



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.

13th and 14th June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Psalm Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia.* The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. *Alleluia*

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God takes care of us. All the readings stress this and show how it continues and progresses.

In the first reading God says to the Israelites, "If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples for all the earth is mine." If we listen to God, he will respond with care. "We are his people, the sheep of his flock." Like a shepherd knows and cares for his sheep, God knows and cares for his people. Then God sent Jesus to redeem us, to love us, to care for us.

What love and care that is. Can we really imagine actually sacrificing ourselves for someone, even for a good cause? But Jesus did. He gave himself for each of us. But then he saw all the people like sheep without a shepherd and realised there needed to be more people here on earth to continue to care for the people like God has been, like Jesus has been, and to continue and progress he empowered the disciples to do what needed done. He made sure there were people here to love and care for the people, to heal them and protect them.

If we listen to God, he will care for us, through his love, the love of his son, and through those empowered to continue this love here on earth. Who is empowered to continue this work? We must never forget that God gave each one of us the task of following him in his creative work. The call of Jesus to each one of us is a call to carry out this work too.

As Christians we are called to pray about how we might undertake this commission from God. Over the last few weeks we have celebrated the feasts of the Church that point us in the right direction. We celebrated Pentecost and thought about the gift of the Holy Spirit, we marked Trinity Sunday and considered how we are brought into unity by the Trinity, and this past week the feast of Corpus Christi reminded us that the Lord gives us spiritual and physical nourishment as we seek the answer to the question of how we might serve him.

The term we often use to describe this service is our 'vocation', what is God calling us to do, how might he want us to serve him and his people in this work, this might be in our workplace, our neighbourhood, our community, our parish, our family, and indeed in the wider world. Each day we have opportunities for service, to speak about the love of God for people; we have an opportunity to pray for them and to serve them.

**Congratulations to all our parish children making their First Holy Communion this Saturday.
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)

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.

Mass Intention Diary: Please note, the Parish Mass Intention Diary is now booked until Thursday August 27th.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 7th /8th June: Loose plate: £586.50; Gift Aid Envelopes: £248.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS FROM 13th June – 26th June

Sat. 13th First Holy Communion Mass at 12 noon

Sat. 13th Andover Mass 6.00pm *Warren de Souza – for Good Health*

Sunday 14th ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *Benn Dunne RIP*

Mon. 15th Andover Mass 10.00am *The Fernandes Family – for Good Health*

Tue. 16th Andover Mass 10.00am [*St Richard of Chichester, Bishop – optional memorial*] *Ben Dunne RIP*

Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Wed. 17th No Mass or Service

Thur. 18th No Mass or Service – Canon Chris is at the Cathedral for a Chapter Meeting

Fri. 19th Andover Mass 10.00am [*St Romauld, Abbot, optional memorial*] *Jed Reese RIP*

Sat. 20th Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition and Confessions *Waylon de Souza – for Good Health*

Congratulations to Jace Lim who is to be baptised this weekend.

Sat. 20th Andover Mass 6.00pm *Liz Hancock RIP*

Sunday 21st TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am *Joe Hayward RIP - Anniversary*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *For the People of the Parish*

Mon 22nd Requiem Mass 11.30am for Alec Carnell RIP *Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Martyrs*

Tue. 23rd Andover Mass 10.00am *Norah Bulner RIP – Birthday Memoriam*

Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Wed. 24th No Mass or Service [*Nativity of St John the Baptist*]

Thurs. 25th Feast Day Mass in St John the Baptist School at 10.45am *Richard Wright – Birthday Blessings*

Fri. 26th Andover Mass 10.00am *Amadeus Charles McGuire RIP*

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, Margaret Blair and Angelo and Angela Alvarez.

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.

If you would like to join the Agape Meal, please leave a message on one of these numbers: Babu - 07723 388805; Jobish – 07361536364; Saji - 07578 330294 or Gracy - 07557 944290.

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

Any donations of Raffle Prizes would be welcome, they can be left in the collection point in the Church porch.

The proceeds from the raffle will be for the Andover Foodbank.

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.