



# 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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## 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Dear friends,

A very warm welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

We give thanks for all the blessings our good Lord is sending us during this season of Easter, and we now look forward to the month of May, a month traditionally dedicated to our Lady.

Our readings this weekend challenge us to reflect on how we as individuals, as disciples, as a Community, respond to God's love for us. The first reading describes how Saul the persecutor, Paul the Apostle, committed to the spread of the gospel. In the second reading, John encourages us to translate the relationship we have with God into deeds.

In the passage from John's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a grapevine and its branches to emphasise the importance of living our lives in and through Him. We are called to remain always in Christ, nurturing each other in faith and love, so that we can together bear the fruit of God's transforming love to the people of our world today. We are united to Jesus and His life flows into us: our relationship with Him must then necessarily overflow in our commitment to others. building up Christ's Body, the Church.

We welcome Adeline Rose and Iris Ophelia Funnell, who were baptised last Sunday, into the family of the Church.

Please note that our Church Hall is being used as a Polling Station on Thursday, 2 May. As a result, there will be no Morning Mass or evening Adoration on the Thursday

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Two members of our Parish Family are currently in Frimley Park Hospital. Please keep them, all those who are sick and those who are mentioned in our *Parish Book of Prayer Intentions* in your prayers.

### **Those whose anniversary are about this time:**

Stuart Dagleish, Stuart Cox, Anna Power, Minnie Buck, Margaret Werrell, Doris Denner, Dominic Clark, Amy Olcot, Robert Raggett, Fr Italo Thomann SDB, Marguerita Ruby (Rita) Murphy. May they rest in peace.

### Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	17.00	Stuart Cox RIP
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30	People of the Parish
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Catherine of Sienna</b>	9.30	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30	
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30	<b>No Mass &amp; No Adoration</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>The English Martyrs</b>	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	17.00	Linda Costello RIP
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30	People of the Parish

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

**COFFEE & CHAT** Please stay for tea, coffee and a chat after the Mass on a Saturday evening, Sunday morning and the 9.30 Mass on a Wednesday. This is an enjoyable way to build our parish community.

### **CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE**

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. George's Day Coffee morning. This was a most enjoyable and happy occasion that raised the sum of £130, all of which goes to charities.

Special thanks from the Parish to the ladies of the CWL who organised and served tea, coffee, and cakes.

### **THE ROSARY GROUP**

The Rosary is prayed after Sunday morning mass at Our Lady's statue in the Church. This is an opportunity for parishioners to participate in this great prayer tradition of the Church and to meditate on the life of Christ.

**LIVING AS A CATHOLIC** We are hoping to establish a 'Discussion and Fellowship Group'. If you are interested in exploring and discussing our faith with fellow Catholics, please let David May know and we will move forward with this initiative.

**Message from ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL, FARNBOROUGH**

"Mrs Paula Dix is retiring in the summer, and we would like to invite anyone who has happy memories of attending St Patrick's or St Bernadette's schools to add a message to an online message board, by 1st July, via this link:

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/1QGWYJ08>

Mrs Dix remembers every child she has taught, or who attended the schools while she was Headteacher (and their parents!), so I am sure that your messages will bring her great joy!"

**TRAINING DAY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.**

The training day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion takes place on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. The day will be led by Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation in the Diocese and from 9.30am to 2.00 pm. Tea, Coffee Biscuits will be available but please bring your own packed lunch.

Please enrol now if you would like to attend by emailing

[liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - 30th April 2024**

The Bishops of England and Wales have set aside the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, during a season of hope and new life. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church.

**General Prayer for a culture of openness & loving support for survivors of abuse:**

We pray for those who have come forward to speak of the abuse they have suffered, and for those who are not yet able to.

May the Spirit help us to offer a response that is rooted in the love of Christ and to be a community in which they can continue to feel believed and safe as the search for truth and justice unfolds.

God of justice and healing.

Hear our prayer.

**NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

You are very welcome. If you have recently settled in Farnborough, please complete the Parish Registration form to allow us to keep our records up to date. The form is available in the Narthex.

**BINGO EVENING - Friday 24 May**

In part to mark the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Social Group is organising a Bingo Night on Friday, 24 May. More details to follow.

**The BIG PARISH CLEAN-UP is back! Saturday, 25 May!!!**

Last year, we had a very successful day working together to clean the Church, Hall, House, and Grounds. So successful, that we would like to repeat the day: there are areas around the Church, Hall and the grounds that require attention. Would you be prepared to spend an hour or so on Saturday, 25 May helping clean the Church and the Hall and tidy up the garden?

**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS FROM - 1st APRIL to 21st APRIL**

Holy Places	£81.00
Envelopes	£155.00
Loose Plate	£248.30
S/O Gift Aid	£1524.00
S/O Non-Gift Aid	£81.00
Easter Offering	£671.00

**Total:**            £2760.30            Thank you.

**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.

Queries please email: [accounts@olhcfarnborough.org.uk](mailto:accounts@olhcfarnborough.org.uk).

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

If you have a regular Standing Order – thank you. Your contribution is posted to Offertory. If you wish to contribute to a Special Collection, please do so using the baskets and envelopes in the Narthex.

**DATES FOR YOUR DARY**

4th May	Day for Eucharistic Ministers - St Bede's, Basingstoke
9th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
11th May	Second Collection - Catholic Communications Network
19th May	Feast of Pentecost (Parish Brunch)
24th May	Bingo Night
25th May	Parish Big Clean
2nd June	Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Celebration of First Holy Communion)
15th June	Second Collection - Day for Life
29th June	Feast of SS Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation) - Second Collection - Peter's Pence
30th June	Celebration with our First Holy Communicants