

# Our Lady Help of Christians

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

COLLECTION (Obligatory) for Clergy Training Fund.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

#### Sunday 25 April

Today the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. That is why it is the day chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Pope Benedict has written to us this year on the theme "Witness Awakens Vocations". He cites the examples of the Prophets of the Old Testament dedicating their entire existence to bearing witness to God. Jesus, he says, is the "supreme Witness to God and to his concern for the salvation of all." As we look forward to the visit of Pope Benedict to our shores please continue to pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Please also pray for the success of this year's Vocation Discernment Weekend.

#### Portsmouth Diocese

Two students from the Portsmouth diocese Philip Pennington Harris and James McAuley, are due for ordination to the priesthood at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 24 July. Five other students continue their studies: Ross Bullock, Philip Carroll, John Chandler, Steve Roach and Benjamin Theobald. We also have two men who will be at the Selection Conference for the priesthood during the weekend of 24/25 April. There are several other young men who are striving to discern their vocation from God and who need our prayer.

Fr Gerard Flynn is Vocations Director and recently Fr Mark Hogan, of St Joseph's Basingstoke was asked to be Vocations Promoter for the Diocese. This post is possible because of the 'Living our Faith' funds.

We will soon be coming on stream to raise our quota for the 'Living our Faith' promotion.

#### A vocation prayer

*Loving Father, thank you for the gifts you have given me: life, faith, family and friends. Shine your light so that I may see the path that leads to you.*

*Help me to make those choices which respond to your personal love for me, so that I may become more fully the person you call me to be. Amen.*

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church.

Tom Marshall RIP, Julie Hall (Intention)

### Mass Intentions for the week beginning

#### Sunday 25 April 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	John Wintermeyer RIP
	10.30am	John and Eileen Loader (Jubilee)
Monday	9.30am	Lily Graham RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Tim O'Connor RIP.
Thursday	9.30am	Dave Pearce RIP
Friday	9.30am	Deceased of O'Reilly and Hanley RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Diana Lovegrove, Joy family and family and friends of Lyn Helyar.
	6.00 Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Doreen Hough
	10.30am	Private intention.

### Sunday Mass in Polish

A Sunday Mass in Polish will be celebrated in Our Lady and St Dominic, Farnborough, once a month. This will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month and will start at 7.30 pm. The first Mass will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.

### THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

#### Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 4

Monday	26	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter 7.30 RCIA 'Mystagogia'
Tuesday	27	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter 7.30 Reconciliation Service for Confirmation Candidates.
Wed'day	28	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.
Thursday	29	Mass of St Catherine of Siena.
Friday	30	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeke of Easter
Saturday	1	Memorial of St Joseph the Worker.

#### Sunday 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Ayshea Kaa and Tom Vickers will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10.30 Mass today, 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF THE WORD

#### Pentecost Sunday 23 May

We invite Ministers of the Word to attend the 10.30 Mass on Pentecost Sunday where we shall have a Commissioning Service. After the series of Talks we had on Proclaiming the Word in November it is fitting to rededicate ourselves to this most important Ministry in the Church.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### May

- 10: Meeting of the NE Pastoral Area. (Venue to be announced)
- 16: Rite of Election for the Confirmands at the 10.30 Mass
- 23: Pentecost Sunday. Reception of Jane Mumford and Children into the Church and Commissioning Readers of the Word.
- 25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area at Cove.
- 29/30: Rearranged [from 9/10th January ] White Flower Appeal.
- 30: 10.30 'Go forth' Mass for the Confirmed children.

#### June

- 9: 8.00pm Meeting of Parents of First Communion Children.
- 10: 2.30 Mass for the Senior Parishioners.
- 12: 10am ISA Roadshow (Independnet Safeguarding Authority) at Our Lady and Dominc, Cove.
- 12: Special Mass at St Bede's for Wedding Jubilarians.
- 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.

### Confirmation Candidates at Alverstoke

Please keep our 14 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers this weekend as they reflect on the commitment they are about to make. They are in the beautiful surroundings of Sister Ann's Family Home in Alverstoke. Our thanks to Cecilia and the other Catechists who will guide them on this part of their journey.

### Statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

Please pick up a copy and read the Statement of the Bishops of England and Wales on child abuse.

### 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.

### We pray for our deceased parishioners

Kathleen Brooks, Timothy O'Connor, Norah Fleming, Stuart Dalgleish, John Fleming, Mary Curzon, Minnie Kelly, Ann Power, Dorothy Clenshaw, Kelvyn Joyce, Vera Broadbent, Alfred Harris, Margaret Werrell, Doris Denner, Miss Lirthner, Jerry Finn, John Lawlor.

May they Rest in Peac