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There are no public Masses here until further notice

and the Church is no longer open for private prayer

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Date	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention
Sat 2 May	St Athanasius Bishop, Doctor of the Church	People of the Parish
Sun 3 May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below	Unity and peace in the Joseph's family
Mon 4 May	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)	
Tues 5 May		
Wed 6 May	St CATHERINE of SIENA Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	
Thurs 7 May		
Fri 8 May		
Sat 9 May		
	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sun 10 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.

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.

Pope's Intention for May

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and to the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

This weekend the Church celebrates vocations and the Church worldwide asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/vocations-sunday-2020/vocation-stories-2020/>

The Evangelist John presents us . . . with the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In contemplating this page of the Gospel, we can understand the kind of relationship that Jesus had with his disciples: a relationship based on tenderness, love, mutual knowledge and the promise of an immeasurable gift: "I came", Jesus said, "that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). . . .

I invite everyone to place their trust in the Lord who guides us. But he not only guides us: he accompanies us, he walks with us. Let us listen to his Word with minds and hearts opened, to nourish our faith, enlighten our conscience and follow the teaching of the Gospel.

Pope Francis: Regina Caeli, May 11, 2014

The Holy Father's message for the 2020 World Day of Vocations can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html

I am the gate of the sheepfold. Jesus is our access to where we want to be. He welcomes us, first, to himself. We go in, not brushing past him, but being helped through by him. He is gate and gatekeeper. At this entrance there is a new beginning. Our way to new life is the way of the Lord. He shows us what to do. Our saviour guides us from death to life, from lifelessness to new life. We pass the gate of the sheepfold more than once yet there is always a baptismal newness about our entering, once more, the domain of the Lord.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full. Jesus helps us to seek, find and live the best kind (of) life. The Father sent him to bring us back to the fullness of what he has always wanted for us. Closeness to Christ enables us to go further and deeper into the mystery of divine life. If the gate seems narrow, we should not be deceived about the dimensions of the vastness which awaits us. If the gate-keeper seems over-selective, let us not overlook the splendour of that to which he is admitting us. If the flock seems unduly supervised, we nevertheless do not underestimate the extent to which we need to prepare freely to receive so great a gift.

We come to the gate of the sheepfold seeking safety and peace. Outside the Lord, there is danger. We seek refuge in Jesus from what threatens and bruises. Jesus is gate, gate-keeper and also the good shepherd who gathers the flock. Having rested in the fold, and having had our wounds tended, we return to the fray.

Fr Peter Gallagher SJ <https://jesuit.org.uk/blog/>

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.

The Prayer Support Team – Every person is called to a vital and personal relationship with the living God: prayer is this relationship. Sometimes 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>

The mayor, Elizabeth O'Keefe (one of our parishioners), is phoning people in the community who live alone. If you or anyone you know would like a chat get in touch. In order to ensure safeguarding and for people to be expecting a call they are made by appointment. Call the Mayor's Office 01635 780203 or email mayor@newbury.gov.uk. between Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm. Give the details and you will be told when to expect the call back.

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

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. 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: www.sueryder.org/donate

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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.

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.

Bookings for St Francis Hall and Parish Rooms Please note that *all use of the Parish premises is cancelled* until further notice.

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The Parish Office is closed. Please ring and leave a message if you need to contact Fr Zbigniew or if you would like to agree a time for confession with him.