

Dear All

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity has its roots in the worship of the Medieval English Church. Archbishop Thomas Becket (1118-70), acclaimed a Saint after his murder in Canterbury Cathedral for upholding the rights of the Church against King Henry II's interference, had obtained special permission from the Pope for a Feast in honour of The Trinity to be celebrated in England. Over the years, this gradually spread across the world & was accepted as a celebration for the entire Catholic Church to follow Pentecost Sunday.

### First Holy Communion

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am at St. Michael's Church.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, four of our young people will receive the Body of Christ for the first time at 10.00am Mass in Saint Michael's Church. This will be the only Sunday morning Mass in our parish that weekend, enabling this important celebration to take place without rush and with full liturgical music. The 6.00pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass will take place as normal. **There will be no Sunday Mass at St. Oswald's Church.**

Appropriately, our First Communion Mass falls on The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, when the Catholic Church celebrates the precious gift of the Body and Blood of Christ, given to us at The Last Supper. Our belief is that the bread and wine become The Risen Lord when the priest says the words of Consecration, only Christ being present before us. In this mystery, we are nourished by His Body and Blood becoming part of us, enabling us to become what we receive, namely Christ. By allowing Our Saviour to transform us into images of Himself, we bring Him to others and will share in His Resurrection at the end of time.

We pray especially for Adriana, Kacper, Michael and Natalie, that they may grow in the love of Our Saviour in their earthly journey. And our thanks to Marion Evans, Jenny Seaborn and Katherine Whitehouse for their preparation of the group for their happy day and to the parents of these youngsters who have brought them into Christ.

### Robert McCafferty, RIP

Funeral Mass 11.00am 8<sup>th</sup> June at St. Michael's Church. Burial 1.00pm at Tadley Cemetery. Our condolences to Robert's family. A long-time parishioner & a real gentleman, Robert had unfortunately suffered from bad health for some time.

### Banns of Marriage

The following parishioners have asked to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony:

1. Pablo Nicolas Moraga & Celine Victoria Weir of Tadley.
2. Connor Marshall Heath & Ciara Georgina Grogan of Tadley.

If any person(s) know(s) of a reason, civil or religious, why these marriages should not take place, they should immediately inform Father Patrick.

### 24 hour prayer for Burghfield & surrounding areas

2.00pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 2.00pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mary's Church, Burghfield. All are welcome to pray for their community.

### Children's Liturgy

This Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the 9.00am Mass at St. Michael's Church.

### Quick "Hello" from Dan Wisniewski, new Parish Administrator

"Thank you to all of you who have given me a such a warm welcome! I'm delighted to have the opportunity to serve Father Patrick & all of you in this role. It is my earnest hope & ambition to strive to deliver the same high standards set by my predecessor, Kathryn, who I know you held in high regard. I'm also grateful for this opportunity to return to the workplace, having been the sole carer for my late mother for several years until her sad passing in January. I know some of you in the Parish have also recently lost loved ones & I just wanted to say how much I sympathise with your sad loss. My wife, Jolanta, & I are blessed with two young sons & we are recent parishioners at St. Bernadette's in Pangbourne, having previously been long-term parishioners at the Polish church in Reading. I'm very much a Reading lad, having been born & raised in the town, where I attended Presentation College. Clearly, my family heritage is Polish & I'll be delighted to tell you more about that whenever I get a chance to meet you after Mass, hopefully sometime in the near future!"

### **Last minute reminder - Organ Recital!**

For those of you who are reading this on Friday afternoon, a reminder that the **Organ Recital in St Michael's Church is tonight at 7:00pm, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023**

Monday 17th July - Friday 21st July. For those interested in joining either as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **Knights of St. Columba**

Pilgrimage of the relics of St Edmund Campion - Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 12.00 noon at Farnborough Abbey, followed by a Rosary procession. Please bring a pack lunch and/or food to share. There will be a tour of the crypt at 3pm where the body of Emperor Napoleon III the last monarch of France is laid to rest.

Catholic Men the Knights of St Columba need You. Do you want to put your faith into action? Do you want to support the Church? Come along to our next meeting at St Bede's Hall St Bede's Church Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 7.45pm.  
Membership Officer Paddy Burns 07771 868464

### **Missio Impact Report**

Available in our churches, providing us with an update on the projects the Red Box monies go to.

### **Heidi Crowter**

Heidi Crowter, who has Down's syndrome, has announced she will be taking her case against the UK Government over our current discriminatory abortion law, which allows abortion up to birth for Down's syndrome, to the European Court of Human Rights. To find out more about Heidi's case and the discrimination babies with Down's syndrome face in the womb, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/HeidiCase>

### **Day for Life**

*Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **18th June**. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. Visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life>  
There is a Second Collection at all Masses that weekend for Life issues.

### **Diocese job vacancies**

IT Manager - closing date of 9 June 2023

Choral Director - closing date of 28 June 2023.

For these & other vacancies visit: [Jobs - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jobs)

### **Reminder - Having A Break At Last!**

From Sunday afternoon 11<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June I am not available. Additionally, all being well, I shall be taking time out in August & a week's Retreat in late September.

Enjoy your weekend. Our local Tadley Treacle Fair takes place this Sunday & it is good to know that our CTAT stall will be present (just!). Thanks to Roy Singh & others from our churches coming forward to help fill the gaps & preventing a potential cancellation of the stall. Hoping to see some of you there.

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