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Second Sunday of Easter

12th April 2026

My Lord and my God

Mass Times

Sun 12th	Second Sunday of Easter	
	9.30	David Marchesi+
	11.00	People of the Parish
Mon 13th	Monday of the Second Week of Easter	
	10.00	Anthony Aga-in+
Tue 14th	Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter	
	10.00	All deceased benefactors of this church+
Wed 15th	Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter	
	10.00	Dixon Family
Thu 16th	Thursday of the Second Week of Easter	
	No Mass	
Fri 17th	Friday of the Second Week of Easter	
	10.00	Anita Goddard+
Sat 18th	Saturday of the Second Week of Easter	
	12.00	Doris Lillian Mason+
Sun 19th	Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.30	Reginald Cecil Lybbe Powis Lybbe+
	11.00	People of the Parish



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Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hallafter Sunday masses
 Children's Liturgy (Sign in required)..... Sunday 9.30
 Holy Hourafter Wednesday morning mass
 Confessions.....during Holy Hour Wednesday & at call
 Choir Practice..... 18.00 Monday in Church
 Sunday Readings:..... Year A
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms..... Contact the Deacon
 Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Mother's Prayer Group..... 2nd & 4th Fridays 10.30
 Rosary GroupFridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers
 Friendship Club 14.00 Fridays
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Cycle of Prayer: Easter

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church

St Thomas

You could call St Thomas the Apostle the patron saint of doubters. He refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he had seen him with his own eyes and touched his wounds with the tip of his fingers.

Many of us experience doubts in our lives; we often find ourselves wondering if the Christian story is really true. At certain times in our lives, we believe strongly in Christ and in the truths of the Gospel but then at other times we are assailed by doubts. Sometimes these doubts can cause us a great deal of anxiety.

The most frequent words on the lips of the Risen Lord were these: 'Peace be with you.' So, we understand very well that Jesus wants us to be relieved of anxiety, we understand that he wants us to experience peace in the very depths of our being. This helps us to realise that these doubts when they get out of proportion and start to cause us anxiety must come from another source, namely the Evil One.

God wants only what is good for us, he wants to build us up, to give us confidence and peace. He wants for us only that which is positive and life-enhancing. Knowing the origin of our doubts, especially when they get out of proportion, is helpful because we realise that at those moments, we simply have to place our trust in the promises of God and believe in him who is the origin and source of all that is good.

St Thomas the Apostle, pray for us.



First Communion

Dates for the remaining First Communion classes are 19th & 26th April, 10th & 17th May. Rehearsal on Friday 5th June, First Confession on 9th May & First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00.

**Easter is the only time of the year
when it's perfectly safe
to put all your eggs in one basket**

A Prayer before Mass

Lord, let me be still and reverent as I come into your presence. Let my heart be open to your Spirit. Let my mind be attentive to the readings from scripture. Let me offer myself with the gifts of bread and wine. Let me give you greater glory in prayer and praise. Amen.

Knights of St Columba



The local council of the Knights of St Columba will be celebrating their centenary at the 11.00 mass on Sunday 26th April. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

**Nothing you do
can make God love you more
Nothing you do
can make God love you less**

Funerals

The funeral of Ramiro Da Silva (100yrs) will take place at Bournemouth Crematorium at 14.00 on Friday 10th April. May he rest in peace.

The funeral of Maureen Biggin (98yrs) will take place on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.00. May she rest in peace.

Mini-Retreat & Day of Renewal

St Joseph's Christchurch are hosting an ADORE day, including Mass, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer, Reconciliation and an inspiring talk by Geoff Poulter. Saturday 25th April begins with mass at 10.00. All are welcome: in person at St Joseph's or via livestream. www.avonstour.co.uk/adore

Divine Mercy Sunday



This Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday and is so named in order to highlight the Message of Divine Mercy as proclaimed by Sister Faustina Kowalska and promoted by Pope John Paul II. The faithful are encouraged to spend time to discover more about the mercy of God, to learn how to trust in Jesus, and to respond to the invitation to live lives which are as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to us.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 6th July until Friday 10th July departing from Heathrow Airport. The group will be staying at Hotel La Solitude close to the sanctuary. If you would like more information and a booking form, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Theology on Tap

At St John's Cathedral on Friday 17th April at 18:30. This month's speaker will be Professor Maurice Whitehead MBE, emeritus Professor of History at Swansea University & emeritus Director of Heritage Collection at the Venerable English College, Rome. The topic will be Martyrs, Music, & Mission: Richard Dering (1580-1630), a Hampshire Composer in Baroque Rome. Professor Whitehead's lecture will be accompanied by live performances of a selection of Dering's music. All are warmly invited to this special evening.

**A life spent making mistakes
is not only more honourable,
but more useful
than a life spent doing nothing**

George Bernard Shaw

Easter Duties

The faithful are required by Canon Law to receive the Eucharist at least once a year and this precept should be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. It is presumed that Catholics would ordinarily go to Confession in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. These are minimum requirements to help ensure regular encounter with Christ in the sacraments. The Church invites more frequent reception of Holy Communion (even weekly or daily) and regular Confession for deeper spiritual growth.

A Prayer of Erasmus

O Lord Jesus Christ, you have said that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Suffer us not to stray from you who are the way, nor to distrust you who are the truth, nor to rest in anything other than you, who are the life. Teach us by your Holy Spirit what to believe, what to do, and where to take our rest. For your name's sake we ask this. Amen.

Recent Collections

Standing Orders £410 with thanks.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: see rota **Ministers:** 9.30 S McCaffrey 11.00 V Rochford **n/w Readers:** see rota **n/w Ministers:** 9.30 T McCaffrey 11.00 H Gardiner

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion 6th June
Parish Fete 28th June