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Fr Phillip writes...

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

On Thursday we celebrated the Ascension. Jesus, far from leaving his disciples alone when he ascended into heaven, promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit, whose coming we will celebrate next week on Pentecost Sunday.

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear how the apostles were gathered together prior to Pentecost and, after seeking God's guidance, chose Matthias as the twelfth apostle.

In today's Gospel we hear more of Our Lord's teaching at the Last Supper, in particular, looking forward to the mission that would fall to the apostles after his Resurrection and Ascension. Praying to the Father for them (and us), he asks that very specific gifts be given: that we be "true to your name", that we may be one, protected from the evil one and consecrated in the truth. Why? Because, as he prays, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world..."

As the good news of the gospel spread out into the waiting world after the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Church continued to – and continues to – grow. St John in our Second Reading reflects on love – love of God for us and the love we too should have for one another. Love is transformative: "as long as we love one another God will live in us..."

Let us pray that we may always be open to the Lord: may we be true to his name, free from evil and united in truth and love.

*Live stream Sun 10 am: <https://www.youtube.com/@rp54996/streams>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- ✦ Saturday 11th May, 5.30 pm: Seventh Sunday of Easter
- ✦ Sunday 12th May, Seventh Sunday of Easter
8.30 am (People of the Parish)
10 am (Therese Norton R.I.P)
- ✦ Monday 13th May: NO MASS AT ST FRANCIS
- ✦ Tuesday 14th May, 6.30 pm: St Matthias, feast
- ✦ Wednesday 15th May, 10 am: Seventh Week of Easter (Paul Worthington Anniversary R.I.P)
- ✦ Thursday 16th May, 6.30 pm: Seventh Week of Easter (Camelia Harrison)
- ✦ Friday 17th May, 10 am: Seventh Week of Easter (Holy Souls R.I.P)
- ✦ Saturday 18th May, 10 am: Seventh Week of Easter (Eileen Berkeley R.I.P)
- ✦ Saturday 18th May, 5.30 pm: Pentecost Sunday (Deceased Members of the Rau Family R.I.P)
- ✦ Sunday 19th May, Pentecost Sunday
8.30 am
10 am (People of the Parish)
12.30 pm First Holy Communion Mass
- Confession after the 10 am Mass on Saturdays or by appointment -

**Weekend of 12/13 May Collection: Catholic Communications Network



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

MARIA WILLIAMS, BRIAN LYNCH, PAT SASSI, SIMON SAINT, ERNESTO AND NAPOLEON MANNOIS, JANE THOMAS, DANIEL OFFER, MARIE HALL, NINA MULLINS, GEORGIA MACKINLEY, EILEEN HOARE, SR. JOSEPHINE COLLIER, PAULINE PAINTER & MALGORZATA CORDOBA.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO THIS LIST, WITH CONSENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME REMOVED, KINDLY EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE. WHATSAPP: 07851 092431

"Without justice and love, peace will always be a great illusion"



- Dom Helder Camara
Brazilian Archbishop

Rosary said every Saturday at 9.30 am, before Mass, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.



Little Franciscan Toddler Group

Kindly note that we will NOT meet on Tuesday, 14th May. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. During term time, every Tuesday from 11am to 12.45pm. All welcome!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday, during the 10am Mass (during term-time). We accept children from 3y-o to Year 3. Enrolment forms available in the Narthex.

For further queries, email Sue Roche on: sue.roche1@btinternet.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

AFTER 10AM MASS ON FRIDAYS

First Holy Communion Children

Please keep the children making their First Holy Communion in May in your prayers, that they might continue to grow in their Faith!



SVP TABLE SALES!

BARGAIN TABLE-Society of St. Vincent de Paul has lots of bargain DESIGNER

HANDBAGS and DESIGNER SCARVES, plus many other items for all the family, TAKE A LOOK. Your donations very welcome. Payment by card to SVP SHOP or by cash. SVP helps very needy families locally. Thank you for your support.

Windsor & Ascot Pastoral Area

Parish Finance Committee - We are in the process of assembling a new finance council for our two parishes As they move towards becoming one. If there is anyone within the community who would be willing to serve on such a committee (perhaps meeting four or five times a year) then please speak to or email Fr Phillip or Fr David.

Communications Group - We are at present looking at the websites and newsletters of our two parishes of Windsor and Ascot. We certainly need a couple of people from our parish of Saint Francis to join The joint communication group with Windsor - if you are interested then please contact Father Phillip or Fr David.

Emails: Fr Phillip: ppharris@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk & Fr David: canondavidh@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Vocations - What is God calling you to? "As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

E-mail: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.



FUNERALS IN MAY 2024 - PLEASE SAY A PRAYER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

✠ **Nora Teresa Annan**: Funeral Mass on **Tuesday, 14th May** at 12 pm.

✠ **Gerald Griffiths**: Funeral Mass on **Wednesday 29th May** at 11 am.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Prayer for the departed



Week of Accompanied Prayer for Windsor and Ascot Sunday 19th May - Friday 24th May 2024

A Week of Accompanied Prayer may be the special retreat time just for you!

The week at a glance:

- ✓ Sunday 19 May at 5pm a Welcome opening liturgy/meeting
- ✓ Daily one-to-one meeting with your Prayer Guide, for 30 minutes only, at a convenient time for you
- ✓ Friday 24 May at 6.30pm a Closing liturgy/session at which you and all other pilgrims and guides meet and reflect on the week's experience.

Vacancy - Organist

St Edwards seeks an organist to play at the Parish Church, and build and support music in the churches of the Parish.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, the successful candidate will be a practising Christian, respectful of the teaching, ethos and values of the Catholic Church, a trained organist with experience of playing in a church setting.

This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months. Application forms and full details are available from spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 7th June 2024.

Hong Kong Classical Players Event at the Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale

Classical music evening on **May 18th: 7-8 pm**. Refreshments afterwards. Event on behalf of building schools in Ethiopia. **Tickets: £20** per person. Event not suitable for children. Mass before the event, at 6 pm.



FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary
As requested by Our Lady
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW
MON 13th MAY - FRI 17th MAY
ZOOM ID : 838 5379 1650



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