



St John's Cathedral,  
Portsmouth

# CATHEDRAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 21 April 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sometimes in life we may feel lost. Uncertain about what direction and path we should take in life. It would be nice to have a 'Sat-Nav' device in our lives to lead us to the final destination and to know the ETA (aka 'estimated time of arrival'). But we have access to something more advanced than a 'Sat-Nav' device in life, we have the Good Shepherd, who walks along the journey of life

giving us direction, guidance, and light.

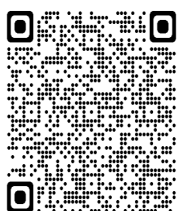
As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus equates himself as the Good Shepherd, who laid down for us, his sheep. Jesus knows us inside and out. He leads his flock along the journey to life so that they may see God as he really is. This involves an element of trust, for as St John reminds us in the second reading, "what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is."

Whatever our path or vocation in life may be, one foundational element must be one of service to others. As Jesus laid down his life for us, we too, are called to lay down our life (i.e. plans, ideas, time, energy) for others.

**Fr Anthony Fyk**

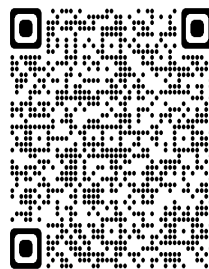
### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Please sign up to receive the newsletter by email. To date 330 people have done so.



### WEST WINDOW

Thank you for donations to date of **£52,970**. Text **WINDOW** to **70560** to donate £10 or use the QR code.



### ONLINE DONATIONS

Please use this QR Code to donate to the cathedral parish.



### IMPORTANT: GIFT AID DECLARATION

If you signed a gift aid declaration before 31 December 2022, please sign a new one in favour of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth to enable us to continue to claim gift aid on your donations. Forms may be found at the exits to the cathedral or on the Documents section of the parish website and ought to be returned to the parish office or put in the collection basket.

***This parish livestreams Masses and other events.  
Please see notices in the cathedral for further details.***

***Sunday 21 April: Parish Mass Books, readings begin on page 261.***

## TODAY AND THIS WEEK



**WELCOME!** A warm welcome whether it is your first time here or you are a regular parishioner. If you are new here, please introduce yourself to one of the priests. Please also stay behind after the 10:00 Mass for refreshments and a chat in the hall.



### **TODAY IS VOCATIONS/ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:**

the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood and when the

**annual collection** for the **Clergy Training Fund** takes place which pays for the formation of men for the priesthood. It also supports the ongoing formation of our priests. You can also donate online: [donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2024](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2024)

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Resumes today at the 10:00 and 12:00 noon Masses following the Easter break.

**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS:** today at 15:00 celebrated by Bishop Philip.

### **CHANGES TO MASS TIMES:**

- ♦ There will be no **07:00 Mass** on **Monday 22 April** and **Thursday 25 April**.
- ♦ Mass on **Tue 23 April** will be at an earlier time of **09:00**.

### **InSIGHT—PARISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP:**

meets this Tues 10:30-13:00 in the CDC for those who feel isolated or who experience mental ill health. We offer a variety of activities and a hot meal.

**PARISH REPOSITORY:** The season of First Communion and Confirmations is coming up in the weeks ahead and you will find a wide variety of gifts, books, and cards for those who are receiving

the sacraments. Open before or after all Sunday Masses and Wednesday—Friday from 10:00 – 13:00.

### **COLLECTIONS:**

Thank you for last Sunday's **offertory** collections:



- **£1,706.01** (cash: £804.01 and planned giving of £902).
- Please consider switching to a monthly standing order. The parish benefits from continuity of income.
- Our bank details are: **Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account No: 0088 3884 A/C Name: CDP Portsmouth St John's Cathedral**.
- If you are making an offering by cheque, please make it payable to **CDP St John's Cathedral**.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The final preparation for FHC will take place on **Sat 27 April from 09:30-11:30** and includes rehearsal and catechesis session.

**ROSARY RALLY:** **Sat 27 April at 15:00** at the fountain (outside Lloyds Bank) on Commercial Road. The Marian Franciscans invite you to join in praying the rosary to mark the anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act.

### **NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND**



**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS:** **Sun 28 April at 15:00**. The same will be true for the next weekends. During the Confirmation season the CDC needs volunteers to help serve refreshments on Saturdays from 09:00-12:00 and on Sundays from 13:00-16:00. Simply turn up if you can help.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP:** The Youth Group (13-17 years) will return on **Friday 3 May** in the hall from **18:30-20:00**. Come to learn about the faith, socialise and enjoy

food. All aged 13-17 are most welcome.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION: Sat 4 May at 09:30** in the CDC for parents and godparents who have already booked a baptism. Baptisms are offered for those who live in the parish and are practising the faith, where at least one parent is a Catholic. These Baptisms are for under-fives only. If you do not meet these criteria, contact the parish office.



**ROSARY PROCESSION: Sat 4 May** after the 12:15. The Portsmouth University students welcome everyone to join a rosary procession with reflections and prayer intentions. There will be refreshments in the CDC afterwards.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:** Masses will be celebrated at **18:00 on Sat 25 May** and on **Sun 26 May at 10:00, 12:00 and 18:00** with the children and families of our First Holy Communion journey 2024. Please continue to pray for the children and for all who receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us at these celebrations and to give thanks for the great a gift that is the Holy Eucharist.



**GIFT AID DECLARATION:** If you are a UK taxpayer and complete a gift aid declaration, the parish can claim from HMRC an amount equal to **25%** of your donation. If you are a taxpayer and have not yet completed a gift aid form, please do so. It increases our income **at no cost to you**.



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** The Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from **Monday 22 July until Friday 26 July** to be led by Bishop Philip. Departs from

Gatwick Airport to Toulouse and then by coach transfer to Lourdes and staying at Hotel La Solitude. If you are interested email: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**SPONSOR A SANCTUARY LAMP:** in memory of someone or for a special intention. For a donation of £5 the sanctuary lamp will burn for a whole week either in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or at Our Lady's Chapel or in St Patrick's Chapel. You can sponsor the sanctuary lamp in the same way as you book a Mass intention.

**TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE:** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales, and Gibraltar. They are currently looking for Trustees to strengthen their board and to help them continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

**HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR PAYING GUESTS:** Host families required in the Southsea and Portsmouth area to accommodate (bed, breakfast, and evening meal with full board at weekends) Italian students (14-18 years) as paying guests for 2 or 3 weeks in July 2024 while they attend an intensive, fully structured examination programme in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. For more information please contact Rosina Kettle-Williams on m: 07715 998683 e: [rosinakw@gmail.com](mailto:rosinakw@gmail.com)



**LOOP SYSTEM:** There is an induction loop system in the church for those who are hard of hearing. Hearing aids should be moved to the "T" position.



## CATHEDRAL MASS TIMETABLE

[www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass](http://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass)

**Sun: 21 April 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

18:00 (Sat) Heather Smith RIP  
08:00 People of the Parish *(Latin Mass)*  
10:00 Lucy Spiteri RIP  
12:00 Jennifer McShane RIP  
15:00 Diocesan Confirmation Mass (+P)  
18:00 Ernest Charles Martin RIP **FM**

**Mon: 22 April of the 4th Week of Easter**

**No 07:00 Mass**

12:15 George and Neva Smith RIP

**Tue: 23 April ST GEORGE, Patron of England**

09:00 Canon Peter Wilkie RIP

**Wed: 24 April of the 4th Week of Easter**

12:15 The Saliba Family RIP

**Thu: 25 April ST MARK, Evangelist, feast**

**No 07:00 Mass**

12:15 John Cassey RIP **FM**

**Fri: 26 April of the 4th Week of Easter**

12:15 Manuel da Costa RIP

**Sat: 27 April of the 4th Week of Easter**

12:15 Billy Kirby-Carter and Family Int



Prayer  
Requests

Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the role of women; that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

- For those who have died recently especially Canon Peter Wilkie. May they rest in peace.
- ♦ Those who are sick in hospital, convalescing or are housebound.

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## THE PARISH PRAYER



Loving Father, we ask you to bless our parish. Make us better people, more considerate towards others, more honest with ourselves and more faithful to You.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit open our ears to hear You in prayer, open our eyes to Your presence in one another and open our hearts to those who are searching for You. Help each of us to find our true vocation in life, so that we may not only find our own happiness but bring happiness to others.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 and 17:00-17:45; also on Sundays for 30mins before Mass when a priest is available.

**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Friday from 10:00—16:00. **ROSARY:** recited every Monday-Friday after 12:15 Mass. All welcome.

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

*This week the lamps have been donated for:*

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**

Milo Eden Int

Jasmine Eden RIP

**St Patrick's Chapel:**

Dougie Waterman RIP

**Our Lady Chapel:**

Baby Sienna & Sahil & Sarah Int

Patricia Church Int

