everyone welcome.

**Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme: REFLECTION DAY: *The Sabbath Day and the Lord's Day*. 10.30am to 4pm** (arrivals & coffee from 10am). Led by Caroline Farey. The day will focus on bible texts to see how links with the Lord's Day open up unexpected riches to Sunday Mass. For anyone interested: no previous knowledge needed. Contribution £30 made on day please (lunch, coffee & tea incl.) or £15 bring own lunch. All booking & enquiries: Email: [pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk)

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May: 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – 'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY':** Seminarian-in-training for Portsmouth diocese, Natham King, will speak at Masses today about vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. There will be a **second collection** at both Masses for the **Clergy Training Fund**. Here is a link to the Give As You Live online campaign: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2025>. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May: CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** To find out more about the work of the charity Christian Aid, please visit [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**WEST BERKSHIRE FOODBANK:** The Foodbank is currently desperately short of volunteers to work in our centre – also needed for Calcot, Thatcham, Hungerford and Burghfield and Mortimer from 1pm – 3pm on different days of the week. 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 also very important. Email [Fran@westberks.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:Fran@westberks.foodbank.org.uk). Any donations raised for the Foodbank's '**40 for 40'** Lent Challenge can be handed in to Fr Michael.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Caritas: Charity and Volunteer Networking Event** at St John the Baptist Parish in Andover (SP10 3AD) from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Come and connect with people in the Diocese passionate about social justice and supporting their community. Chat to different charities to hear more about their work and

what volunteering opportunities there might be; explore ideas for your own parish by chatting to staff and volunteers about projects already running in the Diocese, as well as the chance to look around the Andover foodbank; find out how Caritas can support you in your parish or school to help your local community. Everyone welcome. There is plenty of parking at the parish and close by and it is a less than 10-minute walk from the station. For more information visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk> or email [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Also on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Diocesan Formation Day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy.** There will also be a day a Readers' Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, further details to follow.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Jubilee 2025 – Youth Pilgrimage to Rome!** To celebrate Youth Week in the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop Philip is inviting anyone who is 17+ to take part in the Diocese of Portsmouth Youth Pilgrimage to Rome. The pilgrimage will run between **28 July and 04 August**, coinciding with the World Youth Day. Pilgrims will follow a full programme in Rome led by Bishop Philip, including visits to the Vatican and World Youth Day Jubilee events. The cost of the pilgrimage is £1,350 per person for a shared room. This includes all flights, together with transport in Rome, hotel accommodation including breakfast and an evening meal at the hotel and 20kg of luggage. For more information, please see the poster in church or email [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Closer to Christ Campaign:** A report for the period December 24 – February 25 is available at the back of church. Thank you for your continued support.

**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:** Life is like a ten-speed bicycle; most of us have gears we never use...