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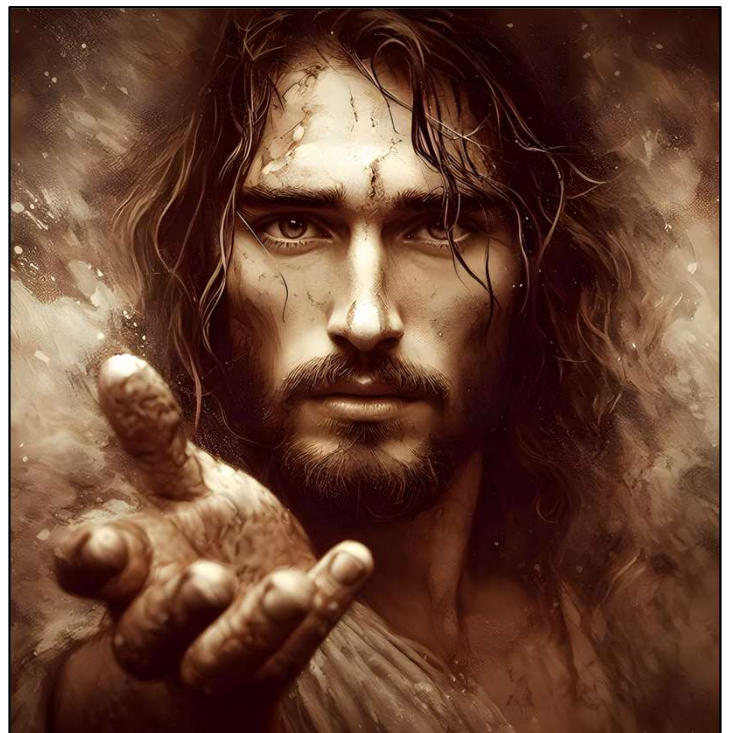
14 JULY 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD'S MERCY

That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help, need not be proved. He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth after his resurrection and taught his doctrine to all peoples, confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but more human way of evangelizing men - he sent their own fellowmen to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means that he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave man the gift that we call free will. Man is able to choose between alternatives. God wants us to choose heaven as our eternal home, but he wants us to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven, not conscripts. The person who chooses heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal men to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our free will and therefore of meriting heaven. Refusal to accept



would hardly be possible if Christ informed us miraculously or taught us in person. If some extraordinary individual could persist in refusing, their refusal would be utterly inexcusable.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards. While we thank God from our hearts today for having been put on the road to heaven, let us remember in our prayers our fellow humans, God's other children. May God continue to show his mercy and divine understanding toward them!

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MASS TIMES

Sun 14 July - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 16 July - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

10.00am

Wednesday 17 July - ST. BONAVENTURE

10.00am

Thu 18 July - FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am

Friday 19 July - FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am

10.30am - *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 20 July - OUR LADY ON SATURDAY

10.00am

Sun 21 July - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 16:15

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

Gospel Acclamation - Jn10:27

*Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to
me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them
and they follow me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

*The sparrow finds a home, and the
swallow a nest for her young: by your
altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my
God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for
ever singing your praise.*

JUBILEE YEAR WEBPAGE. There is a special page on the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth website to celebrate the Jubilee Year, 2025. The page will be developed further as the Holy Year approaches. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/

NEWS FROM THE VATICAN. A video game and computer-loving teenager known as "*God's influencer*" who died at age 15 will become the first Millennial saint.

The College of Cardinals met with Pope Francis in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace for an Ordinary Public Consistory, where they voted to approve the canonization of Carlo Acutis. A date when Acutis will be recognized as a saint is yet to be announced, but the outlet stated it's likely to happen during the 2025 Jubilee, an event that's celebrated by the Catholic Church every 25 years.

Acutis, who was a web designer and documented Eucharistic miracles, was born in London on 3 May 1991 and died from leukaemia on 12 October 2006 in Monza, Italy. He will become the first person born between 1981 and 1996 to be recognized as a saint.

THE ASCENSION APP. This is the number one Catholic bible app that is free to download to your mobile phone or tablet. For more information, visit AscensionPress.com.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

LUNCHTIME SOCIAL. Thursday 18 July, 1.15pm - 3.30pm in the hall. Come and enjoy a fun-packed afternoon hosted by the SVP. There will be food, tea and coffee, bingo and a quiz. An optional raffle will also take place. This will take place on the third Thursday of every month and will continue here until September. It is an opportunity for companionship and making new friends. All are welcome.

PRAYER PETITIONS - LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. If you would like to have a prayer petition taken to Lourdes, please email this to the following address: lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. This will be treated in the strictest confidence. The diocese is still looking for youth volunteers to help escort pilgrims for the trip. Inquiries can be sent to lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025. Parents of any children in Year 3 or above who wish to register for the next First Holy Communion programme, which will start in September 2024, must obtain an application form from Fr. Leslie and return it to Peter in the office. Further details will be sent by email to parents who have registered in due course.

Please note: applications close on 4 August and NO further applications will be accepted after this date.

PLEASE REMEMBER all the sick and housebound of our parish: *Mairead Holbrook, Cecilia Agnes Grimston, Geoffrey Dixon, Christopher Browne, Teresa Wraith, Elizabeth Lubrow, Win Sheridan and Yolanda.*

GETTING MARRIED? Congratulations! Please note that you need to give 12 months' notice. Please speak to Fr. Leslie or contact Peter in the office for further details.

WELCOME. A warm welcome to all our visitors and parishioners. Whether you are a regular attendee or are joining us for the first time, welcome! Please come and introduce yourself after Mass.

PARISH RETREAT DAY. Join Fr. Leslie on a parish retreat day to the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph, Lymington, on Saturday 21 September from 10.00am - 4.00pm. There will be a mini coach from Westbourne to St. Dominic's Priory, and the day will include Adoration, Mass and talks from the Sisters. The cost of the day is £20.00 per person (£10.00 donation to the Dominican Sisters and £10.00 contribution towards the cost of travel).

Only 19 places are available, so if you would like to come along, please fill in a booking slip from the porch as soon as possible and return it to Peter in the office with £20.00 to secure your place.

DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP. We are delighted that this camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age (leaving Year 6 to leaving Year 11) at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sports, outings, competitions and games to ensure the boys have a fantastic week. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). For more information please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY. *For the pastoral care of the sick.* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

VOCATIONS. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. Email him at vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS. If you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please speak to Father Leslie. He can be called on 01202 764027 or emailed at ladams@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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'Take nothing with you'

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, *'Do not take a spare tunic.'* And he said to them, *'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.'* So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – SEA SUNDAY.

There will a collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). In October 1920, in Glasgow, the Apostleship of the Sea (now known as Stella Maris) was set up to support seafarers in need. 100 years later they are the largest ship-visiting network in the world, providing seafarers with practical and pastoral support, information, and a friend in times of need.

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE - ON ZOOM. CHARIS Portsmouth are delighted to propose the Diocese of Portsmouth 'Life in the Spirit' course for 2024. For more information, visit www.charisuk.com.

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THANK YOU for your continued support to the parish. *Fr. Leslie*

ANNUAL BBQ AND NIGHT PRAYER with Bishop Philip and our Portsmouth seminarians on Tuesday 30 July. The Vocations team is hosting the annual gathering of seminarians and seekers in a few weeks' time. If you are interested in joining the evening yourself as a new enquirer, then please email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The closing date is Friday 20 July. If you know of anyone who might be interested, do pass on the details of this event.

FLAME 2025. The largest youth gathering of Catholics. Will you be there? This takes place at the OVO Arena, Wembley, on Saturday 15 March 2025. All Catholic youth aged 14+ years are invited to attend. During the day you will hear modern inspirational faith-filled music, motivational speakers, see drama and dancing and have opportunities to share the faith and to spend time in prayer. Find out more by visiting the website <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

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