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| Sat 20 Apr | 9 pm Easter Vigil Mass | HOLY SATURDAY | For Roland & Kasha |
| Sun 21 Apr | 10 am Mass | EASTER SUNDAY | For the Parish |
| Tues 23 Apr | 10 AM Mass (NOT 12 NOON) | Within the Octave of Easter | For the newly baptised |
| Wed 24 Apr | 10 am Mass (NOT 9 AM) | Within the Octave of Easter | For the Parish |
| Thurs 25 Apr | 10 am Mass (NOT 9 AM) NO ADORATION | Within the Octave of Easter | For the Parish |
| Sat 27 Apr | 10 am Confession | | |
| | 6 pm Mass | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | |
| Sun 28 Apr | 10 am Mass | | Mary (Maisie) Pritchard R.I.P. |

From the Parish Priest

During the last few days, we have travelled with Jesus and shared in the last moments of His life. As I read and hear what happened during this time, I cannot help but notice the reaction of Jesus to people and situations. From the washing of the disciples' feet to the last words of Jesus on the Cross, it seems to me that there is a marked generosity, consideration and love which truly "passes all understanding." Jesus does not condemn those who misunderstand and fail Him or those who hate Him or are just indifferent, but, as the Suffering Servant, He takes all these conditions of human emotions on Himself. He is willing to take also the pain of loss and death. I find this so amazing and highly personal. However, there is more. For how wonderful and in complete keeping with His life of surprises and miracles is the Resurrection, in which a new Kingdom is established with its citizens free and happy. Ready to endure all things for the sake of Him who died and rose again for us. This is so obvious what the world needs right now and what we are called to bring to it. A Joyful and Blessed Easter to you all.

Fr Bruce

We welcome Roland and Kasha as full members of the Church this Easter. Please pray for them and us all on our journey of faith.



The Easter offerings are traditionally for the parish priest. The priests rely and depend on these Easter and Christmas offerings to support them personally during the year. Thank you.

Happy Easter



Parish Mission Appeal

This year the Mission Appeal will be made on behalf of the Comboni Fathers. We welcome Fr John who will make the appeal on the weekend of 4/5 May. A collection for this mission will be taken at both Masses.

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Courtney Andrews, Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Marie O'Sullivan, Pauline Smith, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner** who ask for our prayers.

Please also pray for the soul of **Mary Elizabeth (Maisie) Pritchard** who died recently.

EXTRA CAR PARKING AVAILABLE - Please park in the overflow car park of Park House School on Sunday mornings. Please be mindful of those helping with the parking on these special Sundays and Holy Days and of pedestrians.

Significant Wedding Anniversary this year?

Mass of celebration at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11am.

If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website :

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Youth Group (age 8 to year 8) and the '**Not So Youth Group**' (year 8 to year 13 plus) both meet at the same time on Friday 26th April from 6pm till 8pm

CHARITY SUPPER IN AID OF THE HOMELESS on Thursday 9th May at 6, Westwood Road, RG14 7JN. Come and share a one-pot supper, from 6:30 pm. Donations to support West Berkshire Homeless. Please telephone Clare Huckle on 01635 550428 to give some idea of numbers.



The Foodbank would be grateful for the following items: Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Long Grain Rice, Sugar and Long Life Fruit Juice.

Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms Please book the hall with Maureen for all events on 01635 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

Contribute to our Website You can now request access to add content to our website. This opens the possibility of adding your own events, managing a group you run or writing articles. If interested, please fill in the simple form on the website to request access. <http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/user/register> Any queries, feel free to contact Andrew at andrewpolland@gmail.com

COMING SOON: Last Autumn's successful "Life to the Full" series of engaging DVDs, plus delicious cake, is being repeated, this time at **St Joseph's** RG14 1JP on Monday evenings from April 29th to June 3rd. Full details soon. No need to come every week. Everybody welcome. Offers of help welcome.

The Parish Office is open during the week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am. It always closes at 4pm. However, if there is an enquiry or a need to contact Fr Bruce, please feel free to ring the doorbell of the Presbytery or leave a message on the answering machine. The photocopier may be used at times which are reasonable but the Presbytery is not accessible after 4pm.

Pope's intention for April
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) on Saturday 27th April from 11.00 am - 4.00 pm at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. Geoff and Gina Poulter will be speaking on "Praying for the Power of the Holy Spirit." There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809

WELCOMING:

Sat 27 Apr: Sue Mangham

Sun 28 Apr: Lefever & Taylor families

CLEANERS:

Fri 26 Apr: Clare Heald & Pauline Byrne

COUNTER:

Sun 21 Apr: Angela & Graham Spellman