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Easter Sunday

Sunday 9th April 2023

HAPPY EASTER TO MY BELOVED PARISHIONERS!!!

“Easter” literally means “the feast of fresh flowers.” Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons:

1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: **“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain”** (1 Cor 15:14). **“Jesus is Lord, He is risen”** (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or “preaching”), of the Apostles

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies...”* (Jn 11:25-26).

3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

4) Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
8 pm Easter Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass for 17 th Birthday of Aleen	Easter Saturday 8th April St Julie Billiart Born France 1751. She knew Catechism by heart aged 7. Recited it and explained it to other children. Received First Communion early. Paralysed age 30. Taught and gave spiritual advice from her bed. Collected a group of rich aristocratic women and met Françoise Bin de Bourdon Viscountess of Gizaincourt. In hiding in French Revolution in 1779. Founded <i>Sisters of Notre Dame</i> with Françoise for girl's education after collapse of schools due to Revolution. Order grew through France but due to conflict with bishops the motherhouse had to be in Belgium. Convents threatened in Napoleonic Wars.
9.30 am Mass	Easter Sunday 9th April Thanksgiving Mass for Felicia and Fredric Bile
Mass 6.30 pm	Monday 10th St Fulbert of Chartres Of humble birth in France in about 960. Intelligent scholar educated in Rheims. One of his teachers was later elected Pope Sylvester II. Fulbert became teacher in Reims. Summoned to Rome by Pope Sylvester to be his advisor. On the death of pope, returned to France. Bishop of Chartres made him a deacon, appointed him chancellor in Chartres and later treasurer of St Hilary's in Poitiers. Also in charge of cathedral school. In 1007 became Bishop of Chartres with the support of King Robert II of France who had been a student with him in Rheims. As bishop gained reputation giving advice to spiritual and temporal leaders in France. Reformed Church. Demanded celibate clergy, stopped simony, buying Church offices and opposed abuse by feudal nobility. Criticised bishops who spent time in warlike expeditions and the practice of granting ecclesiastical benefices to laymen. When Chartres Cathedral was burnt down raised funds for the rebuild to a more magnificent cathedral. The veneration of the Virgin Mary was important to him. Promoted the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8 th September. Died 10 th April 1028.
Mass 10 am Thanksgiving Mass for Joy	Tuesday 11th St Stanislaus of Cracow Born in 1030 in Poland. Educated at the cathedral school in the capital. Ordained a priest. Canon and inspiring preacher in Cracow. Appointed Bishop of Cracow. King Boleslaus of Poland was initially his supporter but then became corrupt by unbridled lust and savage behaviour. He then abducted the wife of one of his nobles and refused to release her and was excommunicated by Bishop Stanislaus. The king carried out a show trial to discredit the bishop but failed. He then ordered him to be killed. His soldiers were too afraid to obey. The king himself killed him at the altar while he was celebrating Mass.
Mass 6.30	Wednesday 12th St Joseph Moscati Born 1880 Italy to noble, religious family. Had a devotion to the Rosary from young and had a rosary all his life. Inspired by an injury to his brother, studied to be a doctor at Naples University. Kept his faith despite agnostic attitude and secret societies. Attended Mass daily. Felt both body and soul was to be treated for full cure and passed this on to his students. Generous in treating the poor free and giving them financial help. He saved all hospital patients after Mount Vesuvius eruption, treated sufferers in cholera outbreak and 3,000 wounded soldiers in First World War. Researched the treatment of diabetes which led to the discovery of insulin. After his usual morning Mass and his tour of patients in the hospital, he died in his armchair aged 47.
Mass 10 am Peter K. C. RIP Brothers of Elsa	Thursday 13th St Pope Martin I Born Italy 598. Monk and Abbot. Generous to the poor. Patriarch of Constantinople. Elected Pope Martin I in 649 at height of political and religious disputes without approval of the Roman Emperor Constans who supported the Monothelism heresy condemned by the Church. Pope Martin called the Lateran Council which again condemned the heresy and Emperor for supporting it. Pope Martin

	arrested and tried for treason. Found guilty and condemned to death. Sent to exile in Crimea. Died after 4 months of starvation and brutal treatment. Last pope to die as a martyr..	
No Mass 9pm: 8 hours of adoration	Friday 14th St Bénézet of Avignon Born 1163 France. Shepherd boy in French Alps. Had a vision which instructed him to build bridge at Avignon across the River Rhone. He started alone but miracles brought him support. Bridge was finished 2 years after his death. Initially buried in a chapel on bridge.	
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 15th St Damien De Veuster Born in Belgium in 1840. Worked on family farm. 2 sisters nuns and brother a priest. Joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, same Order as his brother. He wanted to travel abroad as a missionary. Sent to Hawaiian islands and ordained there. Worked for 9 years in the parishes of two islands. Then volunteered to work with lepers on "Devil's Island". For 16 years he ministered to the lepers, replaced shacks with proper houses, built a church, organised the growing of crops, built a reservoir for an irrigation system, constructed roads, dug graves and made coffins, performed funerals, celebrated daily Mass, offered sacraments, built up an active faith community, established leaders in the community, helped in the hospital administering medicine and treating ulcers. He was helped by the local population of the island of Moloka'i who lived outside the leper colony of Kalaupapa. Fr Damien ate with the lepers, shared pipes with them and lived with them as an equal. Became internationally famous in the last few years of his life. Eventually died of leprosy himself aged 49. First buried in Moloka'i and then moved to Belgium.	
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 16th April	Second Sunday of Easter
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION		

Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The collection this Easter weekend is your personal gift to Fr Tomy

Please be generous to show your appreciation to Fr Tomy for all the work and support he gives us.

Friday 14th April: 8 hours of adoration followed by Mass from 9 pm to 5 am

We are having 8 hours of adoration starting at 9 pm and ending with Mass at about 4 am.

Stella Marist Seafarers Easter Egg Appeal from ship visitors Charles Stuart and Gregory Hogan.

Many thanks for those who donated Easter eggs for this appeal for the seafarers at Easter We managed to collect 26 Easter Eggs in all and Pat Sweeney is knitting some woollen hats for them again.

Special Collection for flowers last weekend 1st and 2nd April

Many thanks to all who contributed. Gift Aid envelopes: £35. Loose collection £106.70. Total £150.45

Red Boxes for the Mill Hill Missionaries

Many thanks to those parishioners who contributed £490.19 in 2022 for the Mill Hill Missionaries and Missio in their work for the propagation of the faith. (APF) If you would like a Red Box or to have your box emptied, please see Graham Churchill who is the parish representative and the local secretary



Requiem Mass for Diana Stimson is at 11.30am on Tuesday 18th April at SVP.

The burial is at the Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground, Wyndham Road, Hinton, Christchurch BH23 7EJ. The Wake is being held at the White Buck, Bisterne Close, Burley BH24 4AZ at 4 pm. The family would like everyone to wear bright colours. Any donations to Countess Mountbatten in memory of Diana.

St Vincent de Paul has gone DIGITAL !!

We now have a website page where you can find our latest news and newsletters and contact details, so you can keep in touch on your mobile phone, iPad or computer, even if you are away from the area.

The link to the site is <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/st-vincent-de-paul/>.

The site is hosted on the diocesan website, where you can also see what's going on in the diocese, the latest news from the Bishop, news from Bamenda, Marriage and Family Life and much more.

To open **Select** and then **Ctrl + left click** and see what's there for you. Feedback welcomed.

Parish collection for last weekend 1st and 2nd April

						SPECIAL COLLECTION Flowers for Easter			
Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose plate	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	First Holy Communion	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£144	£36	£127.45	£300.23	£68.13	£675.81	£340	£35	£106.70	£1,166.26

Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the porch for donations for the next financial year.