

THE MESSENGER

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the sceptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

Taken from The Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 28 April

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Eight days later, Jesus came.

Sat 27	6:00 pm	Edward Hughes RIP
Sun 28	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 29	10:00 am	St CATHERINE of SIENA - Mass
Tues 30	10:00 am	ST GEORGE Blessings on the Schembri Family of the 2nd Week of Easter
Wed 1	10:00 am	- Mass
Thur 2	10:00 am	St Athanasius - Mass
Fri 3	10:00 am	Ss PHILIP & JAMES - Mass
Sat 4	10:00 am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680) - Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5 May

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Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them

Sat 4	6:00 pm	Sylvie Van Aken RIP
Sun 5	10:00 am	People of the Parish





**HE HAS RISEN,
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
WITH PRAYERS TO YOU
ALL FOR A HOLY AND
BLESSED EASTER**

EASTER THANKS

From Father Paul

Thank you for your generous Easter offering, also for your cards & gifts.

Thank you also to those who played a part in making it a memorable Easter Triduum

THANK YOU

Brita, Laura, Nuriye, Marcell and Jan wish to thank you for your support, cards, prayers and well wishes during their journey in faith.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13 response v 2

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of parishioner, **Annie O'Mahony RIP**, from Maryfield Convent who died recently. Her funeral is at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 8th May here at Sacred Heart.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 6th July 2019 at 11 am.**

If you would like to come, please fill in the form on the Diocesan website, www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient, or please contact the Parish Office for the form.



THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Joan Coleman, Jean Williams, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen,
Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore,
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce, Anne Hill & Timothy Walsh

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Dear Parishioners My name is Rosie Lennon and I will be coming to your Parish to give a talk at Mass this weekend on the Diocesan initiative to support Community Sponsorship in the UK. The need for us to support refugees is now even greater as the Government scheme to fund the original 20,000 Syrians fleeing their country comes to end this year. There will be little chance of refugees in the camps of Jordan and Lebanon getting a better life if we don't work together and do something ourselves to help the desperate lives of these people. God calls us to help others and so please think about how you can help and have a chat with me after Mass.

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers; be tender hearted, be courteous.

1 Peter 3:8

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

Next month's meeting 18th May: "Prayer for Healing and Deliverance"

LIVING SIMPLY AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

Do you want to put your faith into action? Do you want to be a parish that looks outwards and helps those in need? This joint conference from CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth will show you practical ways of doing exactly that. By learning more about CAFOD's Living Simply award and Caritas's social action projects you can help your parish or community group to become more outward looking. So come along to St. Peters in Winchester on Saturday 4th May for the Living Simply and in Solidarity with the Poor conference and learn how to truly put your faith into living action.

VIVA VOCE

The brand new diocesan magazine has arrived in our Parish this weekend and with it launches the online equivalent www.vivavoce.uk and the accompanying app, Viva Voce AR. There are some copies of the magazine in the porch. Please discover for yourself the many great stories inside Viva Voce, drawn from the many communities of our Diocese.

FREE E-NEWSLETTER

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up to keep in touch with the latest news & forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Congratulations to Lorraine Cramp of Basingstoke who won the 'Lucky Me' draw for April