



## II Catholic Church

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

**THERE ARE NO MASSES ON WEDNESDAY< THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**Page 275 Acts of the Apostles 7: 55-60 Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 Gospel John 17: 20-26**

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles written around 80-90 AD. It tells the story of the early Christian Church, showing the spread of the Gospel and growth of Christian communities despite persecution. It teaches us about the importance of community as early Christians gathered together, supporting each other and sharing resources. This sense of community is crucial for us today as we are called to be part of a faith community where we grow in our relationship with God and support each other in our faith journey. This weekend we hear of the story of St Stephen, the first Christian martyr, known as the Protomartyr. Stephen is full of faith and the Holy Spirit and facing death he does not waver and remains firm in his belief in Jesus. Stephen sees a vision of Jesus at the right hand of God which gives him courage and strength. He forgives those who are stoning him, just like Jesus did on the cross. His faith and forgiveness are examples for all of us and must have impressed Saul who was present and must have helped in his conversion to Paul. We must learn to stand firm in our faith even when it is hard and face challenges or people who do not understand our faith. We can trust in Jesus to give us strength. In the second reading John heard a voice saying that Jesus is *"the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star"*. It emphasises His divinity. In John's Gospel Jesus prays for all believers to be united and that we may be one just as He and the Father are one and shows the importance unity is to Jesus. He wants us to love one another and work together. Unity among believers helps us show the world that we belong to Jesus. When we are united we reflect God's love and build a stronger community by supporting and caring for each other. Praying together, helping those in need, showing kindness and forgiveness are ways to build unity and live in harmony as one true family in Jesus Christ. Malcolm

### Mass times

### Feast Days

**6 pm Confessions**  
**6.30pm Vigil Mass**  
**Trevor Delves for**  
**the success of**  
**treatment**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**6.30pm Mass**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> St Marcellinus and St Peter** Fourth century priest and ordained exorcist, both suffered martyrdom by Roman Emperor Diocletian who was trying to eliminate Christianity and establish his pagan gods. Marcellinus was a priest in Rome who had built up a Christian community. Peter was a deacon in Rome who became famous for his powers of exorcism.

**10am Mass**  
**Rosa Vareed RIP**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Charles Lwanga, St Joseph Mkassa and Companions** White Father missionaries arrived in central Africa in 1879 and made some progress. However, in Uganda they met resistance from a local ruler King Mwanga II, ruler of the Buganda tribe, a ritual paedophile who wanted to root out Christianity. A convert Joseph Mkassa who was a lay catechist, senior Catholic and member of his court, criticised his immoral behaviour and the execution of Anglican missionaries. Joseph was beheaded. His successor Charles Lwanga also a convert, was a member of the Buganda tribe and in charge of the royal pages in the court. He secretly baptised four of the young pages and others became Christians. Eventually Charles was also martyred with three other adult converts and 17 young pages.

**SVP Social**  
**1pm to 3pm**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> St Francis Caracciolo** Born in October 1563 in Italy. First 22 years lived the typical life of the children of nobility. Then contracted a skin disease and was shunned by people. Almost died but recovered. Trained for the priesthood in Naples and ordained and joined the Order of "White Robes of Justice" who worked with prisoners. Then joined Fr Adorno and was co-founder of the Minor Clerics Regular or Adorno Fathers, a group of priests combining the contemplative and active styles of life. He took the new name Francis. When Fr Adorno died he took overall charge. Despite his reluctance as leader, he expanded the Order from Italy into Spain. Author of *Seven Stations of the Passion of Our Lord*. After an austere life style he died on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1608 aged 44

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface** Born in 675 in Devon. Joined Benedictine monastery and Minster at Nursling near Southampton. With Bede, who was born 2 years earlier, two famous Anglo-Saxon saints of the time. Declined the position of abbot at Nursling and left to be a missionary to the Frisians in the Netherlands following St Wilfred and St Willibrord. After a year war broke out and he returned to Nursling monastery. Refused to be abbot. Travelled to Rome to ask pope to make him missionary to Germany. Pope Gregory II named him "Boniface" after the 4<sup>th</sup> century martyr "Boniface of Tarsus" and appointed him Bishop of Germania, a new diocese in central Germany. He opposed the worship of trees. Cut down oak tree dedicated to god Thor and used it to build a chapel. The new Pope Gregory III made him Archbishop of Germany. Appealed to England for more missionaries and religious materials so he could start more monasteries and build churches. Never gave up the conversion of the Frisians and returned there at age 79. Murdered by armed robbers as a martyr.

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> St Marcellin Champagnat** Born in France in 1789, the year the French Revolution began. His parents owned a small farm. Had little education due to unrest but learnt skills in farming, carpentry and masonry. Became interested in the priesthood but had difficulties due to lack of education at the seminary. He then developed from timid, shy person to sociable and fun loving member of a group known as "Happy Gang" who visited taverns. Finally settled down to a sober life and eventually was ordained aged 27. His friend Fr Jean-Claude Courveille started the *Society of Mary* with 3 groups for priests, nuns and lay members. Fr Marcellin also wanted a teaching branch which was agreed. The 12 newly ordained priests of the *Society of Mary* then went off to their parishes not to all meet again for 20 years. Fr Marcellin was very popular and successful in his parish and then started to form a group of people who could teach the children in his parish and the founded the teaching branch of *The Society of Mary*. He called them Marist Brothers and their schools were very popular after the lack of education due to the French Revolution. The number of Brothers quickly grew and expanded across France and eventually abroad. Fr Marcellin had a great devotion for Guardian Angels and directed that a picture of a Guardian Angel should be displayed in every classroom in the Marist schools. After a long illness he died of cancer on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1840 aged 51. By that time there were 278 Brothers and 48 Marist schools in France and the South Pacific. In 1850 the number of Brothers had risen to over 1500 with 300 communities almost all associated with schools.

**6 pm Confessions  
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> St Robert of Newminster** Born in about 1100 in North Yorkshire. Studied at University of Paris. Parish priest in his home village. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey. Joined monks expelled from St Mary's Abbey in York who wanted a stricter "Rule". They founded Fountains Abbey near Ripon in Yorkshire. Robert founded Newminster Abbey, a monastery of Cistercian monks north of Newcastle. Three new Cistercian monasteries were founded by his monks and Abbot Robert kept clear of all the political and religious disputes unlike the Abbot of Fountains Abbey. He ruled and directed the monks at Newminster Abbey for 21 years. He died there on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1159. The small monastery of 17 Cistercian monks was one of the first to be dissolved in 1553 by Henry VIII.

**9.30 am Mass**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**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

**Next SVP Social is this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**50 year celebration on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£77	£19.25	£60.33	£242.54	£51.98	£451.10	----	----	----	<b>£451.10</b>