



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE CARE OF THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 13<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Dear friends,

Like the Disciples on the way to Emmaus, we meet and recognise the Risen Lord, in the Breaking of Bread - in the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic Community, a Family. We come together as a community to experience God's love in the Eucharist, to share God's love and to take that love out to the wider Community.

As our schools return from the Easter Holiday, we wish our pupils, parents, teachers, and governors a very fruitful summer term.

We are grateful to Brian, Guilbride, and Monty who cut the grass this week. They would welcome volunteers who would help keep the lawns under control.

### ***Please remember in your prayers***

**Those who have died recently:** Eileen Kellett, whose funeral we celebrated on Friday.

Those who are sick and those who are mentioned in our *Parish Book of Prayer Intentions* in the Narthex.

**Those whose anniversary are about this time:** Paul Bartlett, Irene Newcombe, Minnie Buck, Bro Alan Garman SDB, Dominic Clark, Bob Corless, Stuart Cox, Antonia James, Violet Hartshorne and Fr Laurence Martin SDB. May they rest in peace.

**CWL COFFEE MORNING – Tuesday, 23 April – 10 am-12.00** to mark St George's Day, the CWL are holding a Coffee Morning after the 9.30 Mass. Tickets are £3 and all proceeds go the charity. There will also be Raffle.

**Coffee & Chat after Mass on a Saturday evening, Sunday morning and on Wednesday. Do join us.**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** We are fortunate to have a thriving CWL group, who meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month after the 9.30 am Mass, next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024** – The pilgrimage will be from Monday 22nd July until Friday 26th July, Flights from Gatwick. Further details can be found on the poster and booking form in the Narthex. Contact details: Mobile:07780221686 or email: [Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	17.00	Guy Eaglestone RIP
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30	People of the Parish
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Benedict Louch RIP
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Jenny Hunt RIP
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund</b>	17.00	People of the Parish
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Good Shepherd Sunday</b>	9.30 12:00	People of the Parish Baptism

Confessions: Saturday after 10:00 a.m. Mass.

### **ADORATION - Thursday 7.30-8.30pm**

Have you ever been to Eucharistic Adoration? If not, you are warmly invited to come and see.

### **THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG**

The missionary from Bethlehem, who lately visited our Parish have extended their grateful appreciation and thanks to all who bought the olive wood religious articles. The result of which will be very beneficial and rewarding to their needy Christian families in the Holy Land. They raised £1742/- You can place an order online directly from them at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)

**RED BOX 2023** - In 2023, our Parish raised £665.49 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady Help of Christians, Farnborough is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [Mission.org.uk](http://Mission.org.uk) to find out more.

## FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

In the month of April, we pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. Amen.

## THE LIVING ROSARY

The new rota for The Living Rosary for the month of April is on the notice board as you enter Church.

All parishioners are welcome to join the rosary after Sunday morning mass at Our Lady's statue in the Church, to pray for Peace in the world and any special intentions.

**THE DIOCESAN 'LITURGY PROJECT'** is a useful resource created by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team to help us understand the liturgy. Pope Francis reminded us of the importance of liturgical formation in his recent Apostolic Letter 'Desiderio Desideravi'. The website [www.theliturgyproject.com](http://www.theliturgyproject.com) or QR Code.

**POPE CALLS A YEAR OF PRAYER PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025** Pope Francis has invited us to prepare for the 2025 Jubilee of Hope by holding a 'Year of Prayer' 2024, to deepen our prayer life as individuals and as the Church. Pope Francis emphasises especially the Prayer of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the 'Lectio Divina', prayer reflection upon the Word of God. We have Adoration of Christ Jesus in the Eucharist on a Thursday evening.

**LIVING AS A CATHOLIC** The core values of the Catholic Church are increasingly being challenged by the secular society in which we live. What is our understanding of abortion, assisted dying, the right to life? If you are interested in discussing these subjects, or any others, that concern you with fellow Catholics, please let David May know and we will move forward with this initiative.

## PARISH FINANCES

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available in the Narthex for any parishioners who have not completed a form. If you are a UK Taxpayer please ensure your donations are covered by a gift aid declaration. Please use the Parish Sort Code 30-93-04 and Account Number: 00877868 (Name: CDP FARNBOROUGH OL HELP OF CHRISTIANS. Queries please email: [accounts@olhcfarnborough.org.uk](mailto:accounts@olhcfarnborough.org.uk)).

**GIFTS & TALENTS:** Your Parish needs YOU! Please share your time and talents. How is God calling you to serve our Parish Community? Being part of a family is about being involved. Our Parish Community at Our Lady Help of Christians is no exception. We are always looking for people who will share their talents with the Lord and the Parish community. It is also important that we reflect the many and varied voices in our parish family.

There are many ways of getting involved in the parish.

**Welcoming Team:** To be the big welcome to all who arrive through the door of the Church.

**Maintenance Committee:** To work on looking after the parish buildings. We are also looking for volunteers to help in various working parties in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Weekly and monthly checks are needed of all our buildings to ensure we are compliant with our legal duties. A skill with DIY would be useful but not essential.

**Musicians:** Do you play an instrument? Would you like to help us make our praise and worship of God as good as it possibly can be and enrich our celebration of the Liturgy at Our Lady Help of Christians?

**Altar Servers:** Altar servers have the privilege to be close to the action of the Mass and to assist the priest and deacon in their duties as Jesus becomes present to us in the Eucharist. If you have made your First Communion and you would like to assist at the weekends, or weekdays, please let Fr Michael know.

**Little Church:** Help our younger Members enjoy, understand, and appreciate the Word of God at their level. If you can help, please speak to Olein Webster or one of her team on Sunday.

**Media Team:** To help with the Website and Newsletter. Communication is a key ministry. If we are to grow as a community, we must be able to talk to each other and exchange ideas.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** - Sunday 21st April - Day of Prayer for Vocations We are asked to pray for a deepened sense of vocation in each of our lives and in our parish community. Each one of us has a unique vocation from God; each of us is called to proclaim the Good News and carry God's love to all those we encounter in the wider community. Vocations to marriage, to ordained ministries and to the religious life are all necessary to the mission of God's Church.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 <sup>st</sup> April	Good Shepherd Sunday
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Feast of St George - CWL Coffee Morning
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of Pentecost (Parish Brunch)
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Celebration of First Holy Communion)
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration with our First Holy Communicants