



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch

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NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Canon Chris' Day off: Wednesday.

6th and 7th June – Corpus Christi – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rocks.

Psalm Response: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia.* I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Imagine Jesus speaking to each of us today. Imagine him, risen in Glory, speaking to us . . .

'I want to give you life - to give your life real freedom and joy - and a life that will last for ever. I want to take away your fear of dying. I invite you to make your home in me - now. Your home will be in me forever. Let me make my home in your heart. Let me feed you. I've given my life for you. I've shown you that you, too, can give your life away and be free to love as I have loved you. Let this self-sacrificing example of love nourish you.

When you are hungry, don't turn to other food that fails to satisfy you, or really nourish you. Turn to me. In the most difficult of times, when you seem most overwhelmed, let the gift of my very life for you give you strength and freedom and courage. I offer you a peace the world cannot give you. I offer you food for the path to heroic love. With this food, you won't fear losing yourself. This is the nourishment you need to find yourself.

When you come to those moments of choice in your life - facing a choice between being revengeful or forgiving, staying stuck in a destructive pattern or choosing to be free, self-love or self donation - see me broken and given for you, as a cup poured out for you. You can recognize me in whatever experience of brokenness that threatens to shatter you. I have transformed brokenness, for you.

Before my Body, given for you, say "Amen" with all your heart. Before my Blood, shed for you, say an "Amen" full of meaning. With open hands, open heart, with a life open to this gift, be nourished. I can never be more really present to you than in this gift. My gift of my very self to you is real food indeed.

And know that this nourishment is a communion in me. In me you become one in solidarity with my body throughout the world. One bread, one people. One cup, a bond forever. In this meal the hunger of the world comes together. In this communion, you will hear and feel the cries of brokenness from the rest of your body, my body. When any part of this body suffers, the whole body turns in compassion. In this communion, you taste your mission to be bread and wine - my body and blood - for those who hunger and thirst for justice.'

A.A. S.J.

Congratulations to all our parish children making their First Holy Communion this Saturday and next.

Please remember them in your prayers as they take this next step on their journey of faith.



The following JOB VACANCIES are posted on the Diocesan Website

and also information is in the Church porch.

Full details, brochures and applications can be found at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about/careers/

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – St John the Baptist Parish, Andover – 20 hours per week

(Permanent / Part Time)

PARISH FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR – St John the Baptist Parish, Andover – 10 hours per week

(Permanent / Part Time)

PARISH HALL CLEANER – Parish Hall, at St John the Baptist, Andover – 7.5 hours per week (Permanent / Part Time)

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN EQUIPMENT! Until the 3rd of July you can collect tokens from the Andover advertiser and help our school stand a chance to win amazing prizes! Please see the poster in the porch for details.

The June edition of THE PARISH JOURNAL is now available to download from the Parish Website.

The next edition will be issued on 4th & 5th July. Contributions should be with the editors by Monday 29th June.

Please leave contributions at the Presbytery or email them to: stjohnsjournal@googlemail.com

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 30th / 31st May: Loose plate: £632.90; Gift Aid Envelopes: £356.10

Standing Orders: (weekly average) £933; Direct Debits: (weekly average) £315.00

May payment to Diocese (not including utilities, consumables, ground works, maintenance etc) £11,468.04

MASS INTENTIONS FROM 6th June – 19th June

Sat. 6th	First Holy Communion Mass at 12 noon
Sat. 6th	Andover Mass 6.00pm <i>Mariano Fernandes RIP - Anniversary</i>
Sunday 7th	MAY – CORPUS CHRISTI Whitchurch Mass 8.30am <i>For the People of the Parish</i> Farleigh School Mass 10.00am - Andover Mass 10.30am <i>Iris Cooper and Enid Davis RIP – Birthday Memoriam</i>
Mon 8th	*Mass in St John the Baptist School at 9.30am <i>Jed Reese RIP</i>
Tue. 9th	Andover Mass 10.00am <i>[St Ephrem/St Columba of Iona – Optional Memorials] Maria Whiting RIP</i> Coffee, tea, cake and chat in the hall after 10.00am Mass – all welcome! Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm
Wed. 10th	No Mass or Service
Thur. 11th	No Mass or Service – Canon Chris is at a Dean and Pastoral Area Coordinators’ Meeting in Basingstoke
Friday 12th	- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity) Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition <i>John and Jeanne Lynam RIP</i>
Sat. 13th	First Holy Communion Mass at 12 noon
Sat. 13th	Andover Mass 6.00pm <i>Warren de Souza – for Good Health</i>
Sunday 14th	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Whitchurch Mass 8.30am <i>For the People of the Parish</i> Farleigh School Mass 10.00am - Andover Mass 10.30am <i>Benn Dunne RIP</i>
Mon. 15th	Andover Mass 10.00am <i>The Fernandes Family – for Good Health</i>
Tue. 16th	Andover Mass 10.00am <i>[St Richard of Chichester, Bishop – optional memorial] Ben Dunne RIP</i> Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm
Wed. 17th	No Mass or Service
Thur. 18th	Whitchurch Mass 10.00am <i>Beatrice Riggs RIP</i>
Fri. 19th	Andover Mass 10.00am <i>[St Romauld, Abbot, optional memorial] Jed Reese RIP</i>

Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Fiona Hilleard, Tony Fabian, Helen O’Connell, Douglas Manning, Diane Mahoney, Rita Casey, Rose Bull, Carol Keenan, Eileen Wharton, Oran Keenan, Margarita Hardiman, Robert Colledge, Eileen Price, Concepta Cuddihy, Frank Hinds, Clan Furtado, Lisa Rammage, Susanne Church, Sandy Saunders.
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alec Carnell.
 May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A 25TH, 30TH, 40TH, 50TH, 60TH OR ANNIVERSARY OVER 60 YEARS?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede’s church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11.00am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact me, Teresa, in the office if you would like to attend, I can help you complete the forms etc. to return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) in the Bishop’s Office. Thank you.

FEAST OF ST THOMAS Our Syro Malabar Catholic Community are celebrating The Feast of St Thomas the Apostle on **Sunday 5th July**. All are welcome! Flag hoisting at 3.00pm, Mass at 3.15pm, Procession at 4.45pm followed by an Agape Meal.

Sunday 12th July – Our Parish ‘INTERNATIONAL DAY’ We are looking for more communities to participate in our upcoming International Day celebrations. For further information, please contact James Saviour on 07828 207335

Can you help? Do you have a regular free time every Monday morning? (Approx 9.00am to 10.30am)

We are looking for reliable people to count the weekend collection every Monday morning. We are hoping to get enough volunteers so that people would only be asked to help on a monthly basis. Training will be given and you will not be asked to bank any money. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

*In order that you continue to receive the newsletter and the Parish Journal by e-mail, you will need to register with our new database system called Church Suite. You can do this through the parish website/QR codes.
 Please complete a registration link for each adult and child in your family.*