



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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13th - 27th April 2025 - Holy Week & Easter

Dear friends,

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians. Everyone is welcome, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

Holy Week, the most important week in the Christian calendar. It is an opportunity and invitation to reflect on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Palm Sunday sets the stage as we commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, but we also reminded of Jesus' approaching suffering with the reading of the Passion of the Lord.

As Holy Week progresses, we commemorate the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Eucharist, when we are reminded that we are called to serve and love one another; on Friday we stand witness to the Lord's passion and death, the day Jesus died for our sins and to bring us life; and at the Easter Vigil, on Saturday, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, the Light of the World. Although spread over three days, they are one Liturgy, and the Church encourages us to participate fully in the Sacred Triduum by attending each of these liturgies.

We are called to be Easter People, a people of hope. In the Resurrection, God reveals that suffering, and death can be transformed into new life.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

The Knights of St Columba have produced Posters for Holy Week for you to take home and display. A reminder to all about the true message of Easter. The Posters are available in the Narthex. Please help yourself.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The only Mass will be that of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. After Mass there will be Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY

All children, young people and families are invited to Stations of the Cross in church on Good Friday at 12.00.

The main Service on Good Friday is the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm which includes the Veneration of the Cross and reception of Holy Communion.

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

There will be a special collection on Good Friday for the 'Holy Places & the needs of Christians in the Holy Land'.

HOLY SATURDAY

Please note that there will not be a 10am Mass or Reconciliation on Holy Saturday morning. The Church awaits silently for the Resurrection of the Lord, and the Easter Vigil Ceremonies and First Mass of Easter takes place at 8pm.

Mass Times, Intentions and Events for the Week

Sat 12 th April	10.00 10.30	Mass <i>Reconciliation</i>
Vigil Mass Palm Sunday	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 13 th April Palm Sunday	9.30	Mass
Mon 14 th April	9.30	Aileen & Cyril Byrne RIP
Tue 15 th April	9.30	No Weekday Mass Stations of the Cross
Wed 16 th April	9.30	Mass
Thu 17 th April Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 18 th April Good Friday	12.00 3.00pm	<i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i> Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat 19 th April Holy Saturday	8.00pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sun 20 th April Easter Sunday	9.30	People of the Parish
Mon 21 st April	9.30	Mass
Tues 22 nd April		No Weekday Mass
Wed 23 rd April		No Weekday Mass
Thu 24 th April		No Weekday Mass
Fri 25 th April		No Weekday Mass
Sat 26 th April	10.00 10.30	Mass <i>Reconciliation</i>
Vigil Mass Divine Mercy Sunday	5.00pm	Mass
Sun 27 th April Divine Mercy Sunday	9.30	People of the Parish

Please note there is no Mass on Tuesday 15th April. Fr Michael is joining priests from across the Diocese for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Portsmouth

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS We pray for all who are ill, those who are housebound, those who are unable to join us in person at our celebration of the Eucharist, those who are mentioned in our Parish Book of Prayer Intentions and all who have asked for our prayers.

Please continue to pray for all our young people who have received or are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also pray for their families and their Catechists.

ROSE READER We ask your prayers for the repose of Rose Reader who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Frimley on Wednesday 16th April at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME Bro Hubert Lyons SDB, Bob Corless, Joseph McCarthy, Philip Horkan, Catherine Cunningham, Marian Dearlove, Marjorie Shakeshaft, Terence Kenehan, Violetta Middleton, Fr Lawrence Martin SDB, Gladys Shipman and Violet Hartshorne. May they rest in peace.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

EASTER OFFERINGS Your offering on Easter Sunday is your traditional gift to the Parish clergy.

FRIDAY FRUGAL LUNCHES Thank you to all those involved in the Frugal Lunches, to those who prepared the meal and those who came and help raise much needed funds for CAFOD.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The CWL meets on the third Tuesday in each month. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th March after Stations of the Cross at 9.30. New members are always welcome.

COFFEE MORNING - An Invitation The Catholic Women's League is holding a Coffee Morning on **Wednesday, 23 April from 10 am-12.00** to mark St George's Day. Tickets are £5, including Tea & Coffee, Muffins, Jam Tarts & Biscuits. Proceeds to Breast Cancer.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER There is a basket at in the Narthex for donations for flowers to decorate the Sanctuary.

MUSIC FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION We are looking for someone who would help provide music accompaniment for the FHC Mass at 11am on Sunday, 15th June. Please speak to Maria Walles or Fr Michael if you can help.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 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, Basingstoke on Saturday 21st June at 11am and be followed by a buffet lunch. Please email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION - UPDATE The Report stage of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) will now take place on 16th May. The legislation can still be defeated. Please write to your MPs asking them to use this opportunity to vote against the Bill.

HALL HIRE The hall is available for Hire for parties, celebrations and special events. For details and availability, please contact Olein Webster at: olhchallhire@gmail.com

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Financial contributions to the Parish may be made by placing a donation in the collection basket, by standing Order or BACS transfer. Please use the Parish Sort Code: 30-93-04 and Account Number: 00877868
Name: CDP Our Lady Help of Christians.
Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available in the Narthex, or you can download the form off the Website.

INCOME FIGURES 28th March to 11th April

Clergy Assistance Fund	£128.00
Envelopes	£20.00
Loose	£294.50
S/O Gift Aid	£1532.00
S/O Non-Gift Aid	£56.00
Closer to Christ	£568.08
Total	£2598.58

We received a cheque for £100, which we have forwarded to CAFOD

Thank you

NEWS

For news and events around the Diocese please visit Bishop Philip's E-News at

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

NEWSLETTER

The current edition of the Newsletter covers two weeks. Please contact David May if there is any news and information you would like to share.

DATES FOR YOUR DARY

15th April	CWL Meeting
17th April	Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper at 8.00pm followed by Watching until 10pm
18th April	Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
19th April	Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil 8.00pm
20th April	Easter Sunday
23rd April	CWL Coffee Morning
15th June	Celebration of First Holy Communion

