



# 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.**

## 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May – The Most Holy Trinity

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blessed be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**Psalm Response:** To be praised and highly exalted forever!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia*

**Communion Antiphon:** Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: *Abba, Father.*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What is the way of the Trinity? *First, the way of the Trinity is Unity:* The Trinity is one nature, no separation, and remains undivided. Can we apply this spirit of unity wherever we find ourselves? Separations and divisions are not from God. *Second, the way of the Trinity is harmony:* There is perfect harmony in the Trinity. In Genesis 1:26, God said, "Let us create human being in our image and according to our likeness." That is, let us create human being to resemble us and act like us. Bible scholars comment that God the Father was addressing God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This teaches us consultation, deliberation, and agreement. *Third, the way of the Trinity is equality:* Throughout the Scriptures, there is no place either God the Father or God the Son or God the Holy Spirit showed any form of superiority over the other. How often do we judge and compare one another on bases of race, color, nationality, wealth, status, class, male or female. *Fourth, the way of the Trinity is obedience:* Although the Trinity is equal, yet Jesus accepted to leave his throne in heaven to become a human being, to suffer, to be killed for the salvation of humanity. Not many of us will get involved in an undertaking if we have nothing to gain. *Fifth, the way of the Trinity is love:* Unity, harmony, equality and obedience can only be possible where there is love. Love is the binding force. The Trinity is united by love. Jesus testified about this love when he said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love" (John 15:9). St. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit pours the love of the Trinity into our hearts (Romans 5:5). We pray that we are bound together by genuine love in our homes and in our parish. As we know, everything is possible with genuine love. *Six, the way of the Trinity is holy:* As we celebrate and worship the Most Holy Trinity, may the rays of their holy light shine on us and dispel forces of sin and darkness and bring us to conversion. May the rays of their holy light grant us healing. May the rays of their holy light guide us to the path of truth and righteousness. May the rays of their holy light grant us every protection. Amen.

### Relics of St Gerard Majella

The relics of St Gerard Majella are being taken around the country, and they will be visiting St Osmund's Church in Salisbury on Friday 5th June. St Gerard was born in Italy in 1726 to a poor family, and died aged only 29, but he was a Redemptorist brother known for his quiet holiness, humility, and mystical prayer. He is a powerful patron saint of mothers and unborn children, and especially couples struggling to conceive, or having difficulties in pregnancy. He is also a patron saint of those looking for work, and of making a good confession. Catholics have always honoured the relics of saints, as a very tangible way to give God glory for their lives, and to ask for a share of the blessings given to them. St Gerard's relics will be honoured at a special Mass at 6.00pm, followed by blessings with the relics and opportunity for Confessions.

The **Parish Caritas Representative** is a new volunteer role to support the Church to reach out to those in need in the wider community. You will connect the parish/pastoral area with Caritas Portsmouth to enable the sharing information, campaigns, initiatives and support. You will also be the point of contact within a parish that will enable the Church to respond to urgent or newly emerging needs in these unpredictable times. No experience is needed for the role, just a passion to put faith into action and to make a difference. If you have any questions or want to apply, please contact Jenny at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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.**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> May : Loose plate: £632.90; Gift Aid Envelopes: £356.10  
Standing Orders: (weekly average) £933; Direct Debits: (weekly average) £315.00

## MASS INTENTIONS FROM 30<sup>th</sup> May – 13th June

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 6.00pm *Amelia Ratnayake Kingsley – Birthday Blessings*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Whitchurch Mass 8.30am** *For the People of the Parish*

**Farleigh School Mass 10.00am** -

**Andover Mass 10.30am** *Nikesh Silva – Birthday Blessings*

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am (St Justin Martyr Memorial) *Mrs C Hubbard RP - Anniversary*

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** No Mass or Service

*Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm*

**Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup>** No Mass or Service

**Thur. 4<sup>th</sup>** Whitchurch Mass 10.00am *Adriana Wright – Birthday Blessings*

**Fri. 5<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition (St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial) *George Garner RIP*  
11.00am Burial of Ashes of John Lynam RIP

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>** First Holy Communion Mass at 12 noon

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 6.00pm *Mariano Fernandes RIP - Anniversary*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Whitchurch Mass 8.30am** *For the People of the Parish*

**Farleigh School Mass 10.00am** -

**Andover Mass 10.30am** *Iris Cooper and Enid Davis RIP*

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** \*Mass in St John the Baptist School at 9.30am *Oliver Delaney RIP*

**Tue. 9<sup>th</sup>** Andover Mass 10.00am (St Ephrem/St Columba of Iona – Optional Memorials) *Maria Whiting RIP*

***Coffee, tea, cake and chat in the hall after 10.00am Mass – all welcome!***

*Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm*

**Wed. 10<sup>th</sup>** No Mass or Service

**Thur. 11<sup>th</sup>** Whitchurch Mass 10.00am (St Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial) *For the Davies Family*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)**

**Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition** *John and Jeanne Lynam RIP*

**Sat. 13<sup>th</sup>** First Holy Communion Mass at 12 noon

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 Ramage, Susanne Church, Sandy Saunders.

### ARE YOU CELEBRATING A 25<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>, 40<sup>TH</sup>, 50<sup>TH</sup>, 60<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Teresa in the office if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 monies. 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.*

*From now on Newsletters and Journals will only be sent out through Church Suite, so please make sure that you register!*