



SOLENT PASTORAL AREA - UNITED IN CHRIST

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN FAREHAM AND PORTCHESTER



14th and 15th Sundays of the Year C Jubilee Year of Hope 6th and 13th July '25

Vocations - Ordination to the Priesthood. In just a few weeks, Deacon Ryan Brown will be ordained to the priesthood. Please do join us on Sat 19th July at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Everyone is welcome.

A bishop will say, ordaining a priest is the greatest privilege that he has. Period. When, at the high point of the ceremony, I place my hands on the heads of the deacons and call forth the Holy Spirit upon them, I will be standing in the tradition of the Apostles, who similarly laid hands on those to whom they imparted authority. I can testify that nothing in my life has ever made me feel more humble and more grateful.

There are three great promises that a man makes when he accepts diaconal and then priestly ordination, and each one of them is a marvellous countersign to our culture today. First, he promises to recite faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours, that wonderful compilation of Psalms, hymns, and prayers, offered at five points throughout the day. I have been engaging in this prayer for the past thirty-nine years of my priesthood, and I can testify that, though sometimes challenging, it has been a tremendous source of spiritual strength. It involves, to put it simply, the steady and conscious consecration of time.

As so many studies have shown, younger people today in the West are rapidly secularizing themselves and disaffiliating from the institutional churches. They constitute, as Charles Taylor has argued, the first generation literally in human history that is coming of age without a keen sense of the transcendent. And as I have been insisting for years, this emptying out of the sacred has wreaked havoc in the minds, hearts, and souls of this generation, among whom the numbers measuring anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation have been spiking. Therefore, when a young man makes a solemn promise before God and his community that he will, for the rest of his life, pray the Liturgy of the Hours every day, he is standing athwart this soul-killing secularism. He is declaiming that God exists and that God matters.

The second promise that a man makes is to live celibately. I know it has been said a thousand times, but it bears repeating: Celibacy is not a denigration of sex and marriage! We ought always to avoid a dualistic or Platonizing interpretation of celibacy whereby the renunciation of marriage is construed as a sort of judgment on physicality or pleasure. So what is the right way to read celibacy? It is, first, a path of freedom. Untied to spouse and children - and all of the responsibilities attendant thereto - the celibate man can dedicate himself entirely to God and the people he serves. As I type these words, I can

see my bishop's ring, which is not simply a sign of my office but also a wedding ring, for it signals my untrammelled devotion to the people the Lord has entrusted to me. St. Paul clearly teaches: "the unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided" (1 Cor. 7:32-34). Moreover, celibacy provides a witness, even now, as to the way we will love in heaven, where, as Jesus himself said, "we neither marry nor are given in marriage." This doesn't mean, of course, that heavenly love is less than married love here below; on the contrary, it is greater, more intense, fuller, and richer. How indispensable that, in a society practically obsessed with sex and sexual freedom, there should be, living among us, men who embody a spiritualized form of love.

The third and final promise that a man makes at his ordination is to obey his bishop. "I promise obedience to you and your successors," he says as he places his hands, in the manner of a feudal vassal, in the hands of the ordaining prelate. I vividly remember when I did this on the day of my ordination, placing my hands in those of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago, whom I barely knew, and vowing to do, within the limits of law and morality, whatever he or his unnamed and unknown successors would ask me to do. At that moment, I surrendered my "career" - which is to say, any itinerary or trajectory that I would set for myself. I put my life in the hands of my bishop, trusting that, through his will, the Holy Spirit would direct me. Once more, how strange this move seems today! One of the most fundamental values for people now is self-determination, and not only regarding the direction of one's life, but the very meaning of it. I have often referred to ours as "the culture of self-invention." We have even reached the point where the determination of one's gender and bodily identity is entirely a matter of personal choice. Whereas the default position of most young people today is that their lives belong entirely to them, the priest, on the day of his ordination, says that his life does not belong to him at all, but rather to God and for God's purposes.

Word on Fire - Bp. Robert Barron

Ryan Brown Ordination - Sat 19th July 11am. Cathedral.

If you have not been to the ordination of a priest before, can we invite you. It is at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. Parking is easy at Cascades Shopping Centre opposite, or use the Park 'n Ride at Tipner Ln. PO2 8AN. Or train to Portsmouth and Southsea near the Cathedral. Let us pray for Ryan as he responds to the Lord's call "Come, follow me."

WARM WELCOME - For 14th Sunday

To **Msgr. Vincent Harvey** celebrating Mass with us while Cn John is away - Vocations Promotion in Newbury.

“SERVERS OF THE MONTH” (June)

Well done to **Jonathon C** and **John M** who have jointly been awarded the *Green Cincture of Honour* for the coming month (July). Above all, thank you to all the servers and their families for your support.

LADIES’ GROUP

Second Wednesdays, 7.30pm at St Philip Howard Hall

Join our Ladies’ Group, getting to know each other, sharing our faith, and growing deeper in our relationship with the Lord. Every woman is so welcome - no age limit applies.

Contact Eloise at: eloise@olimcomms.com

CONVERSATION GROUP

Every other Thurs, 2pm - 3.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall

Next meeting : 10th July

Do you have APHASIA or communication difficulties after a stroke? Come and join our friendly group. Donation of £2. For info. contact Angela at: amnally65@gmail.com

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ‘UCM’ MEETING

Every other Monday, 7pm at Sacred Heart Hall

From 7pm for coffee/tea with the meeting starting at 7.30pm and closing at 9pm. All are very welcome.

For more info contact: lornefry1954@hotmail.com

Please note: The group does not meet during August

‘LITTLE TREASURES’ TODDLER GROUP

Every Tuesday, 9:30am - 11am at St Philip Howard Hall

We finish for the summer break on 15th July.

Back on Tuesday 9th September. Have a great summer!

CRAFT GROUP

Tuesdays from 1pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall

All are very welcome to come along. Ploughman’s lunch available.

SCRIPTURE GROUP. FEASTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Friday mornings, 11.15am Sacred Heart Hall

The aim is to spend time reading scripture and to then discuss it. We look forward to seeing you.

We finish on 25th July and back on 5th September.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT “BETHANY” GROUP

3rd Thursdays, 10am at Sacred Heart Hall

For anyone who has lost a loved one. A warm, welcoming and safe space to be ...

For more info email: sacredheart.bethany@gmail.com

PRAYERS PLEASE... ‘Holy Spirit, the comforter’

For **Tom Turnbull, Aisha Burn, Elizabeth Pazzi-Axworthy, Terence Hewitt, Ciara Young Perks and young Jess** who are very poorly.

REST IN PEACE - Please pray for

Cn. Gerard Flynn RIP Parish Priest of Leigh Park.

Requiem Mass - Fri 18th July 11am St Michael’s, Leigh Park.

Also **Ronnie Gaoua RIP** who recently passed.

Requiem Mass - Tues 22nd July 11am St Philip Howard Ch.

It would be a blessing if as many parishioners as possible could come. Reception in the Hall then her Committal after.

Also **Diane Cassidy RIP** (Sally Robins’ mother) who died peacefully on Tuesday 1st July. May they rest in peace.

HOLIDAYS... REST IN THE LORD

St. John de Brébeuf is one of the greatest missionaries who ever lived. On one journey, he set out to share the Gospel with a Native American tribe he’d never met before, and they wanted none of it. So they bound him and told him to wait while they had a meeting to decide if they were going to execute him or not. And that execution would likely come after a LOT of torture.

When they came back to tell him the good news that his life had been spared, they were shocked to find him taking a nap. For all he knew, he was about to suffer a gruesome death, and he was peaceful enough to doze off. The face of an infant when she’s asleep is the most peaceful thing to look at. There’s no deep worry plaguing her inner thoughts. I’d bet St. John de Brébeuf’s nap looked like that.

Lord, give us the faith to nap! To sit and do nothing but look at the ceiling. To rest. To enjoy a good cup of tea. Even when life is chaotic, give us the faith of St. John de Brébeuf and the faith of infants.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FAREHAM

“Bright Sparks” Holiday Club 28th July to 1st August

To book a space: complete an on-line registration form at www.farehamchristians.org.uk/holclubreg.php

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL ‘Witness to Hope’

A Catholic festival for all the family 6th - 20th August

At Worth Abbey, West Sussex. Join CELEBRATE for a relaxed, faith filled festival. All are very welcome.

Visit: www.celebratetrust.org/festival

PEG ‘PARISH ECOLOGY GROUP’

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

This September our group has been in this Parish for over 32 years! The team needs new helpers, especially with the Living Simply Award work for our Parish. We meet on a Tuesday morning after Mass at Sacred Heart hall.

If you can spare some time please contact John Vivian: franciscansolent@outlook.com

RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Congratulations and prayers for *Peter and Wendy Escott* celebrating their 40th this Sunday 6th July 9am Mass

FIRST EUCHARIST – Welcome

The sacrament of the Eucharist has been instituted by Christ, to be celebrated in memory of him. Through the Eucharist the Church re-presents His once and for all Sacrifice to the Father, and from the Eucharist the Church receives Christ’s Body and Blood, to live strong in faith.
A big thank you to the Team at St Margaret Mary’s, Park Gate who have been preparing our children since January. We look forward to our First Holy Communion celebrations over the next 3 Sundays at the Mass the child’s family worships - **Sundays 13th, 20th and 27th July.**

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
Fri 22nd Aug – Fri 29th Aug ’25
Visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk

A medically enhanced pilgrimage for Assisted Pilgrim or come as a Young Pilgrim Helper. (Cn John is staying at the Hotel Eliseo) Jumbulance travel available too.

SECOND COLLECTION: STELLA MARIS
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July - “Sea Sunday”
Formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea

SEMINARIAN - SEAN BARNES
Sean, who has been at The Pontifical Beda College, Rome, will be joining us for his month’s parish placement and formation. We look forward to welcoming Sean to the parish from Wednesday 16th July.

SVP MASS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Wed 6th August, 1.30pm at St Philip Howard Church

A special Mass with the Anointing of the Sick and celebratory Tea afterwards in the Hall.
A big thank you to our wonderful SVP Group who provide confidential and discreet support to many in need in our area. Would you like to join our team? Please contact the SVP on 07435 880 190 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS
Availability throughout 2025. If you would like to book a Mass Intention please contact the parish office.

Mass Times, Intentions and Locations, including Adoration & Confessions					
14th SUNDAY ORD TIME Year C <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	Sat Vigil 5th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	Leone & Mary Casartelli RIP	
	Sun 6th July	9am	Sacred Heart	Peter & Wendy Escott (Ruby Wedd. Anniv.)	
		11am	St Philip Howard	For the People of the Parish	
		6pm	St Philip Howard	Pat Cooke RIP	
	Feria	Mon 7th July	-	Sacred Heart	<i>Sorry, no service</i>
	Feria	Tues 8th July	10am	Sacred Heart	<i>- Still available</i>
	Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	‘til Noon	Sacred Heart	Silent adoration
	Feria	Wed 9th July	10am	St Philip Howard	Cn. Oliver Heaney RIP (PACT)
	Feria	Thur 10th July	10am	Sacred Heart	Eileen Kelly RIP
	Reconciliation		...after	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	7-8pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour for Vocations	
St Benedict	Fri 11th July	10am	Sacred Heart	Fr Donald Clements RIP	
Reconciliation	Sat 12th July	5-6pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions	
15th SUNDAY ORD TIME Year C <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	Sat Vigil 12th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	Private Intentions	
	Sun 13th July	9am	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parish	
		11am	St Philip Howard	Fr Vincent Convery RIP (PACT)	
		6pm	St Philip Howard	Albert Kingswell RIP	
	Feria	Mon 14th July	-	Sacred Heart	<i>Sorry, no service</i>
	St Swithun	Tues 15th July	10am	Sacred Heart	Fr Joe Gruszkiewicz in Thanksgiving 40 yrs.
	Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	‘til Noon	Sacred Heart	Silent Adoration
	St Jude’s Leaver’s Mass	Wed 16th July	1.30pm	St Philip Howard	Fr Martin O’Connor RIP (PACT)
	St Bonaventure	Thur 17th July	10am	Sacred Heart	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
	Reconciliation		...after	Sacred Heart	Confessions
Adoration	<i>Holy Hour</i>	7-8pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour for Vocations	
<i>Requiem - Leigh Park</i>	Fri 18th July	<i>11am</i>	<i>St Michael’s</i>	<i>Requiem - Cn Gerard Flynn RIP</i>	
<i>Ordination</i>	Sat 19th July	<i>11am</i>	<i>Cathedral</i>	<i>Fr. Ryan Brown - Priesthood</i>	
16th SUNDAY ORD TIME Year C <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	Sat Vigil 19th	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	<i>- Still Available</i>	
	Sun 20th July	9am	Sacred Heart	Ossie Ellis RIP	
		11am	St Philip Howard	Mabel Hundley RIP	
		6pm	St Philip Howard	For the People of the Parish	

IMPORTANT! ST PHILIP HOWARD PARKING

Please remember that we now have an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system at St Philip Howard car park. Car parking restrictions will only apply Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm.

If you are attending the church on a regular basis during these times please provide the parish office with your car registration number and we can add this to the system to be retained for all future use. There is also a tablet located in the church foyer where visitors who have not pre-registered can enter their registration number for 'on the day' use of the car park.

Please note: Blue Badge Holders will still need to register their vehicle.

DIOCESAN DON BOSCO BOYS' CAMP

Sun 27th July - Sat 2nd August With Fr Mark Hogan

For boys who are currently in Year 6 Primary school to Year 11 Secondary school at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. Cost £230 (Part bursaries may be available on application).

Email: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Visit: www.portsmouthdiocesedonboscocamp.co.uk

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - GOSPORT SECTION

Wed 9th July, 1.30pm, Our Lady, Stubbington

At 2.15pm we will be having a presentation by Fareham Men's Shed. Visitors are very welcome to the whole meeting or just to find out how the Men's Shed may be able to help you.

For info please contact:

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THE CHOSEN- SEASON 5 "THE LAST SUPPER"

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The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. It is very good!

See Season 5 on *Amazon Prime Video* in three parts

Episodes 1 & 2. Sunday 13th July

Episodes 3, 4 & 5. Sunday 20th July

Episodes 6 & 7. Sunday 27th July

The table is set. The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while his disciples anticipate his crowning. But, instead of confronting Rome, Jesus turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country's religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus' last.

COULD YOU SERVE THE CHURCH AS A TRUSTEE ON THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL?

Bp Philip is seeking new Trustees to support the delivery of our 10-year Mission Plan, *You Will be my Witnesses*.

We're looking for people who are passionate about the Catholic church and have significant professional experience, who feel called to offer their time and skills in service of the Church.

Closing date: Mon 1 September. For info. please contact: Dcn. Tony Darlison - Secretary to Trustees

SUNDAY OFFERING - Thank you for your generosity

Collection: June average c. £2,490.00

Second Collection (Peter's Pence) £594.00

PARISH FINANCE

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Standing Orders Please contact the Parish Office for details.

BACS Transfer Our bank details if you need them are:

CDP Fareham Sacred Heart (Lloyds Bank)

Sort Code 30-93-04 Account 00877744

Cheques Payable to 'CDP Fareham Sacred Heart'

Gift Aid Tax payers are encouraged to contact in confidence at: farehamgiftaid@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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