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There are no public Masses here until further notice

and the Church is no longer open for private prayer

54th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat 23 May		
Sun 24 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A MASS ONLINE 10am, see note below	People of the Parish
Mon 25 May	St Bede the Venerable , Religious, Doctor of the Church	
Tues 26 May	St Philip Neri , Priest, Founder	
Wed 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTRBURY , Bishop	
Thurs 28 May		
Fri 29 May		Bernard Kilkenny R.I.P.
Sat 30 May		
	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
Sun 31 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.

Future live streaming With the great success of the live streaming of our Sunday Mass we hope this can continue in the future when more normal conditions return and to be available for both our communities. This will be of particular benefit to parishioners who are sick / housebound and who would then be able to have Holy Communion brought to them from that mass.

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.

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>

RCIA Meetings are planned to restart via ZOOM on Thursday 28th May at 7pm.

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 in school year 9 or above from September wishes to add their name to a list of interested people, please email Lucy Gallagher lucygallagher214@btinternet.com with name and date of birth. We shall then let you know when we are able to proceed.

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

Please look at Pope Francis' message for today - World Communications Day
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20200124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

Father the hour has come to glorify your Son.

The glory of the Lord is in his death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus' glory is also in all that he achieves through his followers and their many kinds of service. *In them I am glorified* he says.

In all that we do as his disciples we are in communion with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The whole of our life, empowered by Christ, is a prayer to God. This prayer is strengthened by *including Mary the mother of Jesus. Our Lady joined in continuous prayer with the apostles.*

The followers of Christ pray with Mary. She is the model of the focus which wholeheartedly welcomes Christ into a life and awaits his Spirit. Our Lady is also an image of the Temple, of the holy of holies, of the sacred space where God can be encountered all the time. The *continuous prayer* which is a life lived in the presence of God is personified in Mary. She does not make light of other people's difficulties but offers help. Channelling God's assistance and our best efforts, the Blessed Virgin lifts us up where her Son is in glory.

The apostles have not been left behind by Jesus but rather they are being launched on their own journey to (the) Father. The Lord is not abandoning us but taking us with him. Knowledge of God is already in our heart: *for I have given them the teaching you gave me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you. He says I pray for them. We understand that, thanks to his prayer, we pray through him, with him and in him.*

Supported by the grace of God, inspired by the example of Mary, we allow ourselves to be carried up into the divine presence.

I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give to me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word

Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

<https://jesuit.org.uk/blog/>

Hymns in Church We are advised that we should not use hymn books when we first return to using our churches. It is proposed that we obtain a screen and projector for this.

Your comments or ideas for this would be appreciated via email to the parish office.

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.

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.

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, 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.