



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 - The Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dear friends,

A very warm welcome to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, also known as 'Corpus Christi'.

The Eucharist is God's greatest gifts to us and as Pope Francis reminds us "the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

Appropriately, this Sunday 13 of our young people will be making their First Holy Communions. Please keep Angelina, Aurelia, Azuolas, Carla, Cecily, Daryl, Florence, George, Hermanò, Milo, Rudy, Samson, and Serenna, their families, and their Catechists in your prayers.

First Communion Sunday is a major event in the life of any parish. It is a cause of celebration not only for the young people, their families, and friends but for the whole Parish Community. It marks an important stage in the young people's journey of faith, the next step on their initiation into the life of the Church.

We are all children of God, and, like our First Holy Communicants, we are also invited "to gather round the table of the Lord, the table of the Eucharistic sacrifice, in which he once again gives us his Body and Blood and makes present the one sacrifice of the Cross. It is in listening to his word, in nourishing ourselves with his Body and his Blood that he moves us on from being a multitude to being a community, from anonymity to communion. The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion that brings us out of individualism so that we may follow him together, living out our faith in him. Therefore, we should all ask ourselves before the Lord: how do I live the Eucharist? Do I live it anonymously or as a moment of true communion with the Lord, and with all the brothers and sisters who share this same banquet?" (Pope Francis)

**ADORATION - Thursday 7.30-8.30pm** A time for silent reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. is an opportunity to be still and experience how much we are loved by God. You are welcome to attend all or part of Adoration.

### Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Sat 1st June	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	17.00	People of the Parish
Sun 9th June <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	9.30	Debbie DeBono RIP and Joe Debono Int
<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>	11.00	FHC Group
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mary Hinks RIP
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>		
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	17.00	People of the Parish
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30	Allan James RIP

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

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

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

Adrian Merdell, Delphine Lannon, Debbie DeBono, Stella Cockrem, Catherine (Kitty) Lawlor, Michel Turner, Patricia Bonner, Trevor Nicholas, Baby Ella Baharie, Daniel Docherty, Fr William Carroll SDB, Allan James, Kevin Hoyle, Mary Mulligan, and Cyril Bilyard. May they rest in peace.

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:** During June, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for those fleeing their own countries because of war or persecution. *We pray that 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.*

**JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART** June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We know that God loves us. We need that love to strengthen, renew, and guide us on our journey. We are reminded of this truth by Pope Francis when he says "the significance of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to discover ever more and to let ourselves be enfolded by the humble faithfulness and the gentleness of Christ's love, the revelation of the Father's mercy. We can experience and savour the tenderness of this love at every stage of life: in times of joy and of sadness, in times of good health and of frailty and those of sickness."

**RED MISSIO BOXES** Please collect your Summer magazine and please bring your Red Box to Church to allow your donations to be counted.

**BINGO NIGHT Saturday 25 June** A date for your diary. Because of the success of our recent Bingo Night, we are hoping to repeat the experience on Saturday, 28 June after the evening Mass. This will be the first of a series of fund-raising activities. Again, all are welcome.

**THE ROSARY GROUP** The New Rota for the Living Rosary to pray for Peace is on the Notice Board in the Narthex. If you would like to join, please speak to Kate Boardman. All parishioners are welcome to join in praying 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.

**NEW LECTIONARIES** A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England, Wales, and Scotland in Advent 2024. Parishes will need to change over to the new Lectionary on 1 December. From that date, we will not be able to use the old Lectionary. The Altar Missal remains unchanged however, people's Missals will need to be replaced.

**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.

**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).

**DISCUSSION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25 June. As start point for discussion, we will be 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 you and we look forward to seeing you

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** CHARIS Portsmouth is holding a 'Life in the Spirit' course via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 6th June to 18th July, 7.30 pm - 9 pm. There is also a live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June after the 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. You are welcome from 8.30 am for Adoration in the Church. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided. Please use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8tkws8>

**MRS PAULA DIX** Mrs Paula Dix is retiring as Executive Headteacher of St Patrick's and St Bernadette's schools in the summer. Many of you will have happy and warm memories of her either, as a pupil, parent, or both. There is an online message board for you to post your memories and thanks. Please add your message by 1st July. I am sure that your messages will bring her great joy!

Here is the link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/1QGWYj08>

**MINISTRY OF WELCOMING** Can you be the big welcome to all who arrive through the door of the Church? If you would like to participate in this important Ministry, please speak to Sally Hall for the Saturday Evening Masses and Anne-Marie Maher-Williams for Sunday Masses.

**MAINTENANCE** The Maintenance Group would welcome volunteers. If you would like to help or notice areas around the Church and Hall that require work, please speak to Joe DeBono.

**NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.** 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.

**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

2nd June	Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Celebration of First Holy Communion)
15th June	Second Collection - Day for Life
25th June	Discussion and Fellowship Group
29th June	Feast of SS Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation) - Second Collection - Peter's Pence
29th June	Bingo Night
30th June	Celebration after Mass with our First Holy Communicants

