

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the new born Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that "the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But this seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, like Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not mean a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves great challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. But in the end there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

Taken from The Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 12 May

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I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me

Sat 11	6:00 pm	Mary O'Driscoll RIP
Sun 12	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 13	of the 4th Week of Easter	10:00 am Martha Rattos RIP
Tues 14	ST MATTHIAS	10:00 am Mary Rose Murphy RIP
Wed 15	of the 4th Week of Easter	10:00 am - Mass
Thur 16	of the 4th Week of Easter	10:00 am - Mass
Fri 17	of the 4th Week of Easter	10:00 am - Mass
Sat 18	of the 4th Week of Easter	10:00 am - Mass



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 19 May

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I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Sat 18	6:00 pm	Good Estate of Tony Cullinane
Sun 19	10:00 am	People of the Parish



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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

ALEX GEOFFREY LEE from Southampton

to

KATHERINE ELIZABETH WELBOURN from Odiham

On 1st August 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 14: 14, 21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144: 8-13 response v 1

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

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.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from 24-26 May. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal)

– Saturday 18th May 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk "Praying for Healing and Deliverance."* – Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge OSB; 3.30 *Individual healing prayer ministry*. We end about 4pm.

THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

We recently started a Fraternity of blessed Charles de Foucauld in our parish. We get together once a month for couple of hours at convenient day and time for all. We start with the exposition of the blessed sacrament in the church. We also read the Sunday's gospel reading and contemplate on the reading and share our views. We also discuss the life and writings of blessed Charles de Foucauld.

The next meeting is on **Monday 13th May at 2.15 pm**, in the Convent.

BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God, Luke David Hirst, who was baptised this weekend, here in Sacred Heart. **Congratulations!**



SECOND COLLECTION

There is a collection for the Clergy Training Fund this weekend, please be as generous as you can in your financial support towards the cost of training our students (c. £85/day each!) There is an opportunity to donate on-line via our Vocations Website, if you prefer. www.portsmouthvocations.org.uk

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday occurs on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The name derives from the Gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. In this reading Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.



FORMATION COURSE ON PRAYING WITH OTHERS

Our diocesan vision is **Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church** but the heart of this is prayer. We need to be people of prayer, a holy people. Our Diocese is blessed with a team of **Intercessors** and a religious community of Marian Franciscan sisters on Alderney at the **Adoremus Centre** who are constantly praying for us. I would like to encourage parishioners and parishes to form prayer groups and to pray with each other for particular needs. It is wonderful to see more parishioners praying with others for example through Alpha Courses, cell group meetings, small groups, parish prayer groups and after Mass on Sundays. Meanwhile, we are launching a new short training course on praying with others, including training in the new diocesan guidelines for healing ministry. I would like to encourage all those who pray with others and/or are involved with healing ministry to attend this training. We have organised two initial dates: Friday 14th June (10.30am – 3pm) at St. Bede's Basingstoke or Saturday 22nd June (2pm – 6.30pm) at St. Peter's, Winchester. Please contact Grania (gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book your place. If you cannot attend one of these two dates, please email Clare csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk - it might be that more training can be arranged early in the Autumn.