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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25th May 2025

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As we approach the end of the Easter season the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter offer profound insights into the early Church's journey and its relevance to our lives today. The Gospel reading from St John reminds us of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit as an advocate and teacher, guiding believers in what is true and offering a unique peace that binds the Christian community together. The first reading from the Acts and the second reading from Revelation further illuminate the themes of peace, love and the guidance of the apostles by the Holy Spirit, providing a model for resolving conflicts such as whether the Gentiles needed to be circumcised to become Christians, and finding hope in divine presence. They offer practical guidance for embracing the Holy Spirit and experiencing the peace that Jesus offers. We are at a significant moment in the Easter season as this period spanning 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, is a time of joy and celebration, reflecting on Christ's resurrection and its implication for our faith journey. As we journey through this season, the liturgical focus begins to shift from the resurrected Christ to the promised Holy Spirit preparing us for the Ascension and Pentecost. Malcolm.

Mass times

Feast Days

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.

6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
John Blake RIP

9.30 am Mass

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NO MASS

Monday 26th St Philip Neri .Born in 1515 in Florence, Italy. Educated by Dominicans. Inspired by paintings of Fra Angelico in Convent of San Marco and earlier Prior Girolamo Savonarola who was a great reformer condemned as a heretic and burnt at the stake. Left Florence to live with wealthy merchant uncle. Rejected world of commerce. Moved to Rome. Live-in tutor for two boys. Studied philosophy and theology with the Augustinians. Rejected ordination. Considered he was more effective in evangelisation as a lay person. He would talk to people employed in wine bars, markets, banks and visit places no priest would have been welcome. Ministered to poor including prostitutes. He had a warm personality and sense of humour who gathered people around him to help in hospitals or pray in church. Founded Confraternity of laymen. Met for spiritual exercises and service to the poor and sick. In 1549 at 34 ordained a priest to lead the group. Other priests joined him. Had regular meetings and community and the mission grew. Founded *Congregation of the Oratory*, community of secular priests. Died aged 80. St John Henry Newman was in the Birmingham Oratory.

10am Mass

Tuesday 27th . May St Augustine of Canterbury Born in the 6th century. In 595 he was Prior of St Andrew's Abbey in Rome. Pope Gregory the Great saw Anglo-Saxon slaves and said, "not Anglos but angels". Sent Augustine on a mission to England. Helped by Frankish clergy as his interpreters and introduction to pagan King Ethelbert whose wife was a Frankish Christian. Augustine landed on Isle of Thanet near Ramsgate and met by King Ethelbert in 1597. Example of Augustine and his monks holy and simply lives converted King Ethelbert. Gave land at Canterbury where Augustine founded monastery of St Peter and St Paul, later St Augustine's Abbey, and introduced Rule of St Benedict. Started building cathedrals in Canterbury and London. He revitalised Christianity in the south of England from Roman times. He died on 26th May 604 and was buried in the Abbey.

6.30pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord	Wednesday 28th St Aldhelm of Sherborne Born in 639. Outstanding figure in the English west country related to the kings of Wessex. Studied in Canterbury. First Abbot of Malmesbury Abbey. First Bishop of Sherborne. Accomplished musician. First Anglo-Saxon writer of distinction though only his writings in Latin, not those in Old English, survived. Bede gives a brief account of him and praises his writings, but he had little knowledge of the south. St Aldhelm's Head in Dorset named after him
10am Mass	Thursday 29th The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation. The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday and therefore always falls on a Thursday. The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." He then ascended into heaven.
NO MASS	Friday 30th St Joan of Arc Born in 1412 to a peasant farming family in north east France. When Joan was 3 years old King Henry V won the Battle of Agincourt and claimed the throne of France from King Charles VI. His son the Dauphin succeeded to the throne on the death of Henry V in 1422. In England, his son Henry VI was an infant aged one, and the Duke of Bedford, his Protector, claimed the throne of France in his name. The Dauphin could not be crowned as both Paris and Rheims were still in English hands. Aged 14 Joan heard voices saying "save France". She went to the Dauphin, Charles, who was devoting himself to frivolous amusements at court at Chinon Castle in Loire valley. Initially reluctant, he eventually gave her an army to relieve the siege of Orleans. Wearing a white suit of armour and carrying a standard with the words "Jesus, Maria", nobleman followed her as they thought that Joan was divinely inspired. 2 days later Orleans was relieved. Joan won other battles against the English. The Dauphin was crowned at Reims in 1429, Joan standing beside him holding her standard. Returned to fighting English. Wounded trying to capture Paris. Duke of Burgundy supported the English and the following year they captured Joan. King Charles made no attempt to rescue her and she was sold to the English who tried her for witchcraft. Joan defended herself valiantly showing sharp mind and excellent memory. Corrupt trial found her guilty. Burnt at the stake in the market place at Rouen. King Henry VI's secretary said, "We are lost. We have burned a saint".
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary The visit of Mary to Elizabeth who most probably was her aunt or great aunt as Mary was in her early teens and Elizabeth was in her 50's or 60's. She left Nazareth after being told at the Annunciation she was to be the mother of Jesus and hearing Elizabeth was miraculously pregnant with John the Baptist at her age. Almost certainly Joseph would have accompanied her on the over 100 miles journey by road for the two teenagers.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 1st June Seventh 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

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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is on Thursday 29th June and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Two Masses: 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening and a 10am morning Mass on the Thursday

Important notice from church cleaners: DO NOT LEAVE CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH

Chewing gum can damage the pews, floors and other surfaces. It is also very difficult to remove. Please can we all work together to keep our sacred space clean and welcoming for everyone.

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

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 4th June – 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 17th and 18th May

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Repository	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£92	£23	£128.73	£242.54	£51.98	£538.25	£75	----	----	£613.25