

15TH MAY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

"Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

John 13:34


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ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT
www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions	 THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS 1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27 Psalm: 144:8-13 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 Gospel: John 13:31-35
Sun 15 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am	Irene Matthews RIP Owen & Norma Gaffry RIP	
Mon 16 May	of the 5 th week of Easter	-	No Mass	
Tues 17 May	of the 5 th week of Easter	10.00 am	Rosary & Eucharistic Service	
Wed 18 May	of the 5 th week of Easter	-	No Mass	
Thur 19 May	Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth	-	No Mass	
Fri 20 May	of the 5 th week of Easter	-	No Mass	
Sat 21 May	of the 5 th week of Easter	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service	
Sun 22 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am	- -	

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SERVICE ON SATURDAY 21ST MAY IS A EUCHARISTIC SERVICE, NOT A SUNDAY MASS.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the Sunday 10.30 am Mass this weekend.



TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING

EVERY WEEK AFTER 10 AM Mass (Continuing after the Eucharistic Service this week and next)

Please join us in the hall for coffee on Tuesday mornings. A friendly welcome awaits you. If you have any queries, please see either Susie Warwick or Fiona Thompson after Mass at the weekends. Otherwise, just turn up!



NOTE TAKER NEEDED FOR PPC MEETINGS

Could you spare 2-3 hours a month to help the parish council in taking notes of the meeting and writing up brief minutes with action points afterwards? The PPC normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. Please contact the parish office if you could help. Thank you.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNCIL OF FAITHS ANNUAL PEACE WALK – TODAY

Sunday 15th May, 12.15 pm

Starting at the Peace Fountain in East Park in the city centre. Come and join us on this interesting and varied walk around the city visiting different places of worship with refreshments provided along the way. Everyone is welcome. For more details visit:

www.southampton-faiths.org

or phone David Vane 07545 982838

PAYMENTS & DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE BY CARD!

Donations to any of the collections each week can now be made using our new card payment system. The card machine is located in the porch by the door and can be used either by chip and pin or contactless. It is extremely simple to use and takes just seconds to make a donation. The preferred method of donating to the parish continues to be by regular standing order but for anyone who prefers to donate while at the church, this is an easy alternative which also allows you to easily gift aid any donations.



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Thursday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Glorification Through Suffering

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [John 13:31](#)

It is essential to know the end of the story. Jesus knew the end when He spoke these words to the Apostles at the Last Supper right after Judas left to go and betray Him. It's important to put this situation within the context that Jesus understood it. From a purely human point of view, one of Jesus' closest friends was about to betray Him for money. For most of us this would have been devastating and the cause for anger and hurt. But because Jesus knew the end of the story, He was able to see Judas' betrayal as the means to His glorification, not His defeat. He turned His eyes toward Heaven and all that He would accomplish through His suffering rather than look at the immediate pain He would soon endure.

This is a powerful lesson for us all. First, it's essential that we look at Jesus' glorification through His betrayal, suffering and death. But we must also strive to see the potential that our own sufferings have when united to the Saviour of the World.

How do you react when another sins against you? How would you have reacted to Judas betraying your love? This is a very difficult question to face in honesty and it is even harder to live the response that Jesus lived. The truth is that every time we are mistreated by another, we are given an opportunity to glorify God and further the Kingdom of Heaven by forgiving, uniting our suffering with Christ's, and offering mercy. This is much easier to speak about than to live.

Reflect, today, upon this scene of the Gospel. Gaze upon Judas leaving the Last Supper and going out into the night to betray our Lord. But look at it in the way Jesus saw it. Look at it with the understanding that this was the means chosen by the Father to bring salvation to the world. Reflect, also, upon every opportunity that you are given to do as Jesus did. Try to be concrete and specific and see any and every suffering you endure as a glorious opportunity to dispense the mercy of God. Though this may be difficult at first, it is this act of love that will give great glory to the Father in Heaven!

A reflection for the 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C
My Catholic Life, www.mycatholic.life.com

JOB VACANCIES

With the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Called & Gifted Administrator

- Part time - 5 hours per week
- Salary – £12 per hour
- Remote working from home with occasional attendance at meetings/training

Overall job purpose

- To undertake the day to day administration for the Called & Gifted Team.
- Monitor and respond to department emails
- Database upkeep
- Finance
- Circulate newsletter via Mailchimp

For a full role description and details of how to apply please see E news – link listed in item above, or contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Closing date for applications: Monday 16th May 2022.

VACANCY AT ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE TEACHER OF RE



To start September 2022

For full details and to apply please use the following link:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/blog/?pid=10&nid=2&storyid=206>

Applications should be return to Mrs Jeanine Bonavia PA to the Headteacher at headpa@stgcc.co.uk by 3pm on 19th May 2022

Visits to the college are highly encouraged, and can be arranged by contacting Mrs Jennifer Knight, Head of Religious Education at jknight@stgcc.co.uk if you have any questions or queries.

CARE ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The Catholic Home Care is expanding!

Due to increased demand, we need more home care assistants to join our team. If you, or someone you know, likes elderly people & would like a part-time job, is this something that would suit? Good rate of pay (£9.80 ph.), paid holidays & flexible working through Mon – Friday time. Core business domestic support (cleaning & shopping) to help elderly people to stay in their own homes for longer. Car driver an advantage, but not essential. For more details & application pack call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on 023 8017 0498

Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

Activities, events, news and job vacancies from around the Diocese, locally and further afield.

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue363?e=34c55ac6ce>

CARITAS NEWS:

- Volunteer Recruitment continues
- Hong Konger New Arrivals Election Talk took place on 23rd April 2022

The Hong Konger group are eligible to vote but they have little knowledge of the UK election processes. With collaboration of the Citizens Advice Southampton and City Life Church, Caritas was pleased to conduct an election talk in the parish hall to explain the local election process. Three political party representatives presented their party visions. Nearly 100 Hong Kongers participated in this talk. After the event, they understood their voting rights and how to vote wisely. In the near future, we hope to organize similar activities and build an inclusive hub for both new arrivals and refugees.



If you're interested in helping with this kind of voluntary service, please do not hesitate to contact one of us below:

Victoria Ma, Project Officer

Email: vmayuto@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Philip Paulo, Project Manager Environment/Deputy Head of Charity

Email: ppaulo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Act green and sign climate pledge:
bit.ly/climateICC



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Caritas website:
www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk



SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY, SUNDAY 15th May - No Second Collection
NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MAY – Homeless & Poor

Donations can be made in cash, by cheque or using our card payment machine in the church porch.

For all donations given in ANY envelope – purple, yellow, brown or your own, PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR, so that we can ensure it goes to the fund to which it was intended, ie General Fund (Offertory collection) or the name of the second collection you are donating to. **If you are registered with the parish for gift aid, please also ensure your gift aid number is given on the envelope.**

The Parish Bank Account details are:

Name: PRCDTR Immaculate Conception Church,
Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account No: 00887995

PARISH MID YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Our small parish finance group have prepared a report on the first half of this financial year (August – February in the Diocese). Copies have been e mailed out with this newsletter and additional hard copies are available in the church porch. Additionally there will be a short presentation on our current financial position after the Masses this weekend. If you have the skills to help on our finance committee and feel that you could give some time, please contact the parish office. Additionally, we still need people to help on our weekly collection counting teams on a rota basis. Again, please let us know if you could help in this way.

FABULOUS 40'S GARDEN PARTY

Run by Southampton Rotary Club
in aid of

Countess Mountbatten Hospice
(now called Mountbatten Hampshire)

Singing, dancing and various stalls

Sunday 26th June, 12 noon, at Concorde Club, Eastleigh
Tickets £15

For further details: See poster/flyers in the church porch or please speak to Norman Fairchild after 10.30 am Mass.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Saturday 25th June, 11 am – 3 pm

At Victory Gospel Church, Portswood

Come and find out more about Mental Health services and support, and the drop-in facilities for help in the city.

Stalls with lots of information. Free refreshments & lunch. All Welcome. More details and registration forms are available on the poster in the church porch.