

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Easter Sunday

THE CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday I attended the Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral together with most of the priests of the Diocese. As usual there was a large congregation and magnificent music. The Chrism Mass is an expression of the unity of the Diocesan Family. The three oils (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens and Chrism) blessed during the Mass will be used in the Sacraments during the year. Priests, deacons and people renewed their commitment to support each other in service and in prayer.

At the Easter Vigil Service we will use the Oil of Chrism to anoint **Mark Habgood** and **Mike Smith**. We pray for them and for **Jane Mumford** and her three children who will be received into the Church at Pentecost.

AWAKEN ME

*Risen One, come, meet me in the garden of my life.
Lure me into elation. Revive my silent hope.
Coax my dormant dreams. Raise my neglected gratitude.
Entice my tired enthusiasm. Give life to my faltering relationships.*

*Roll back the stone of my indifference.
Unwrap the deadness in my spiritual life.
Impart heartiness in my work.*

*Risen One, send me forth as a disciple of your unwavering love,
a messenger of your unlimited joy.
Resurrected One, may I become ever more convinced that your
presence lives on, and on, and on, and on.
Awaken me! Awaken me!*

(By Joyce Rupp).

Easter Gratitude

Very many parishioners have contributed a great amount towards the preparations for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. A special word of thanks to the Liturgy Group for the various services they promoted and organized; the Choir for their unremitting hard work; the Friday Frugal lunches; the Seder Meal; the altar servers; our florists who have done such a wonderful job and given us inspiration; the good people who work quietly and most often unseen to keep the Church and its environs neat and tidy. We must thank those who organise and lead the Little Church and in a special way the celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. This was very special. Thanks Anne-Marie and friends who organized the liturgy. We keep in mind our Catechists and Helpers who are preparing the children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Heartfelt thanks to all – especially those whom I have forgotten to mention!

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter and I hope the Lord will send you some good weather!

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 4 April 2010

Saturday	8.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Richard and Elizabeth Walk.
	10.30am	Marie Owen RIP

Monday	10.00am	Dave Pearce RIP.
Tuesday	10.00am	Diana Baker RIP
Wed' day.	10.00am	John Molloy RIP
Thursday	10.00am	Frank Martin RIP
Friday	10.00am	Dorothy Martin RIP
Saturday	No Services in Church this morning.	

	6.00 Vigil Mass	Brian Parker RIP
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Bernard Charles Smallbone RIP.

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church.

EASTER WEEK

Monday	5	Mass of Monday within the Easter Octave
Tuesday	6	Mass of Tuesday within the Easter Octave
Wed' day	7	Mass of Wed' day within the Easter Octave.
Thursday	8	Mass of Thursday within the Easter Octave.
Friday	9	Mass of Friday within the Easter Octave.
Saturday	10	No Mass this morning.

Sunday 11 **Second Sunday of Easter**
[Divine Mercy Sunday]

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

14: 7.30: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

May

25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area.

29/30: Rearranged [from 9/10th January] White Flower Appeal.

June

9: 8.00pm Meeting of Parents of First Communion Children.

10: 2.30 Mass for the Senior Parishioners.

12/13: Appeal and Collection on behalf of **Survive Miva**.

20: **First Holy Communion**. Two sessions - 10.30 and 2.30pm.

July

24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

THANK YOU

Fran and Pam would like to say "THANK YOU" to all who supported our Coffee morning for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (Lourdes). We are pleased to say that we raised **£117**.

Lenten Frugal Lunches

About 10 'Regulars' turned up each Friday for the Lenten Frugal Lunches in the Parish Hall. They were extremely generous and contributed **£284.75** to CAFOD. Many thanks to those who supported the event and the very generous parishioners who provided the food and served the lunches. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had 20 or 30 people next year!

PASTORAL AREA HOUSE GROUPS

"Why look among the dead for one who is alive" (Luke 24:5)

The events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are inextricably linked. May we recognise the presence of God in all our daily trials leading to our resurrection and life hereafter.

Visit www.preparingtheground.org.uk/lent2010.html

Let us pray for the Sick

Muriel Carver, Catherine McGrath, Debbie de Bono, Mary Brady, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book**.

Easter Joy

Greetings and Best Wishes to everyone.

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Marie Owen, Kathleen Cosgrove, Benjamin Fallows, Gladys Milne, Thomas McGivney, John Brennan, Robert Bell, John Molloy, Gladys Wakefield, Patrick Tracey, Marie Gatherwood, Elizabeth Smallman, Mary Haines, Catherine Mulkern, Annie Quinn.

May they Rest in Peace.