

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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4/5 May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

'Made in Heaven'

Throughout the weeks of Eastertide we are running a series of articles on the Sacrament of Marriage and its central importance in the life of the Christian community. The articles are written by parishioner David Chiswell who has taught, formed and prepared couples for marriage for many years in his capacity as a leading member of Catholic Marriage Care, and has a wealth of wisdom and insight to offer through these reflections.



David writes... Vivien and I will shortly celebrate sixty three years of married life and I could hardly think of a better expression the fulfilment we both feel than to use words put together by Pope Francis in his Synodal Exhortation Amoris Laetitia published in 2016.

"Longer life spans now mean that close and exclusive relationships must last for four, five or even six decades; consequently, the initial decision has to be frequently renewed. While one of the spouses may no longer experience an intense sexual desire for the other, he or she may still experience the pleasure of mutual belonging and the knowledge that neither of them is alone but has a "partner" with whom everything in life is shared. He or she is a companion on life's journey, one with whom to face life's difficulties and enjoy its pleasures. This satisfaction is part of the affection of proper conjugal love. There is no guarantee that we will feel the same way all through life. Yet if a couple can come up with a shared and lasting life project, they can love one another and live as one until death do them part, enjoying an enriching intimacy. The love they pledge is greater than any emotion, feeling or state of mind, although it may include all of these. It is a deeper love, a lifelong decision of the heart. Even amid unresolved conflicts and confused emotional situations, they daily reaffirm their decision to love, to belong to one another, to share their lives and continue loving and forgiving. Each progresses along the path of personal growth and development. On this journey, love rejoices at every step and every new stage. In the course of every marriage physical appearances change, but this hardly means that love and attraction fade. We love the person for who they are, not simply for their body. Although the body ages, it still expresses that personal identity that first won our heart. Even if others can no longer see the beauty of that identity, a spouse continues to see it with the eyes of love and so his or her affection does not diminish."

There have been challenges aplenty but the love we share has built to become a magical shroud that envelops us daily.

Regina Caeli

**Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Congratulations!

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Sasha Morgan for serving on the altar for one year. There to present Sasha with her Guild of St. Stephen medal was Jim Hordell, our lead server, and Fr. James Lewis.



Holy Day of Obligation - The Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and it is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics around the world. This day marks 40 days since Jesus' resurrection and the day he ascended into heaven. Masses available in our pastoral area:

Wednesday 8 May (Vigil)

6pm St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park
7pm St. Edmund's, Horndean

Thursday 9 May (Ascension)

7.30am Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
9am St. Colman, Cosham
10am St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park
10am St Thomas, Emsworth
11.30am St. Patrick's, Hayling
12noon Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
6.30pm St. Colman, Cosham

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church Sophia Dinis, who will be baptised on Sunday @ 12noon. Please pray for Sophia, her parents, Godparents and families, that God will bless and guide them through the journey of life.

Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confessions

THIS Saturday (4 May) 5-6pm

An hour of guided Adoration including the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have never experienced Adoration before or haven't been to Confession for a while, why don't you make the most of this wonderful opportunity.



A new Diocesan 'Free Wills' Service

Portsmouth Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer parishioners (anyone over 18) basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, you will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. You are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in your Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. More information can be found on the Catholic Portsmouth Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk just search for 'Make your FREE Will'.



May is the month devoted to Mary

Come and pray the rosary throughout the month of May at Sacred Heart – Every Saturday @ 5.40pm.



www.portsmouthvocations.org



"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

Exploring God's Call – God loves you and has a plan for your life

Single, married, religious sister or brother, deacon or priest – We are here to help you discover, discern and respond to God's call. To discover more about Vocations visit our website or contact us. For discussion, accompaniment and prayer – join our discernment seeker group, meeting on the first Friday of the month. Join our next Adult's Discipleship and Vocation Retreat (more below). For information and enquiries use email above.

God calls us all – How will you respond? 'Come Away with Me' Retreat

To all young adults (18-35 ish) to a Summer Retreat Day "God's Call to Missionary Discipleship and Living Our Vocation." Saturday 8 June @ 10.30am at St. Philip Howard Church/Hall, Fareham PO14 1ND. Talks, testimony, prayer and fellowship. After Sunday Mass @ 6.30pm the retreat day will close with an evening meal. Booking required. For information use email above.

"My child, your Father and I
HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!"

Lk 2,48

* God Loves you as you ARE *

CATHOLIC TALKS

FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30PM
FROM 16TH APRIL

COSHAM, JUNCTION OF HIGH ST AND MAGDALA RD
MISSIO AD GENTES ROOM

COME AND LISTEN!



DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 4 May <i>Of the 5th Week of Easter</i> VIGIL SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am 10am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Margaret Beauvoisin, RIP (FM)
Sunday 5 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Sacred Heart	People of the Parish Pat Church, Intention Rose Hayllar, RIP
Monday 6 May <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter</i>	10am	Mass	St Michael	
Tuesday 7 May <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter</i>	10am 9am	Rosary Mass	St Patrick St Colman	
Wednesday 8 May <i>Of the 5th Week of Easter</i> Vigil of The Ascension	11.30am 12noon 6pm 7pm	Adoration Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St. Michael St Edmund	Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Thursday 9 May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	7am 7.30am 9am 10am 10am 11.30am 11.30am 12noon 6.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass Mass <i>followed by a time of Adoration</i> Mass Mass Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Colman St Michael St Michael St Thomas St Patrick Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Colman	Alpha Away Day Daly, Feely, Lee family (FM) People of the Parish
Friday 10 May <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension</i>	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Dec'd members of Lambe family
Saturday 11 May <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter After Ascension</i> VIGIL SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am 10am 5.30pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Ralph & Muriel Bradley, RIP
Sunday 12 May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am 10.30am 11.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart St Patrick QA Hospital Sacred Heart	John Maloney, RIP Canon James Daly (FM) Jane Kathleen Brunt, RIP

Havant Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart & St Peter the Apostle



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St Thomas



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St Colman and St. Paul



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Tony Higgins, RIP

On Saturday 18 May at 10am Mass will be offered in Oaklands Chapel for Tony Higgins (pictured), former teacher, who died at the end of January. The Mass will be offered by Rev Trevor Nicholls (also former teacher at Oaklands, now resident in New York, USA). An invitation to Mass is extended to any former staff, parents or students who would like to attend to remember Tony Higgins.



Church Cleaning

No cleaning on Bank Holiday Monday (6 May). Back on Monday 13 May from

9-11am. Our cleaning team are always on the lookout for new members. Please consider joining our amazing volunteers who make sure the church is clean and tidy for all to enjoy. Even if you can only give half an hour, we would be so grateful.

The Tuesday Club

First and third Tuesdays of each month 2-4pm. If you have never attended before but fancy turning up for a cuppa and a chat, just come along. Any questions – please give Trish a call on 07947 611699.

The Union of Catholic Mothers

Meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month @ 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. New ladies very welcome. Next meeting: Wednesday, 15 May.

Denmead and Waterlooville Rowans Support Group

Coach trip to Leonardslee Gardens on May 8 from Denmead Health centre and pick up in Waterlooville - Please contact Trish for more details 07947 611699.

Second Collection - 11/12 May

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend for the Catholic Communications Network. Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024 follows the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. He asks how we can remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose? You can read the full message here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>.

The Second Collection for World Communications Day assists the Church to support this theme and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world. Donations can be made online: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection-2024>

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service

A Service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago. This event is also for those grieving that they have never been able to conceive. Saturday 11 May at Chichester Cathedral @ 11am. www.sayinggoodbye.org

Quiz Night!

Parishioner Dorothy Pople, in aid of the charity 'First Steps to School Peru', will be hosting a Quiz Night on **Saturday 11 May @ 7.15pm** in the parish centre. Tickets £6.50/per person which includes a Ploughman's supper. Please bring your own beverages. There will be a Raffle on the night and tickets are available to buy from Dorothy. Please come and support Dorothy in her backing of this very worthy charity.

Mass for the Sick

There will be a Mass for the Sick at St Edmund's, Horndean, on Saturday 18 May @ 12noon followed by lunch in the hall. Please add your names to the list on the white board at St. Edmund's or contact Yvonne in the office on 023 9259 3010 or office@stedmundhorndean.org.uk

A Day with Mary

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Saturday 18 May at Bournemouth Oratory, Richmond Hill. Entry Procession @ 9.30am, Mass @ 10.30am, please bring a packed lunch for Lunch @ 11.45am. Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament @ 12.45pm with tea/coffee @ 2.45pm. Day ends with Benediction @ 3.15pm.

News from St. Peter's School



Headteacher, Richard Cunningham writes...

Congratulations to St Peter's two Tag Rugby teams who took part in an area schools tournament hosted by Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College. Well done to all the players who have taken up Tag Rugby with our Deputy Headteacher Mr Crozier this year, and to those pupils who were part of the tournament winning team! Sticking with the sporting theme, a staff team from St Peter's will be entering the 10k Race for Life on 30 June in Southsea. Many parishioners will know of others taking part, but if you don't happen to have a link to this fundraising event and fancied directing just a few pounds towards cancer research via <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/richards-race-for-life-2022327472151> then we would be so grateful. Thank you for anything you may be able to give, be that cash, a thought and prayer for the runners and fundraisers on the day, or a kind 'reach out' to someone you know who has been affected by this awful disease.

Family Picnic

Saturday 18 May from 12noon-7pm at St. Joseph's Church, 134 West Street, Havant. Live Music, delicious food and drinks, bouncy castle, artistic performances, sports games and Tombola – FREE ENTRY.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2024 - Only 4 Places left!

Fr. Jeremy will be leading a 7-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 26 October to 2 November. Please contact Sue in the presbytery if you would like to book a place.

Cash for Kids

Hunger has no holiday – Every local child deserves a hot meal in the school holidays. You can make it happen by supporting Hits Radio and Greatest Hits Radio with their Cash for Kids campaign.

Please scan the QR code to donate →

You can contact the Cash for Kids Team on south@cashforkids.org.uk



Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Please pray for those who need our prayers...

John O'Neill, Maria Carmen Martin, Damien Haughan, Carole Higton, Elizabeth Evelyn, Margaret Bush, Amrutha Anthony, Michael Lowe, Conor Mills, Ian Cuthbert, Theresa Tierney, Bob Jaques, Saneesh James, Mr. James, Tony Tucker, Justin Quinn, Patrick Patten, Barbara Higgins, Derek & Monica Taylor, Christine New, Anna Chin, John De Battista, John Griffiths, Paul Kessell-Holland, Audrey Dymock, Mike Turner, Mavis Bowden, Lucy Hunt, Claire, Kim Smith, Julie Carolan, Andrew Woolhead, Jonathan Swartz, Diana Beston, Becky Truscott, Richard Dixon, Margo Parker, Matthias Ng, Sally Tee, Jackie Bartolo & Ben Lewis.

For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and the Rowans Hospice.

If you ask for someone to be prayed for and their name is placed on the Prayers for the Sick in the newsletter, it is your responsibility to ensure that the presbytery is kept informed about their condition. For the long-term sick, a quarterly update would be appreciated. Thank you.



CARJ 40th Anniversary Event - Saturday 25 May

Catholic Association for Racial Justice was established 40 years ago on 16 June 1984 at a meeting of approximately 25 'founding members' from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. From the beginning, CARJ was seen as a black-led, independent organisation where ethnic minorities could find support and a voice, and where people of all backgrounds could work together for racial justice. Despite challenging times in society and in the church, CARJ has secured remarkable achievements along the way.

Since 2006 CARJ has worked in schools, delivering workshops on racial justice, training youth ambassadors and supporting the general educational attainment of black and minority ethnic young people. To mark this important milestone, CARJ is holding a national event on Saturday the 25th of May @ 10.30am at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral London SE1 7HY, at which CARJ will launch a new 'Racial Justice Agenda for Change', which will be the vision for the work of CARJ for the future after these four decades of tirelessly working for racial justice in society. The Agenda for Change builds on the experiences and learning of the past 40 years and puts forward a strategy for bringing about greater equality and creating a racially just church and society, a goal which continues to elude us in the 21st century.

(Open to all and Free to attend, with lunch served and a Sung Mass)

Financial Statement for Sacred Heart for April

CONTACTLESS GIVING	151.27
ENVELOPES (GIFT AID)	460.00
LOOSE PLATE (NON GIFT AID)	2,519.90
STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBITS (GA)	5,936.00
STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBITS (NON GA)	640.00
CAFOD Sudan Appeal	417.49

Ukraine

What can we do here in the UK, here in Portsmouth Diocese? Donate money to the DEC appeals to allow the relief agencies including Caritas to continue their work with refugees as they arrive in neighbouring countries. Visit the Caritas website for more information on how you can help:

www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk Please donate cash rather than collect and send donations-in-kind: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal or www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis

HOMES FOR UKRAINE: Find out more at www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Amid the devastating conflict in Israel and Gaza, families are losing their homes and people are dying. They need urgent, practical help! A gift today will provide essentials like food, water and blankets to those who need it. Scan the QR code or donate online at

www.cafod.org.uk



A Prayer for Israel & Palestine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen.

Sacred Heart's 500 Club

Here are the latest results of the 500 Club:

February Draw

1st Prize £66.75 No. 26
2nd Prize £26.70 No. 299
3rd Prize £13.35 No. 53

March Draw

1st Prize £65.50 No. 68
2nd Prize £26.20 No. 239
3rd Prize £13.10 No. 351



Join our 500 Club now for a chance to win! Only £1 per number. You could even buy them as gifts! Please contact the Presbytery for details.

Many congratulations to you all and thank you for continuing to support our Parish. *Marie White*

CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Please pray and please give. Every gift is needed! Families in Sudan are facing extreme hunger. 25 Million people need urgent help. CAFOD and our Church partners are there, ready to help. £22 Provides essential medicine and hygiene kits. £100 Funds two emergency food packages. More information from www.cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 0808 5858885 or you can use this QR code →



Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Annual

LOURDES

Pilgrimage 2024

22nd - 26th July 2024





If you would like to join Bishop Philip and fellow pilgrims on pilgrimage to Lourdes, email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for information.

Calling the young People of our Diocese. Have you just finished your A-levels? Or about to finish Uni for the Summer...? Why not give something back by joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! Our Youth pilgrims are an essential part of our pilgrimage, and they tell us each year of the amazing time they have had, returning many times to serve our pilgrims.

If you would like to know more about joining us, contact lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

Job Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

We currently have vacancies for Foundation Governors on our Governing Body.

The Governors of Oaklands Catholic School work as a team, in close cooperation with the Head Teacher and all staff.

Governors ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; the performance management of staff; overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics and specifically ensure that the religious character of the school is preserved, that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed; that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for the Diocese.

We believe that all pupils and members of staff should have the opportunity to fulfil their potential whatever their background, identity and circumstances. We are committed to creating a community that recognises and celebrates difference within a culture of respect and cooperation.

We appreciate that a culture which promotes equality will create a positive environment and a shared sense of belonging for all who work, learn and use the services of our school.

We recognise that equality will only be achieved by the whole school community working together – our pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers.

We know that there are members of the whole Oaklands Catholic community who will be prepared to join us in this important function and give their time to help us continue improving the school's performance and the lived and educational experience of all our pupils.

Oaklands would benefit from people with experience in project management, HR & people management; accountancy/financial management, marketing and logistics. But fundamentally we are looking for an enthusiasm to do right by the school; the staff and our pupils.

No previous 'board' or governance experience is necessary; there is an induction programme, a wide range of additional training and mentoring for new (and existing) governors. Incidentally, there are some great benefits in terms of personal development and experience in an important and dynamic field.

If you are willing to take on a challenge, please contact the Clerk to the Governors to ask any questions and/or register your interest c.colley@oaklandscatholicschool.org

TEACHER OF BUSINESS STUDIES

September 2024.

The successful candidate will be an outstanding teacher who can demonstrate exceptional classroom practice that reflects contemporary and traditional thinking in teaching and learning. Applications from potential ECTs are warmly welcomed.

Closing date for applications: Friday 10 May, 12noon.

TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS

The successful candidate will be an outstanding teacher who can demonstrate exceptional classroom practice that reflects contemporary and traditional thinking in teaching and learning. Applications from potential ECTs are warmly welcomed.

Closing date for applications: Friday 10 May, 12noon.

For further details about the school please visit www.oaklandscatholicschool.org

For all of the above vacancies, please contact: Sarah Mann, PA to Headteacher:

s.mann@oaklandscatholicschool.org

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Manor Road, Hayling Island PO11 0QU

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**Please make sure you read the whole of this newsletter.
Most of the information is applicable for everyone!**

Readings for this Sunday

First reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Responsorial Psalm 97:1-4 response cf v 2

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading 1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Holy Day of Obligation - The Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension – please see earlier in this newsletter for full details of Masses offered in our pastoral area.

Dear Friends...

Thank you all for your kindness and understanding over the last year during Peter's deterioration and demise. I have been very grateful particularly for your prayers which certainly helped us both through his decline.

My thanks also for the cards and kind messages of sympathy, as well as your support at Peter's funeral service this week, they have been a great source of comfort to me and all our children. I really appreciate the support you have given us.

God bless, Clare.

Prayers for the sick

Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Cathy Kennealy, John Nowaczewski, Jorge Reyes, Abby Morris, Becky, Suzi, David Cooper, Liz Parkinson, Lily Jones, Jill Edmeades, Will, Armin, Sue and Robert Lake, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, Mick O'Mahoney, Paul Kessell-Holland, Jynx, Gerard and Maureen Cronin, Fr. Mark, Fred Sims, Lizann De Souza, Josie Whitehouse, Pauline Green, Clara Scammell and her family, Josie Whitehouse, Gilly Webster, Greg Osborne, Rita Mead, Bill McGill & Ben Lewis.

For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospice and hospital.

Catholic Women's League

- The CWL have its May meeting on Tuesday 7th May in the Hall at 2 pm. If there are any ladies in the Parish who would like to see what we are all about, please do join us for the afternoon, you will be made very welcome. Enquiries to Mary on 023 9246 3714 or Pauline on 023 9246 8498 or email paulinebrice979@gmail.com

- **Repository** - short of a card! - have a browse through the rack and table at the entrance to the Church; First Holy Communions will be taking place very shortly, there are plenty of appropriate cards and small gifts. The hand-made crosses in pockets continue to be popular for all occasions and such a bargain at just £1.
- The month of May is traditional for the Rosary. Every Tuesday morning, commencing at 10 am the Rosary is recited in Church, come along and join the friendly, welcoming Group, and spend half an hour with Our Lady.

Hayling Holiday Lunches

Next collection for Hayling Holiday Lunches will take place on Sunday 12 May, just in time for the distribution during the school's half term holiday.

Financial Statement for St. Patrick's for April

ENVELOPES (GIFT AID)	104.10
LOOSE PLATE NON GIFT AID	1,761.84
STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBITS (GIFT AID)	2,022.00
STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBITS (NON GA)	272.00