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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> |
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| Sat 16 May | | People of the Parish |
| Sun 17 May | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below | John Lister R.I.P. and Chris Snook R.I.P. |
| Mon 18 May | | |
| Tues 19 May | | Thanksgiving mass (Blessed Dominic Barberi) |
| Wed 20 May | | |
| Thurs 21 May | The ASCENSION of the LORD MASS ONLINE 7 pm, see note below | |
| Fri 22 May | | |
| Sat 23 May | | |
| | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | |
| Sun 24 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. Also this week Mass will be live-streamed at 7pm on Ascension Day, 21 May.

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.

Next Thursday, 21 May, is the feast of the Ascension

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

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. He continues to say daily Mass and includes all booked Mass intentions - please contact the office if you would like a Mass intention.

Confirmation in the Pastoral Area: We are due to run our Confirmation preparation for young people from September, with a view to candidates being confirmed in May/June 2021. We do not yet know if this will be possible but want to assure all interested young people that it is something we are aware of and will run when we can. In the meantime, if anybody who will be in school year 9 or above from September wishes to add their names to a list of interested people, please email Lucy Gallagher lucygallagher214@btinternet.com with your name and date of birth. We shall then be able to let you know when we are able to proceed.

Congratulations to Fr Zbigniew on the Anniversary of his ordination, this Saturday, 16 May!

John 14:15-21 Jesus reassures the disciples that he will not abandon them. Even though he will no longer be seen by the world, the bond between Jesus and his disciples endures. This bond is maintained by the Spirit. This bond is the life which Jesus shares with us, a bond which draws us deeper into the life of God.

This passage both begins and ends with reference to the commandments of Jesus. Living the commandments is proof of the love the disciples have for him. Jesus speaks later of his one commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you' (15:12). This Spirit-inspired love, shown in living the commandments and loving the brothers and sisters, keeps us fully alive in the new life of the Risen Jesus, drawing us deeper into the life of the Father.

These precious words of Jesus are like a symphony in which the different themes are played and played again in their various forms. The words of Jesus, with the Eucharist and the priesthood, are treasured parting gifts of the Lord to his friends, gifts which maintain his presence in a troubled and unbelieving world.

Fr Adrian Graffy, Diocese of Brentwood

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/reflection/i-will-not-leave-orphans/>

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE) - Although the usual meetings are suspended till further notice, there will be a monthly **ADoRE Online starting 23rd May**, including livestream Mass, praise and worship and an inspiring talk on Pentecost. For full details and how to join go to www.altonrenewal.com/online.htm

Please consider making a donation to the **Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice** in Reading whose shops are all closed. 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

YOUTH GROUP - Stay in touch, look at the BAND app for ideas. Send in your suggestions. Stay connected.

Paul has already hosted a Zoom quiz night which was good fun.

How about a competition..... with prizes for lockdown theme pictures, cartoons?

If you are interested email ma.pa.dykes@gmail.com
Let us know how you are. WE MISS YOU LOTS !!!!!!!

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.

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.

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for Mary Dykes (5 months old), 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.

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.

The Blessing UK — At this unique and challenging time in the United Kingdom over 65 churches and movements, representing hundreds of others, have come together online to sing a blessing over our land. Standing together, their desire is that this song will fill you with hope and encourage you. But the church is not simply singing a blessing; each day they're looking to practically be a blessing. Many of the churches included in this song have assisted with supplying over 400,000 meals to the most vulnerable and isolated in our nation since COVID-19 lockdown began. This alongside phone calls to the isolated, pharmacy delivery drops and hot meals to the NHS frontline hospital staff. Our buildings may be closed but the church is very much alive!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtI3mNj5U&t=1s>

The Prayer Support Team

The Diocese have a prayer support team, to pray with you or provide a listening ear, or to pray for you. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/prayer-support>