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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th May 2025

Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27

Apocalypse 21: 1-5

Gospel John 13: 31-35

In the Acts Paul and Barnabus revisit cities, “*strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith*”, and explaining the hardships to enter into God’s kingdom. They appoint church leaders who must reach out to Gentiles. John’s Gospel focuses on the new commandment from Jesus to love one another. Love is not just an emotion but a choice and action. It means being patient, kind, forgiving, compassionate and wanting the best for others, just as Jesus loved us. This type of love often requires sacrifice and putting other’s needs before our own. By loving this way we show we are true disciples of Christ and seek the strength to help those in need in the world. It seems our new Pope Leo XIV will continue to follow the example of Pope Francis to support the poor and vulnerable and challenge the rich and powerful in the world.

Mass times

Feast Days

6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Theophilus
Thomas RIP
13th Anniversary

Saturday 17th St Paschal Baylón Born in 1540 in Spain on the feast of Pentecost so called Paschal by his peasant farming pious family. Childhood as a shepherd. Devotion to the Eucharist. No time for any formal education. Taught himself to read. Helped poor. Gave good example on behaviour to his companions. Joined Franciscans as lay brother. Refused invitation to be a priest. Austere life style. Jobs as cook, doorkeeper, porter and gardener. Reputation as a counsellor whose wisdom was sought by all from rich to poor. Cheerful and friendly. Showed respect to all he met. Chosen for his social skills to be the beggar for alms for the monastery. He opposed Calvinist preacher in France on *Real Presence* and then was attacked by Huguenot mob and injured. Died on 17th May 1592 aged 52.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 18th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thanksgiving Mass for all the favours received by Wilson D’Souza’s family

6.30pm Mass
Mass for the
Renju family

Monday 19th St Dunstan Born in 909 in Somerset near Glastonbury. Uncle was the Bishop of Wells and Winchester. Educated by Irish monks in ruins of Glastonbury Abbey after decline of monastic life for 200 years from its height at time of St Bede. Gifted artist musician and silversmith. Lived as a hermit illuminating and copying manuscripts. King Edmund of Wessex made him Abbot of Glastonbury to revive the monastery in 940. Then King Edgar appointed him Archbishop of Canterbury. Well known for his charity and austere life style. Reformed the Church by his choice of bishops, revival of monastic life and strict rules of clerical behaviour with the help of King Edgar. Archbishop Dunstan crowned his son Edward the Martyr at Winchester in 975 who was murdered at Corfe Castle 3 years later by his stepmother. Dunstan then retired and taught at school in Canterbury. King Æthelred the Unready took the crown age 10 and fled to Normandy on the Danish invasion.

10am Mass
Private prayer
intention

Tuesday 20th . May St Bernardino of Siena Born in 1380 near Sienna in Italy. Brought up by a pious aunt after being orphaned age 6. Degree in law from Sienna University. Joined Confraternity of Our Lady attached to hospital. In 1400 cared for victims of plague. Nursed his aunt until she died. Took charge of the hospital. Joined Franciscans. Ordained a priest. Preached across northern and central Italy from 1417 against abuses of the day. Unique preaching style. Projected his voice so thousands could hear him on themes relevant to people’s lives rather than liturgy of day. He could mimic and act, using humour to shock or reduce his audiences to laughter. Started feast of *Holy Name of Jesus* and IHS monogram. Vicar General 1438 to 1442 of Franciscans. Died 1444 aged 64.

6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 21st St Christopher Magallanes Jara and 24 Companions Christopher was born in 1869 in Mexico to a family in farming. He worked as a shepherd in his youth. Age 19 he entered a seminary. Ordained age 30 in 1899. Chaplain to School of Arts and Works of the Holy Spirit. Then a parish priest in his hometown. Started schools for academic and vocational training. Helped plan hydrological works. Had a special interest in evangelisation of the local indigenous Huichol people. Established a mission at the indigenous town of Azqueltan. Formed a farming cooperative. Published a newspaper. Had a special devotion to Our Lady. He inspired all who met him. The Catholic Church was powerful in Mexico. As a reaction an anticlerical style government started to persecute the Church. Church property was seized, monasteries, convents and religious schools were closed. The seminary where Fr Christopher was trained was closed. Fr Christopher opened a seminary in his parish. Had 17 students. It was recognised by the Archbishop. New President of Mexico carried out violent action against Catholicism and assassinated priests. An uprising of mainly peasants against the government called themselves *Cristeros*, fighters for Christ. War of the *Cristeros Rebellion*. Fr Christopher wrote and preached against the armed rebellion, but was falsely accused of promoting it and was arrested on 21st May 1927. He was taken immediately without any trial to his execution by a firing squad of Mexican soldiers. Fr Christopher, 20 other priests and 3 laymen were declared saints by Pope John Paul II in 2000. About 5,500 individuals were killed in Mexico in a 10 year period

**10am Mass
Mary Joseph**

Thursday 22nd St Rita of Cascia Born in 1381 in Italy. Wanted to be a nun but obeyed her parents and married aged 12 to an older noble who was brutally violent. 18 years of unhappiness. Had two sons. Her unfaithful husband eventually had a change of heart and asked forgiveness but was killed in a *vendetta* with rival noble family. Her two sons died and Rita asked to join a Convent but was turned down due to many nuns being from the rival family. Needed to reconcile feuding families. With great courage she succeeded, "Peacemaker of Cascia". Aged 36, she joined the monastery and worked in the infirmary caring for sick nuns. While praying before a crucifix, Rita received a wound on her forehead similar to stigmata. Had many mystic experiences during 40 years in the Convent and miracles associated with her life and death

NO MASS

Friday 23rd . St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi Born in 1566 at Florence, Italy. Taught to meditate at age 9 and started self harm and mortification. Made her First Communion aged 10 and a vow of virginity. Experienced her first ecstasy aged 12 in the presence of her mother. Sent to a monastery for her education then recalled to marry which she rejected. Joined Carmelite monastery in Florence which allowed daily Communion. After 2 years of her novitiate became dangerously ill and made her profession before she died in a private chapel lying on a cot. Then had an ecstatic event and recovered. Her ecstasies continued for many years recorded in 5 large volumes. Did not stop her being novice mistress and sub-Prioress. Died exhausted aged 41 on 25th May 1607.

**6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
John Blake RIP**

Saturday 24th St David, King of Scotland Born in 1084 in Scotland the youngest son of King Malcolm III and Queen St Margaret of Scotland. King Malcolm and his son Edward were killed in battle with King William Rufus of England and David's mother died of grief. David's uncle then seized the throne as King Donald III and David and his brothers escaped to England for safety under the protection of King William Rufus who opposed King Donald. Eldest son of King Malcolm by his first marriage, Duncan, led an army raised by King William Rufus and captured the Scottish throne but was killed and King Donald regained the throne. Another army was raised in England and David's brother Edgar captured the throne and started reforms in the Church and State and was liked and respected as son of Queen St Margaret. After 10 years he died unmarried and Alexander, David's brother took the throne and continued the reforms. After 17 years David became king, having spent 31 years in the English Norman court. As King David he continued the reforms started by his brothers but also introduced Norman style structure. He founded monasteries, built churches, established bishoprics, developed towns and built castles to protect Scotland. He was loved and respected for his piety and generosity to the poor. His sister Matilda was married to King Henry I in England whose two sons died at sea and their daughter also called Matilda was heir to the throne. On the death of King Henry, the English nobles made a grandson of William the Conqueror King Stephen. With his niece having the throne snatched from her, King David carried out a number of raids on northern England and extended his kingdom south to Carlisle and Newcastle until a treaty was agreed. King David died on 24th May 1153 in Carlisle Castle aged 69 and was buried with his brothers in Dunfermline Abbey, founded by his parents King Malcolm and Queen St Margaret of Scotland.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 25th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler

Hazel Sale

Mary Light

Trevor Delves

Fr Shaun Budden

Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee 2025 Youth Pilgrimage between 28th July and 4th August coinciding with World Youth Day

Any young person who is 17+ is invited to take part in the Diocese of Portsmouth Youth Pilgrimage to Rome and includes visits to the Vatican and World Youth Day Jubilee events. Cost is £1,350 per person for a shared room.

Sad news of the death of Edna Spiteri, devoted wife of the late Fred Spiteri

Edna died on Maundy Thursday 17th April, the beloved mother of sons Dion and Mario. Pat Pennal's daughter is in contact with the two sons and will inform us concerning the funeral details.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 4th June – 1pm to 3 pm

(Funeral on Wednesday 21st April)

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 10th and 11th May

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Use of the Church	Clergy Training		TOTAL of all money
							Gift Aid	Loose	
£67	£16.75	£114.54	£242.54	£51.98	£492.81	£70	£111	£52.42	£726.23