



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE CARE OF THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

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## 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear friends,

A very warm welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

Today's Gospel passage reveals how Jesus was misunderstood by his own relatives and by his enemies. When Jesus is told that his family were outside asking for him, he asks: 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' That response appears harsh, but Jesus is reminding us that it is not status, but action in response to God's call that determines who belongs to his family. Each of us needs to carry out the will of God to be His brother or sister. Obedience to God is key.

Our first reading describes the destructive results of Adam and Eve's first sin, disobedience. They engage in the 'blame-game': Adam blames Eve, Eve blames the Serpent. Sin came into the world because they chose not to listen to God but listened instead to another. God punishes Adam and Eve, but He also holds out to them a forgiving hand and a promise of redemption.

In the second reading Paul reminds us that our physical bodies, and all those things that perish are not important, but our inner selves, our souls, and those things that are eternal are truly important.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our young people who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Please continue to keep Angelina, Aurelia, Azuolas, Carla, Cece, Daryl, Florence, George, Hermanò, Milo, Rudy, Samson, and Serenna, their families, and their Catechists in your prayers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** All those who are sick, those who are mentioned in our Parish Book of Prayer Intentions, those sitting exams, and for all who have asked for our prayers.

**ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME:** Patricia Bonner, Trevor Nicholas, Baby Ella Baharie, Daniel Docherty, Fr William Carroll SDB, Allan James, Kevin Hoyle, Mary Mulligan, Cyril Bilyard, Fr Joseph Merriman SDB, Fr Des O'Riordan SDB, Kathleen Barnard, and Eileen Cookson. May they rest in peace.

**ADORATION - Thursday 7.30-8.30pm** A time for silent reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to attend all or part of Adoration.

### Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	17.00	People of the Parish
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30	Allan James RIP
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Jim Manderson Int
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Helen Miles RIP
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	
Vigil Mass <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	17.00	Henrietta Owens RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30	People of the Parish

**Confessions: Saturday after 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:** Pope Francis encourages us to pray for those fleeing their own countries because of war or persecution. *We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.*

**DAY FOR LIFE 16 June** There will be a second collection for Day for Life on Sunday 16th June.

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year the theme is The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the end of Life. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide and moves to decriminalise abortion, allowing DIY home abortions up to birth. Our Bishops are asking to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life. Please see the Bishops' Conference website: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**COFFEE & CHAT** Everyone is welcome in the Hall after the Mass on a Saturday evening, Sunday morning and the 9.30 Mass on a Wednesday for tea and coffee. It is a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners.

**DISCUSSION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25 June. As start point for discussion, we will be looking at how we as individuals and as a Parish can contribute to three objectives for the Diocese for the next decade: to be a Christ-centred Church; to be a missionary community; to be prudent stewards of Christ's Church.

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/you-will-be-my-witnesses/>

Come and share your reflections, questions, and insights. A very warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to seeing you.

**GENERAL ELECTION** Visit [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) for information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have also produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [afod.org.uk/encounter](http://afod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

**RED MISSIO BOXES** Please collect your Summer magazine and please bring your Red Box to Church to allow your donations to be counted.

**BINGO NIGHT Saturday 29 June 'Eyes down'** Our Bingo Night in May was a great success of our recent Bingo Night, we are hoping to repeat the experience on Saturday, 29 June after the evening Mass. This will be the first of a series of fund-raising activities. Put the date in your diary. Again, all are welcome.

**NEW LECTIONARIES** The new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, comes into use in Advent 2024. Parishes will need to change over to the new Lectionary on 1 December. The Altar Missal remains unchanged however, people's Missals will need to be replaced. The cost of the 4 Volume Lectionary is approximately £695 and the Book of the Gospels £395. These are large amounts! Would anyone, family or group like to sponsor a volume or part of a lectionary?

**A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. Email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return.

**THE ROSARY GROUP** The New Rota for the Living Rosary to pray for Peace is on the Notice Board in the Narthex. If you would like to join, please speak to Kate Boardman.

All parishioners are welcome to join in praying the Rosary after Sunday morning mass at Our Lady's statue in the Church, to pray for Peace in the world and any special intentions.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** CHARIS Portsmouth is holding a 'Life in the Spirit' course via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 6th June to 18th July, 7.30 pm - 9 pm. There is also a live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June after the 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided. Please use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/yp8tkws8>

**MRS PAULA DIX** Mrs Paula Dix is retiring as Executive Headteacher of St Patrick's and St Bernadette's schools in the summer. Many of you will have happy and warm memories of her either, as a pupil, parent, or both. There is an online message board for you to post your memories and thanks. Please add your message by 1st July. I am sure that your messages will bring her great joy!

Here is the link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/1QGWYj08>

**MINISTRY OF WELCOMING** We need your help for 'Welcomers' at the 9.30am Mass on a Sunday, offering a warm welcome to all who arrive through the door of the Church. If you would like to participate in this important Ministry, please speak to Anne-Marie Maher-Williams.

**MAINTENANCE** The Maintenance Group would welcome volunteers. If you would like to help or notice areas around the Church and Hall that require work, please speak to Joe DeBono.

**NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.** If you have recently moved into the area and our joining us at Our Lady Help of Christians, please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find in the Narthex. This is important for us to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

**THE NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!** We are happy to share news and information about our Parish in the Newsletter, but we need one key ingredient – your input! Please contact David May if there is any news and information you would like to share.

**QUOTATION FOR THE WEEK** Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow. **St John Bosco.**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DARY

16th June	Second Collection - Day for Life
25th June	Discussion and Fellowship Group
29th June	Bingo Night
30th June	Feast of SS Peter & Paul (Transferred) - Second Collection - Peter's Pence
30th June	Celebration after Mass with our First Holy Communicants
7th July	Second Collection - Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)
15th August	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - Holy Day of Obligation