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Fourth Sunday of Easter

26th April 2026

I am the door of the sheep

Mass Times

Sat 25th	St Mark	
	12.00c	Christopher Hartley+
Sun 26th	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	9.30	People of the Parish
	11.00	Knights of St Columba centenary
Mon 27th	Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter	
	10.00	Hazel Dawkins+
Tue 28th	Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter	
	10.00	
Wed 29th	St Catherine of Siena	
	10.00	Anthony Aga-in+
Thu 30th	Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter	
	No Mass	
Fri 1st	St Joseph the Worker	
	10.00	CWL
Sat 2nd	St Athanasius	
	12.00	Those taking exams
Sun 3rd	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	9.30	Stella & Lance Kerr+
	11.00	People of the Parish

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 Group....Fridays 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



The Good Shepherd in the Vatican Museums

Statue of the Good Shepherd

The theme of the shepherd is one of the most emblematic in ancient Christian art, and the statuette in the Vatican Museums, an eighteenth-century reworking of a fragment from a sarcophagus, is undoubtedly one of its most famous and evocative representations. The shepherd, holding a ram or a lamb on his shoulders, is an icon rooted in classical art. The image was frequently used in funerary art and in bucolic scenes alluding to otherworldly bliss. It was an image finally inherited by Christians as the Good Shepherd. The statuette in the Pius-Christian Museum in the Vatican, with its splendid face recalling Apollo is typical of the most ancient iconography of Christ.



First Communion

We recently had a meeting for parents and children who wish to make their First Communion in 2026. Dates for the remaining classes are:

today 26th April, 10th & 17th May. The rehearsal will be on Friday 5th June with the First Confession on 9th May and the First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00. For information contact Angie on fhcteam.olqp@gmail.com.

**Be not afraid of growing slowly
Be afraid only of standing still**

Chinese Proverb

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.' John 10:27-28

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the whole Church unites in prayer for those called to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated religious. Vocations grow in parishes like ours. We pray that those who pray, who serve, and who remain open to where God leads will respond to God's call. If you sense a stirring in your heart that you are being drawn toward prayer, service and a life given fully to God do not dismiss it. Speak with a priest, bring it to prayer, and trust that the Good Shepherd who calls you knows the way and leads you in the right path.

A Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, raise up holy priests, deacons, and consecrated religious for your Church. Give courage to those you are calling and help us to listen for your voice with open and generous hearts. Amen.

**As mariners are guided into port
by the shining of a star,
so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary**

Saint Thomas Aquinas



Knights of St Columba

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

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.

**In prayer,
come empty, do nothing**

St John of the Cross

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.

Alzheimer's Society Walk

On Saturday 2nd May Alan Wheeler is doing a 13 mile walk for the Alzheimer's Society. Please give your support. See noticeboard for details.

Second Collection today for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund

Recent Collections

Standing Orders £410, Sunday £224, Contactless £234, with thanks.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: 9.30 & 11.00 Please see rota **Ministers:** 9.30 D Rogers 11.00 L Goodall **n/w Readers:** 9.30 & 11.00 Please see rota **n/w Ministers:** 9.30 M Smith 11.00 L Hanson

Forthcoming Dates

First Communion 6th June
Parish Fete 28th June