



# 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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## 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear friends,

A very warm welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

Our readings this weekend take on a nautical theme and invite us to think about God and about the role of God in our personal life and in the life of the world.

Our first reading, from the Book of Job, stresses God's power over the sea, and all of creation. Like Job we demand an explanation from God when we fail to see His plan for us, not realising or accepting that God's plan is different from our plans.

The Responsorial Psalm continues the nautical theme, while Paul, in our second reading, teaches us the meaning of God's love. Through our Baptism, we are a "new creation."

Today's Gospel is a wonderful metaphor for our lives in the storms of this world as followers of Jesus. All of us can empathise with the cry of the apostles: "Master, do you not care?" What is our response, when we are faced with suffering, disappointments, adversity, challenges, difficulties in our relationships – all that life seems to throw at us. When events do not go according to plan, our plan, we are tempted to ask God why: "Why me? This comes from a very self-centred perspective. The reply Jesus gave his apostles, helps answer that question: "How is it you have no faith?" We are reminded that Jesus accompanies us on our journey, though at times he seems asleep. God never abandons us. God is always with us. And then, do we ever ask the question: "Why me?" when we experience God's love, and the joy and beauty of God's creation in our lives.

**God loves us, trust him.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** All those who are sick, those who are mentioned in our Parish Book of Prayer Intentions and all who have asked for our prayers.

**ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME:** Fr Joseph Merriman SDB, Fr Des O'Riordan SDB, Kathleen Barnard, Eileen Cookson, Mary Venancia (Venie) Fernandes, Fr Betram Netto SDB, Veronica Goble, Dolores Worlock, James Bill Merdell and Catherine Crooke . May they rest in peace.

### Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June <b>Saints John Fisher and Thomas More</b>	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	17.00	Ken Edwards RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30	People of the Parish
Mon 24 <sup>h</sup> <b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>	9.30	
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>Saints Peter and Paul</b>	17.00	Liz Hampton Int
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Saints Peter and Paul</b>	9.30	People of the Parish

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

**READINGS AT MASS** You can view the readings for the masses at <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

**PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:** We pray with Pope Francis for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**COFFEE & CHAT** Everyone is welcome in the Hall after the Mass on a Saturday evening, Sunday morning and the 9.30 Mass on a Wednesday for tea and coffee. It is a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners.

**CAKE SALE 22/23 June** after the Masses this weekend to raise funds for the new Lectionaries. This weekend only: eating cake is a virtue!!!

**ADORATION - Thursday 7.30-8.30pm** A time for silent reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to attend all or part of Adoration.

**DISCUSSION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP 7.30 pm Tuesday, 25 June.** We will start by looking at how we as individuals and as a Parish can contribute to three objectives for the Diocese for the next decade: to be a Christ-centred Church; to be a missionary community; to be prudent stewards of Christ's Church. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/you-will-be-my-witnesses/>

Come and share your reflections, questions, and insights. A very warm welcome awaits.

**BINGO NIGHT Saturday 29 June** 'Eyes down' Following the success of our Bingo Night in May, we are hoping to repeat the experience on Saturday, 29 June after the evening Mass Put the date in your diary. Again, all are welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE Weekend 29th/30th June** Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. It is a concrete sign of our sharing in the concern the Pope has for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. The Holy Father said in a message for Peter's Pence this year: "... we have as Father a God who opens his house to all human beings, beginning with the least and the most distant, so that as his children we may learn to console and support one another."

There will be a Special Collection at Masses next weekend for this important work. Please be generous!

**NEW LECTIONARIES** The new edition of the Lectionary comes into use on 1 December. The changes provide a text which is intended for public proclamation and reflects up to date biblical scholarship. Would anyone, family or group like to sponsor a volume or part of a lectionary?

**MRS PAULA DIX** is retiring as Executive Headteacher of St Patrick's and St Bernadette's schools in the summer. There is an online message board for you to post your memories and thanks. Please add your message by 1st July. Here is the link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/1QGWYj08>

**A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** on Saturday 7th September at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke at 2pm. Any couples celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years are welcome to attend. Please email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.

**LOST PROPERTY** Are you missing a family heirloom? We have a collection of scarves, hats and water bottles. No finders' fee!!

**GENERAL ELECTION** There is a range of information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote. The guidance emphasises that Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.

The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage about the issues important to Catholics: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have also produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with a range of questions to ask potential candidates. Please visit their websites: <https://svp.org.uk/encounter> or <https://cafod.org.uk/encounter>

**WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS 20th May to 22nd June**

Envelopes	£125.00
Loose Plate	£698.50
S/O GAid	£1966.00
S/O Non GAid	£24.00
Total	£2813.50

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Clergy Assistance Fund	£45.00
Catholic Communications Network	£142.05
Day for Life	£96.00

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

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH** Financial contributions to the Parish may be made by placing a donation in the collection or 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.

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

If you are a UK Taxpayer please ensure your donations are covered by a Gift Aid Declaration. Forms are available in the Narthex, or you can download the form off the Website.

**THE NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!** We are happy to share news and information about our Parish in the Newsletter, but we need one key ingredient – your input! Please contact David May if there is any news and information you would like to share.

**DATES FOR YOUR DARY**

25th June	Discussion and Fellowship Group
29th June	Bingo Night
30th June	Feast of SS Peter & Paul (Transferred) - Second Collection - Peter's Pence
30th June	Celebration after Mass with our First Holy Communicants
7th July	Second Collection - Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)
15th August	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - Holy Day of Obligation
7th September	Special Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke