

St Francis de Sales Church
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There are no public Masses here until further notice
and the Church is no longer open for private prayer

<i>Date</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 25 April		People of the Parish
Sun 26 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below	Jeanette Honeyman R.I.P.
Tues 28 April		Finbarr Webster R.I.P.
Wed 29 April	St CATHERINE of SIENA Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	Bernard Kilkenny R.I.P.
Thurs 30 April		Gerry Toal R.I.P.
Fri 1 May		
Sat 2 May	St Athanasius Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sun 3 May	MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below	People of the Parish

Sunday Mass is streamed live via our website, at <http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/mass-live> and starts at 10am each Sunday.

The Prayer Support Team - Every person is called to a vital and personal relationship with the living God: prayer is this relationship. Sometimes, when we are exhausted, or stressed, or alone, it is difficult to pray. The Diocese have a prayer support team, to pray with you or provide a listening ear, or to pray for you.

Prayer Support If you would like someone to pray with you or for you over the phone, contact us using the link.

Key Workers Are you a busy key worker in need of prayer? Get in touch by following the link and our prayer team will pray for your intentions.

Spiritual Listening Are you in need of a listening ear? Contact us and a member of our team will get in touch <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/prayer-support>

Please pray for **Gerry Toal** and also for **Bernard Kilkenny** who died recently, and for their families.

Reconciliation is by request only - please phone the office to agree a time with Fr Zbigniew

The Parish Office is closed. Please ring and leave a message if you need to contact Fr Zbigniew

Collections If you usually put money in the collection at Mass, we encourage you to donate direct to the parish account. Details of this are:

Our Parish Bank Details

Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 00882993
 PRCDTR Newbury St Francis de Sales
 Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS Fr Zbigniew continues to say daily Mass and to include all booked Mass Intentions. If you would like Fr Zbigniew to include a Mass intention please contact the office.

Do you get the Diocesan e-news? Subscribe at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage. Imagine two dejected disciples on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transforming way.

They go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples (who) experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst.

Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence.

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Courtney Andrews, Anton Barber, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, Bronek (father of Anna Brooks), Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Emma, Joe Emery, Maria Hall, Sam Hearn, June & Jo Howard, Clare Huckle, Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Evelyn Lavers, Noreen McCann, Shomila Malik, Joseph Marletta, Marie O'Sullivan, Daryl Pike, Mary Russell, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner** who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes.

J&P have recently made a donation of £580 to the **Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice** in Reading, (this will fund a nurse for 4 days). As a result of Covid-19 all their shops are closed and fundraising has almost dried up resulting in a massive drop in income. Please consider making a donation yourself www.sueryder.org/donate. Every pound you give could make the difference to whether they can continue to be there when it matters for local families in the future

Bishop Philip writes... from this weeks enews
HOSPITALS: In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we have a number of major hospitals, including the Queen Alexandra (QA) Portsmouth, University Hospital Southampton, Christchurch Hospital, the North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke, the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, and the Royal Berkshire in Reading. It is always an issue but it is crucially important that when a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. As access to the hospital may be restricted, especially at this time during the coronavirus emergency, one suggestion is that the patient carries a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward making the request. Hospital staff are under immense pressure at the moment, and it can happen that a person's religious details may be overlooked upon admission, especially if it is an emergency. Our hospitals at this time are doing a fantastic job in enabling our chaplains to operate and to offer support to patients, often in innovative ways, and where possible to administer the Last Rites. Let us pray for all the medical staff who are caring for the sick - and also for our magnificent chaplains in their irreplaceable work. Let us pray too that no Catholic dies without the sacramental care of Mother Church.

**Could you inspire young people to make a difference?
Could YOU be a CAFOD school volunteer?**

Schools Volunteers are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation - but there is a shortage in Portsmouth Diocese and we need your help. By becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. Training and support is provided for more information please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

Bookings for the Hall & Parish Rooms All use of the Parish premises is cancelled until further notice.

SAFEGUARDING: If you have any safeguarding concerns re a child or vulnerable adult please contact Maureen Hudd, Parish Safeguarding Representative on 07880 730691. The Parish cannot offer organised support to vulnerable people in terms of personal care, handling money, etc. unless volunteers have been DBS checked. Private arrangements and friends helping friends is not affected by this.