



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

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NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Father Austin's Day off: Wednesday.

20th and 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's First Reading from Acts, we see how Peter responded to questions about the miracle he performed with the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, the man who could now walk.

Peter focused the attention of the assembled leaders and the elders *not* on the good deed he had done for the man, but rather that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean and that "there is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Powerful words indeed.

What do we do when someone singles us out and praises us for a job well done? Do we deflect the honour and give recognition to our mentors, to our teammates at work, our friends? Do we take all the credit for ourselves, or do we give the praise and glory to our Lord and Savior?

The best course of action is the latter, to not let pride come between us and God. We need to humble ourselves and give the praise and glory to God. Besides being right, it helps reinforce his constant presence in our lives and that his guiding hand is always on our shoulder, and that the good we are trying to do each and every day in this world is not for our personal gain, but for the greater glory of his kingdom.

Truth be told, we may just be the stones that were rejected by the builders; but, by our unselfish actions we can become the cornerstones of God's church here on earth. S.S.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS: 21st April - 27th April

Sunday: Students for the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate. **Monday:** Evangelisation of this country.

Tuesday: Chapel of St Patrick and St George, Tidworth; St Michael and St George, Aldershot.

Wednesday: Diocesan Department for Clergy. **Thursday:** Community of St Mark, Dedworth.

Friday: Parishes, Communities and Schools in the Isle of Wight Pastoral Area.

Saturday: Daughters of Wisdom in the Diocese.

DON'T FORGET - SOUP LUNCH AFTER THE 12 NOON MASS ON FRIDAY 26TH APRIL! ALL WELCOME!

J S BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION sung (in English) by **ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY** at St Mary's Church Andover on **Saturday 4th May**

from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. *Andover Choral is accompanied by the brilliant Westminster Chamber Orchestra and professional soloists.* Tickets £15 available from: The Lights Box Office, Andover in person or by phone 01264 368368

or online at: ticketsource.co.uk/andover-choral-society

The Ticketsource box office on 0333 666 3366, or choir members.

(See Paula Degg at 6.00pm Saturday Mass or Mark J-F after 10.30am Sunday Mass on 21st and 28th April)

Caritas Plymouth has invited people in our diocese interested in learning more about **modern slavery**, particularly in the care sector to an event they are holding in Poole **on 30th April**. There are some great speakers from the Medaille Trust and Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority. Event runs from 10.30am-12.30pm in the church hall of St Marys Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Road, Poole, BH15 2EG.

Please register beforehand at <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH>

Second Collections: Clergy Training Fund this weekend.

Each year we make an appeal to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical. We can claim Gift Aid on this collection, please do use your envelopes!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 20TH APRIL - 4TH MAY

Confessions will be from 5.30pm to 5.45pm each Saturday or you can ring the office to make an appointment.

Sat. 20th	Andover Mass 6.00pm	<i>Ernie RIP</i>
Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	Whitchurch Mass 9.00am	<i>Alf Rawlings RIP - Anniversary</i>
	Farleigh School Mass 10.00am	-
	Andover Mass 10.30am	<i>Mary Payne - Birthday Blessings</i>
Mon. 22nd	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Robert Bray - for Health and Strength</i>
Tue. 23rd	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>John Robinson RIP</i>
	11.00am Funeral Service at Charlton Crematorium for James 'Jim' Daly RIP	
	Andover - Healing Prayers 6.30pm - 7.00pm	
Wed. 24th	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	-
Thur. 25th	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	-
	11.00am Funeral Service at Charlton Crematorium for Joseph Burdett RIP	
Fri. 26th	Andover Mass 12 noon	<i>Special Intention</i>
	<i>Mass followed by Soup Lunch in the hall - all welcome!</i>	
Sat. 27th	Andover Mass 6.00pm	<i>Mary Smyth RIP - Anniversary</i>
Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	Whitchurch Mass 9.00am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
	Farleigh School Mass 10.00am	-
	Andover Mass 10.30am	<i>The Robinson Family</i>
Mon. 29th	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Paul McCarthy RIP</i>
Tue. 30th	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Esmé Kelly RIP - Birthday Memoriam</i>
	Andover - Healing Prayers 6.30pm - 7.00pm	
Wed. 1st May	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	
Thur. 2nd	Whitchurch Mass 10.00am	<i>Marie Maclure RIP</i>
Fri. 3rd	Andover Mass 10.00am	
Sat. 4th	Syro Malabar Mass 2.30pm	-

Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Tom Wilkins, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Sheila Muir, Sheila Roberts, Mary Hathaway, Christopher Brown, Lisa Ramage, Mervyn Owen, Michelle Taylor, Bernard Ivinson, Fiona Hilleard, Carol Keenan, Mary Oak, Tony Fabian, Sile Monnelly, Helen O'Connell, Ben and Frances Dunne, Robert Williams, Simon and Victoria Rowney, Douglas Manning, Guy Foa, Diane Mahoney and Diane Gan.
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Burdett, James Daly, John Robinson, Jonathan Griffin and Pamela Lytle.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Advance notice: The Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on 2nd May to 8.30am on 13th May inclusive.

The **ANDOVER FOODBANK** would like to thank everyone who has donated to us in recent weeks, we are incredibly grateful. These are the items that are currently needed: **Tinned Tomatoes; Long Life Fruit Juice; Long Life Milk; Tinned Fruit; Toothbrushes; Washing Up Liquid; Deodorant and Cleaning Spray.**

Our opening hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 - 12.30 and donations can be brought to the door, left in the collecting boxes in the porch or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets. Thank you.

The next pre-Baptism evening course will be on **Tuesday 28th May 2024** from 7.00pm to approximately 9.00pm in the Parish Hall. Completion of the session is required before booking a baptism. To register for the course, please email / telephone the Parish Office. Both parents are requested to attend - but not children - and you must be registered with the Parish.