



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd May 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 1)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and it is only through Him that we can enter the Kingdom of God. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated people, set apart to sing the praises of God. These great gifts are poured upon us by the Holy Spirit. In thanksgiving for this we, in return, Worship the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. We endeavour to lead holy lives and live in the light. We are called to proclaim God's Word revealed to us in Jesus and to trust that God always has a special love and care for us.

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7 — *They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit*

Responsorial Psalm: **May Your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in You, O LORD.** (Psalm 33)

Second Reading: Peter 2:4-9 — *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.
Alleluia! (John 14:6)

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 — *I am the way, and the truth, and the life*

Communion Antiphon: **I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.**
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, Alleluia!

Day	Time	Service	Intention	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	3rd May	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish
Tuesday of Eastertide	5th May	10:00am	Rosary	
Wednesday of Eastertide	6th May	10:30am 12:00pm	Mass Pastoral Area Clergy meeting	Fr Mark
Thursday of Eastertide (LOCAL ELECTION DAY: POLLING STATION IN HALL)	7th May	10:00am 10:30am 11:30am	Adoration Mass Pastoral Meeting	The Whiting Family
Friday of Eastertide	8th May	10:30am 11:15am	Mass Pastoral Meeting	All Holy Souls
Saturday of Eastertide	9th May	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10th May	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish

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: Helen Fitzgerald, Tera Kosa (Sun) Christine McNamara, Theresa Hartley (Mon) John Michael Killmister (Tue) Helen Elizabeth Hawkins (Wed) Edward Patrick Roche (Thu) Wladyslawa Lewandowska, Hilda Baver, Ann Peatfield (Fri)

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

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.



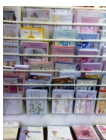
After Mass, the Catholic Women's League will be serving home-made cake with the tea and coffee in the Hall. All proceeds go to CWL charities, which include children's charities, women's refuge, care of the homeless and overseas aid; also local Hayling charities - Holiday Lunches, Voluntary Services, First Responders and the Donkey Sanctuary. Further details on anything connected to the CWL can be had from any member or contact Pauline, tel. 023 9246 8498 or e-mail paulinebrice979@gmail.com



Catholic Women's League - the CWL has its next meeting on **Tuesday 5th May** in the **Hall** at **2:00pm**. As is traditional for the month of May, we shall begin with the Rosary, so please remember to bring your Rosary beads. If there are any new ladies in the Parish, and the not so new, why not come along and see if it is something you might like to join? You will be made very welcome.



The next **Bingo** session is on **Wednesday 13th May** in the **Hall** at **2:00pm**. Please tell your friends and neighbours, as has been said before, you may not be a fan, but they may love it. The more attendees, the bigger the prizes! It is always a very friendly afternoon, so anyone thinking of coming on their own, please be assured you will be made very welcome as soon as you come through the door. Home-made cake with the tea and coffee in the interval and a Raffle.



Repository - this continues to be managed and organised by the CWL. We have received a new stock of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards. 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. Fr Inniah Madineni has moved into the Presbytery and will join us for mass on 10th May, officially starting his ministry here on 13th May. He and Fr Mark will work alongside each other for the rest of the month until Fr Mark leaves on the Feast of Pentecost (24th May).



Fr James Lewis will assume overall responsibility as the acting Pastoral Area Lead.



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...



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