

# SACRED HEART PARISH

In The Diocese of Portsmouth  
Reg. Charity No. 246871



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year C**

**15 May 2022**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel recalls the moment when the Lord gave that commandment to his followers. They were a diverse group, these disciples of Jesus, often at odds with one another. Jesus seems to have deliberately chosen people unlikely to form natural bonds of affection, as though their differences somehow commended them as champions of his way of love. "Love one another," he urged them, "just as I have loved you." He called this his "new" commandment, though there was already one very like it, for it was a requirement of the Jewish Law to love your neighbour as yourself. The new commandment, however, went much further. Jesus was asking his followers, not just to treat people as they themselves would like to be treated, but to treat people kindly at whatever cost to themselves. To love as Jesus loved was to love the unlovable; to forgive the unforgivable, to keep on loving and forgiving, where or not it might be reciprocated.

The disciples struggled with this radical redefinition of neighbourly love. They did not always approve of the people Jesus embraced and forgave. They were dismayed to see what it cost him. When he stooped to wash their own feet, Peter objected. Jesus, it seemed, was ready to suffer any amount of humiliation, even to risk his own life - and now he was expecting them to do the same. Today's Gospel, however, makes it clear: there is nothing shameful about serving others. On the contrary, it is a glorious thing.

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## MASS TIMES

### 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 14 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Praying the Rosary before Mass at 5:30pm
Sunday 15 May	10:00 am	Mass	Praying the Rosary before Mass at 9:30am
Monday 16 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 17 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 18 May	10:00 am	Mass	In the Church Praying the Rosary after Mass
Thursday 19 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Friday 20 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 21 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

*Sunday Masses at 10:00am will be live streamed via our Website and YouTube.*

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 21 May	6:00 pm	Mass	Praying the Rosary before Mass at 5:30pm
Sunday 22 May	10:00 am	Mass	Praying the Rosary before Mass at 9:30am
Monday 23 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Tuesday 24 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Wednesday 25 May	10:00 am	Mass	In the Church Praying the Rosary after Mass

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 26 May	10:00 am	Mass	In the Church and Live Streamed on our Website & YouTube.
	6:00 pm	Mass	In the Church and Live Streamed on our Website & YouTube.

Friday 27 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent
Saturday 28 May	10:00 am	Mass	In Maryfield Convent

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**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, Debbie Cavedon, John Bone, Terry Wright,  
Stella Marsh, Dom Canon, Neil Manning,  
David Clark & Jacob Weston

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

We are very fortunate to be able to offer Children’s Liturgy at our Sunday morning Mass during term time.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

The winner of the May ‘Lucky Me’ draw is Cath Clayton of Basingstoke - well done, Cath.

If you would like to enter, contact Brian Morris on lizbrianmorris@gmail.com

**SATURDAY EVENING COFFEE**

Father Paul mentioned at Mass last weekend that we would like to start serving tea and coffee in the hall after Mass on a Saturday evening. Are you able to help with serving and tidying up afterwards. Please contact Jan in the office if you are able to help.

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION**

At the Bishops’ Conference in Cardiff last week, the Bishops voted unanimously to reinstate the obligation on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. This will take effect on Pentecost Sunday.

“...our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

**REPOSITORY**

Please check out our repository in the porch. We now accept contactless payments for the repository.

If there is anything you would like please ask Cecile or the Parish Office.

**NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Please note that even if you are registered with the Parish you will need to register with the Digital Collection Plate. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading** Acts 14: 21 - 27

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 144

**I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 21: 1 - 5

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.’

Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 13: 31 - 35

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please pray for all our FHC Candidates who will be taking part in our FHC celebration Mass at 11am next Saturday, 21st May here at Sacred Heart.

A huge “thank you” to Maggie Wood and Emrys Hughes for running the programme for us.



***Maryfield Convent  
FAITH SHARING PRAYER MEETING  
First Tuesday of the month  
Next meeting—Tuesday 5th June 2022  
10:30am in the tea room***

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Thursday 26th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here at Sacred Heart 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Divine Mercy chaplet followed by the Holy Rosary will take place in the Convent Chapel at 3pm on Fridays. Everyone is welcome

**WEEKLY ROTA**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday 14 6pm**

**Welcomer: Andrea Waldram**

**Reader: Brita Coleman**

**Sunday 15 May 10am**

**Welcomer: Helena Ranson**

**Reader: Jill Blackburn**

**Coffee: Shanthi Fernando & Jeane**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday 21 6pm**

**Welcomer: Joy Dummer**

**Reader: Joy Dummer**

**Sunday 22 May 10am**

**Welcomer: Theresa Mahon**

**Reader: Hannah Goddard**

**Coffee: Helena Ranson**

## **BR CHARLES DE FOUCAULD**

Br Charles was always searching for the truth. He underwent many conversions but each time his guiding light was how to imitate more closely his beloved Lord Jesus. Br Charles explored Morocco disguised as a Jewish Rabbi. His reawakening to faith in God was triggered by his experience of the faith and friendship of both Jews and Muslims in Morocco.

He rediscovered through their witness the greatness of God. Like us many choices were open to Br Charles and we see him change orientation many times, but he was determined to follow God's will in how to love others as Jesus did. Br Charles always pointed out through Jesus how to understand a person with your heart. Br Charles chose to spend long moments in adoration and meditation on the gospel. He became moulded in the spirit of Jesus. Br Charles's love and work for the poorest and finding Jesus in the Gospel and in the Eucharist went hand in hand. He led a charitable life with the villagers and visitors to Beni Abbs and then in Tamanrasset with the Tuareg people. Through reading the Gospel he was called to meditate, to have an infinite respect for all human beings and to proclaim the gospel through living as Jesus did. Br Charles always sought to be humble. Br Charles always hoped and believed that God was present even in apparent contradictions. It was faith that sustained him. Br Charles writes: 'To cry the Gospel by our whole life means, trying to live like as Jesus lived, with the Gospel to give light.' **Br Charles will be canonised this Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



## **Father, I abandon myself into Your Hands**

*By Blessed Charles  
de Foucauld (1858-1916)*

**Father,  
I abandon myself  
into Your hands;  
do with me  
what You will.  
Whatever You may do,  
I thank You:  
I am ready for all,  
I accept all.**

**Let only Your will  
be done in me  
and in all Your creatures –  
I wish no more  
than this, O Lord.**

**Into Your hands  
I commend my soul:  
I offer it to You  
with all the love  
of my heart,  
for I love You, Lord  
and so need  
to give myself,  
to surrender myself  
into Your hands  
without reserve  
and with boundless  
confidence,  
for You are my Father.**

**Amen**

*Anastpaul/18*

## **SHARE - ARTICLES AND RESOURCES IN ENVIRONMENT**

I have been practising for the Big Plastic Count project which starts this weekend - the website <https://thebigplasticcount.com/> and it has horrified me just how much plastic I use, and how much of it is used once and then disposed of. Now we have the ability to recycle only plastic bottles in our blue bins that are collected fortnightly by the Hampshire County Council. If we look at Tesco's, for example, we can also recycle soft plastics - <https://www.tescopl.com/news/2021/shoppers-can-now-return-all-their-soft-plastic-packaging-to-recycling-points-at-every-large-tesco-store-in-the-uk/> - essentially salad bags, bread bags, fruit and vegetable packaging.

But the one area that I seem to have a lot of is the rigid plastic trays that contain meat, fish, fruit, ready meals, and so on. These are not recyclable in our area or in supermarkets. They are predominantly single use plastics and will be consigned to landfill. If I buy supermarket meat, fish and fruit, I seem to have no choice but to buy the food in these single use plastic containers. This just doesn't seem right.

It will be interesting to see the results of the project when it has been concluded.

So please, if you can, join in with the Big Plastic Count and let's get a better idea of just how much plastic we all use!

Thank you..

## **SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS**

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, 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 2nd July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the online form.

Alternatively, you can email Liz Murphy at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's and they will provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with the completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (**Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass**)



## **DIOCESAN COURSES**

### ***Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?***

In the midst of the various challenges of life, we can feel overwhelmed and alone, with a sense of isolation and lack of direction. Yet we are never alone! In a 6 sessions course, we are going to reflect together on the sacrament of confirmation and on the action of the Holy Spirit in our life. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion, the giver of all the gifts necessary to our life with God and with each other as we grow in holiness and charity each day. Join us to discover who He is and what He does for us. This online course will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 28th April to the 2nd June. Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuceyoqTwjH9cWyP-c\\_Vchh-IJrNdNFGI](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuceyoqTwjH9cWyP-c_Vchh-IJrNdNFGI)

### **Online Workshops for readers with 1:1 practice**

Our Team is currently offering a couple of online workshops for parish readers. Workshop 1 offers a general and brief introduction to the Liturgy of the Church and a more specific overview of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, as well as an overview of the practical skills required for reading in church. Workshop 2 offers a general introduction to the Bible and a group study of a specific reading, using the 4 senses of Scripture, to equip parish readers so as to prepare and understand the depth of the texts they read. A diocesan certificate is awarded on completion of the two workshops and of a reading practice with a diocesan listener. The workshops will take place on Saturdays 18th and 25th June, from 10am to 1pm.

**Find out more details and register here:** <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

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**St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)** now have a confidential mobile phone line to assist & help.07434 773219.

**Please note we now have CCTV Cameras around the premises for security purposes.**