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6th April 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Scriptures for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: the woman caught in adultery

Isaiah 43:16-21 *The prophet Isaiah assures the Jews exiled in Babylon that there will be a new Exodus. The message of hope should inspire us also.*

Philippians 3:8-14 *St Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the privilege of knowing Christ. He hasn't yet arrived but is still running the race of salvation.*



Nicholas Poussin, *Christ and the woman taken in adultery* 1653

John 8: 1-11 *Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery.*

Parish Mass Book: page 176 and Prayer of the Church: Week 1

God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

This prayer is offered by the priest during confession, also known as the sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. After a penitent confesses their sins, the priest might give some advice and then give a penance, an act of making amends, often prayers offered to God. They then ask the penitent to say an act of contrition. When that is done they then offer the prayer of absolution which formally forgives their sins ritualistically. They are some of the most beautiful words in the Catholic tradition.

Our Liturgies

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

5th April Saturday of Fourth Week of Lent

6 pm Mass for the people of the Parish

6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent

10 am Mass Mandy Yerbury

Monday 7th April Fifth Week of Lent

Tuesday 8th April Fifth Week of Lent

10 am Catholic Grandparents Association

St Patrick's 6 pm Reconciliation and 7 pm Station Mass

Wednesday 9th April Fifth Week of Lent

10 am Mass Isabel Varlakis RIP

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 10th April Fifth Week of Lent

Friday 11th Fifth Week of Lent

Saturday 12th April Fifth Week of Lent

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 13th April

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish
(& Isabel Varlakis RIP)

*On Good Friday there will be a retiring
collection for the Holy Places.*

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 pm

4th April St Michael's - Fr Gerard

11th April St Clare's - Mother Jill

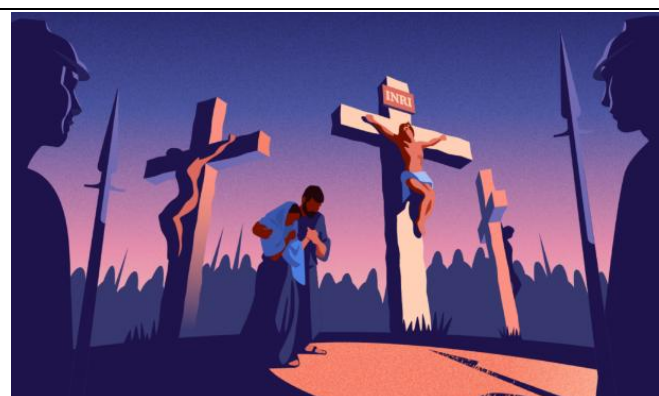
Formation for Extraordinary Ministers

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation, is running formation days: one on Saturday 3rd May for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, including a session on taking Holy Communion to the sick & housebound, and another on Saturday 18th October for Readers, including a session on *Lectio Divina*. There will also be a day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy on Saturday 7th June: further details to follow. The sessions take place at St Bede's in Basingstoke. Anyone interested is encouraged to register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Canon Gerard writes: A couple of months ago I began a programme of powerfully effective chemotherapy. This takes time and has side-effects. With the invaluable support of my family, and of Ellen McCarthy, and with careful time management, I can continue my priestly ministry at a rather reduced pace. I have already, with regret, had to step back from involvement with our schools and with Hospital Chaplaincy. Our Pastoral Area Clergy are discussing the best ways of ensuring that the Mass, especially the Sunday Mass, is easily accessible to everyone. We plan for the present pattern to continue as long as is manageable, but you will see other priests for the next few weekends, including Frs James, Jeremy, John Adikwu and and Joe McNerney. I hope to maintain the celebration of 10 am Mass each Wednesday but ask forbearance if anything crops up. You can always check on Pastoral Area liturgy times by going to the website below. I will keep you updated on developments that would affect Parish life. I ask that you keep me in your list of the many people for whom we all pray daily. I am most grateful for the kind messages which you have sent this past week; thank you!

Pastoral Area Liturgy Calendar Check this website for local Mass and Liturgy times:
[Havant Pastoral Area - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

The Secular Clergy Common Fund 'Big M' is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k - £60k pro rata. Closing date 28th April 2025. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk



[Lent 2025: The Complete Guide to the Catholic Season of Lent – Hallow](#)

