



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th April 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 4)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's reading look at Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The Father has appointed Jesus as the shepherd of the whole human race. Jesus, Himself, is the gateway to eternal life because He has laid down His life for each one of us. Even though we, like mindless sheep, have gone astray through sin, we are still able to access healing by His wounds. We must follow and keep close to our Shepherd, for He will protect us and lead us to the fresh and pastures of the Promised Land.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41 — *God has made Him both Lord and Christ*

Responsorial Psalm: **The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** (Psalm 23)

Second Reading: Peter 2:20b-25 — *You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
I am the good shepherd. says the Lord.  
I know my sheep and they know me.  
**Alleluia!** (John 10:14)

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 — *I am the door of the sheepfold*

Communion Antiphon: **The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep  
And willingly died for His flock, Alleluia!**

**THIS WEEK: Obligatory Second Collection for CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

Day		Time	Service	Intention
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	26th April	<b>10:30am 11:00am</b>	<b>Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS</b>	<b>People of the Parish and for Clive Carpenter RIP</b>
Tuesday of Eastertide	28th April	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	<b>Laura McInally RIP</b>
Wednesday <b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, religious, doctor</b>	29th April	<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Anne Corrigan RIP</b>
Thursday of Eastertide	30th April	<b>10:00am 10:30am</b>	<b>Adoration Mass</b>	<b>Cornelius &amp; Christine O'Mahoney RIP</b>
Friday of Eastertide	1st May	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>The O'Donnel family of Cashlings, Donegal</b>
Saturday <b>St Athanasius, bishop, doctor</b>	2nd May	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth</b>	
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	3rd May	<b>10:30am 11:00am</b>	<b>Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahony, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye, Balthazar Martin, Diana Finlason.

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:** Anne Corrigan

**and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Eva Smith (Sun) Ellen Baker, Cohen Steve Michael Lockey, Nicholas John Bylett (Wed) John Baw (Thu) Geoege Kennealy, Betty Turpin (Fri) Hazel Clarke (Sat)

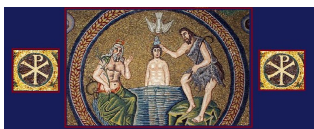
Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000

Parish 24 Hour Emergency Number : 07584 661318 (Fr Mark)

Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: [visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.  
This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.

**NOTICES:**



**MYSTAGOGY—A LITURGICAL CATECHESIS WHICH AIMS TO INITIATE PEOPLE INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST.**

**Easter Season Reflections: on Catholic Life and Community.** Over the coming weeks, after the homily, members of the congregation are going to offer short reflections in prayerful, meditative, exhortative form constituting an Easter Gift from the contributor to the Parish, encouraging our brothers and sisters to reflect on community building.



**Hayling Holiday Lunches:** The collection of food for takes place on the second Sunday of each month. The next collection date is: **Sunday 10th May**



**Repository** - this continues to be managed and organised by the CWL, Margaret, assisted by Josie will be pleased to help you with any queries and if you would like anything which you cannot see, please ask the ladies and they will show you the catalogue, items can be ordered especially. All proceeds go to CWL charities, which include children's charities, women's refuge, care of the homeless and overseas aid; also local Hayling charities - Holiday Lunches, Voluntary Services, First Responders and the Donkey Sanctuary.



**St Patricks Gardening Team - Thursdays 9:00-10:30am** (weather permitting). Anyone with a pair of gardening gloves is welcome to join us (Gloves can be provided). Members come when they can. We try to do an hour or so most Thursdays during the summer months.



**Fr Mark Whiting.** By now, most of you will now that, due to ill-health, Fr Mark will be withdrawing from full time ministry. During the month of May Fr Inniah Madineni will move into the Presbytery. He and Fr Mark will work alongside each other for the Month and then Fr Mark will relinquish his position as Parish Priest with Fr Innaiah becoming the acting Priest-in-charge. Fr James Lewis will assume overall responsibility as the acting Pastoral Area Lead. Fr Mark's last Sunday in the Parish will be on **Sunday 24th May, the Feast of Pentecost.**



Mass Intentions (temporary system). In the absence of a full time Parish Administrator and with one priest outgoing and one priest incoming, Please hand your Mass intentions to Clare Hill rather than to the priest to ensure that they will be dealt with smoothly.



Fans of The Generation Game (band). **The Generation Game** will be **performing for the very last time** on Saturday 4th July from 6:30pm at the Rowland's Castle Fayre. This is just a small part of an all day event, free to attend, on the village green in Rowland's Castle. Further details can be found at Rowlands Castle Village fair website — <https://rcvf.org.uk>



Please note that on Thursday the **7th May**, St Patrick's **Parish Hall** will be used as a **Polling Station** for the Local Elections. This means that all parts of the building will be unavailable for use by both parishioners and regular Hall hirers unless you are going in to place your vote. This restriction lasts from 6:00am to 10:30pm.

At the end of Mass each Sunday of the Easter Season, we sing the Marian Anthem: **REGINA CÆLI**

**R.** Joy to thee O Queen of heaven, alleluia.

**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.**

**As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.**

**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

**V.** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

**R.** For the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**V.** Let us pray.

O God, who, by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast brought joy to the whole world; grant, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life everlasting.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

**R.** Amen.



**Church Hall** Should you wish to book the Church Hall please telephone Denzil on 07791 776148

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