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Sat 27 Apr	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)	
Sun 28 Apr	10 am Mass		Mary (Maisie) Pritchard R.I.P.
Tues 30 Apr	12 noon Mass	St George (transferred)	
Wed 01 May	12 NOON (NOT 9 am) Mass	St Joseph the Worker	God's blessing on human work
Thurs 02 May	9 am Mass	St Athanasius	Bishops' Conference of England & Wales
	 9.30 am - 10.30 am	ADORATION	
Sat 04 May	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sun 05 May	10 am Mass		Robin Horscroft R.I.P.

We welcome Liberty Rose Ann, being baptised on Saturday, and her family.

The flowers this weekend are in memory of Mary Taylor R.I.P.

#### **MISSION APPEAL by COMBONI MISSIONARIES**

(also called the Verona Fathers) – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May  
Each year, the Bishop allows a Missionary Appeal for the whole Diocese. This year it is the turn of the Comboni Missionaries. We are pleased to welcome Fr John Downey who will be staying with me for the weekend. Please remember the work of all Missionaries which is often hard and dangerous.

**NOTICE BOARD** We now have a fine new Notice Board on the wall of the Church. It was given by a member of the congregation. Thank you for this fine gift which both Parishioners and visitors will appreciate.

#### **From the Parish Priest**

On this Sunday, many churches will be celebrating the Divine Mercy given by God through Jesus to all who want to receive it. St Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of His Merciful Divinity being poured from His Sacred Heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him. This weekend, there will be a picture from the shrine in Poland, which was given to the Parish by one of our congregation, in front of the altar. The Church officially approved the Devotion when Pope St John Paul II ordered that the Feast Day be incorporated into the Liturgical Calendar of the Church on the 22nd April 2001. Let us ask that by the prayers of St Faustina and through the Divine Mercy, members of all Faiths may live together in Peace. *Fr Bruce*



#### **DIARY**

29 April – Life to the Full – 7.30pm – **St Joseph**  
**Second Collection:** 4/5 May – Mission Appeal for the Comboni Missionary Fathers  
9 May – Charity Supper – 6.30pm – **The Huckles'**  
**Second Collection:** 11/12 May for the Clergy Training Fund  
13 May – Life to the Full - 7.30pm – **St Joseph**

#### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY**

**Ent: 498 Gloria: 529 (Laudate) Off: 461**  
**Holy, Holy: 553 (L) Lamb of God: 591 (L)**  
**Comm: 326 Rec: 271**

## **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 (Maisie) Pritchard** who died recently.

**THANK YOU from Fr Bruce:** I am very grateful to you all for the hard work that you have all put in preparing the Church for Easter and for organizing so many of the important practical things which are needed during Holy Week and Easter. I want to also THANK YOU for your generous gift to me through the collection. May you continue to receive the blessings of the Risen Christ throughout the year.

**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.

**LIVING SIMPLY AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR** joint CAFOD and Caritas Portsmouth conference on Saturday 4th May at St Peter's Church, Winchester from 10am to 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch; tea/coffee will be provided. Please book your place with Eventbrite on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-simply-and-in-solidarity-with-the-poor-tickets-58706159704>. Everyone is welcome.



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](mailto: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](mailto:andrewpolland@gmail.com)

**Life to the Full:** Another chance to catch last Autumn's successful "Life to the Full" series Where: St Joseph's, Newbury RG14 1JP. When: Doors open at 7.30pm on 5 Mondays, from 29th April to 10th June, excluding Bank Holidays. No need to come every week. Everybody welcome! Offers of help welcome. Please speak to Angela Jordan or Mike Parry (01635 33023).

**24 Hours Tennis Marathon for Neonatal Babies** Lola Emetulu is taking part in a 24 hours Tennis Marathon taking place at David Lloyd Newbury on 11-12 May 2019 to raise money for neonatal equipment for local hospitals in Reading, Basingstoke and Swindon. DL Club is open for non-members to also attend the event. To sponsor Lola and find out more about the work of New Life Babies please visit:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lolatennis12>

**ROSE GARDEN:** I am pleased to say that since the fence has been erected to keep out the deer the roses are looking healthy and ready to burst into blossom. Keep your fingers crossed that nothing else will come along and ruin them this year.

**ALLOTMENTS:** these are flourishing at the bottom of the garden; onions, broad beans and runner beans have been sown and fruit bushes planted. I am grateful to Yvonne and Henry for looking after the Roses and the Allotments....help is always needed.

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

### **WELCOMING:**

**Sat 4 May:** Maureen Slade  
**Sun 5 May:** Martha & Tony Vickers

### **CLEANERS:**

**Fri 3 May:** Clare Huckle & Paul Cobb

### **COUNTER:**

**Sun 28 Apr:** Paul Cobb & Ivy Goree