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Easter Sunday

Sunday 20th April 2025

Happy, holy and peaceful Easter to everyone

THIS WEEKEND THE COLLECTION IS OUR PERSONAL EASTER GIFT TO FR THOMAS

No Mass next Monday 21st April

Acts of the Apostles 10: 14, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel John 20: 1-9

In the first reading St Paul speaks to Cornelius, a centurion in the Roman army, and tells him and his household about the preaching of Jesus, Son of God, anointed by the Holy Spirit and how he was crucified but rose from the dead 3 days later, witnessed by many of His disciples. Jesus came not just for Jews, but Gentiles like Cornelius. In St Paul's letter to the Colossians in Asia Minor, what is now Turkey, he emphasised concentrating on heavenly matters and not earthly material issues. They have been brought back to a new life with Jesus Christ. They had died and now Christ was revealed to them in all His glory, they could live again with their future in heaven. The Gospel from St John, who was very much involved, tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus. Mary Magdala was the first to discover that the tomb was empty and realised the possibility that he had risen from the dead, goes to tell Peter. He sets off with the disciples but the younger ones including John reach the tomb first. However they wait to let Peter enter first to discover the linen burial cloths were folded up and Jesus was gone. Now they all, including John, understand what Jesu had foretold and the teaching of scriptures. Jesus had risen.

Mass times

Feast Days

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| 6 pm Confessions 8.30pm Vigil Mass | Holly Saturday 19th St Alphege of Canterbury Born about 953 near Bath. Became a monk and then left monastery and became a walled hermit. Reputation for piety and austerity. Was elected Abbot of Bath Abbey monastery. Made Bishop of Winchester. Converted the leader of the Vikings to stop raids. Appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. Captured by Danish raiders. Stopped a ransom being paid for his release. Martyred with an axe by the Danish raiders |
| 9.30 am Mass | Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday |
| NO MASS | Monday 21st St Anselm of Canterbury Born in 1033 in Italy. Benedictine monk in Normandy. Prior and then Abbot of Bec monastery. Made it a centre of learning and attracted many students. Archbishop of Canterbury under King William Rufus. Then sent into exile in France. Returned with King Henry I. Exiled in dispute over king's right to make Church appointments. Returned three years later after king relented. Died 1109 and became a cult but eclipsed by martyrdom of Thomas Becket. |
| 10am Mass Mr Kwesi Villars RIP | Tuesday 22nd St Adalbert of Prague Born in 956 in Bohemia, now Czech Republic. Bishop of Prague. Conflict between his family and Duke Boleslaus. Had problems over opposition to his reforms and authority. Left Prague never to return. Mission to convert pagan Prussians near what is now Gdansk in Poland. Murdered 23 rd April 997 at the instigation of a pagan priest |
| 6.30pm Mass 15th Birthday of Emmanuel | Wednesday 23rd St George Seems to have been a genuine martyr who died at Lydda (now Lod in Israel) in the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the 4 th century. There was a shrine to St George of Lydda in the Holy Land visited by pilgrims in the 7 th and 8 th centuries. However there have been outlandish legends told about slaying a dragon to save a maiden. Patron saint of England, Protector of England and was used in the battle cry "St George for England". |
| 10am Mass | Thursday 24th St Fidelis of Sigmaringen Born Mark Rey in 1577 in Germany of noble parents. Studied law and philosophy at Freiburg University. Led an austere life. Taught philosophy. 6 years travelled in Europe visiting churches and hospitals helping the poor. Became a lawyer. Stood up for human rights. "Lawyer of the poor". Gave his estate to the poor and became Capuchin Franciscan monk and took the name Fidelis. Read theology to train to be a priest in present day Switzerland. As a priest was a great preacher and sort after confessor. Went to Austria. During a severe epidemic cared for the sick. Fidelis led a group of Capuchins to Switzerland to oppose Protestant Reformation. Mission was a great success with many converts. Murdered by a mob of 20 Calvinist soldiers in 1622. |
| NO MASS | Friday 25th St Mark St Peter's "interpreter" who wrote down everything St Peter could remember. One of the original 72 disciples sent out by Jesus. Possibly the one of the four Evangelists that is the easiest to read and understand. The most historic and devoted a third of his text on the last week of the life of Jesus to emphasise the "Theology of the Cross". It is thought he was " <i>the young man who flees naked when Jesus was arrested</i> " as he is only evangelist who mentions this incident. Wrote in fluent Greek. St Mark's Cathedral in St Mark's Square in Venice has 12 th and 13 th century frescoes showing supposed scenes from his life and his symbol of a winged lion which dates back to the 4 th century. The winged lion was adopted as a symbol of the Republic of Venice. |

Saturday 26th Blessed Robert Arderton and Blessed William Marsden Catholic friends from childhood in Lancashire. Both went to Oxford University. Then went to France to train as priests at Douai College in Rheims. In 1586 aged 26 they set sail for England to serve the recusant Catholic community on the English Mission. Caught in a storm and came ashore on the Isle of Wight. Arrested as they were seen praying for safety. Found guilty of treason at Winchester as they were priests trained abroad and returned to England. Sent to London for Queen's pardon but refused to reject their faith. Returned to the Isle of Wight and executed on a hill above Cowes on 25th April 1586. There is a memorial plaque created in 2003 in the garden of St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Cowes. Every Catholic church on the Isle of Wight displays a picture and scroll commemorating their martyrdom.

6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 27th 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** **Mary Light** **Trevor Delves** **Fr Shaun Budden** **Ann Drumgoole**

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



This weekend the collection is our personal gift to Fr Thomas

Please be generous to show our appreciation of all his support, guidance and work. Message from the diocese: All donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, given at Masses on Easter Sunday (including the Easter Vigil), other than those by regular standing order, will be used exclusively to support the priest(s) appointed to the parish. Should you wish to contribute electronically, please visit here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-st-vincent-de-paul-catholic-parish-easter-second-collection> or you can use the QR code above. The diocese is charged a fee for all electronic donations.

No morning Mass on Monday 21st April

Easter Services at St Vincent de Paul

Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday on 19th April at **8.30pm** and Easter Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am

Last weekend's Special Second Collection for Easter Flowers

Very many thanks for all who donated. We collected £117.41 plus £40 gift aided which amounted to £167.41

Easter Eggs for Stella Marist to give to seafarers at Easter

Chaplains at Stella Maris offer many thanks to all who donated. We collected 47 Easter Eggs and 6 Easter Bunnies.

Postponing appeal for donations towards buying new Mass books except for the raffle

We have now collected over £1,225 towards the new Mass books of which over £725 has come from the raffle. Last weekend was exceptional as £230 was collected for the raffle. The two books for this year (C) have been ordered and have arrived. After Easter we will resume the appeal to buy the other four books in a slightly different way

Special "Thank You" from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Red Box donations

Last year in 2024 the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul raised £582.26 through their Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The donors in St Vincent de Paul are part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. The continual support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glen MHM, working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the life of the whole community.

Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more. Anyone wanting a Red Box please contact Graham Churchill.

We have just heard the sad news that Jo Kyte died on Thursday 3rd April aged 96

Some parishioners involved in the parish for many years should remember Jo who was very supportive of the parish

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 7th May – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

50 year celebration on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 28th September this year at 9.30am Mass.

We wish to share 50 years of memories of the parish beginning with a celebration Mass followed by a breakfast buffet. All parishioners past and present are invited to attend. For the event we hope to put together a booklet of quotes and memories. Please email any memory to lizchalland@btinternet.com. Just a couple of sentences for each memory please. More details of the event and Mass to follow in Spring.

Parish collection for last weekend 12th and 13th April

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| Parish Gift Aid Envelopes | Gift Aid | Parish Loose Collection | Direct debits, standing orders | Gift Aid | Total of Offertory Collection | Church Hire Clergy Assistance | Gift Aid | Loose | |
| £137 | £34.25 | £163.33 | £242.54 | £51.98 | £629.10 | £50 £10 (£2.50) | £100 (£25) £40 (£10) | £230 £117.41 | £1,214.01 |