

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this:

"From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of
its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I,
the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 91

Response:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most
High,

to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians.

We are always full of confidence, when we
remember that to live in the body means
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do
by faith and not by sight – we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the
body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will
be brought out in the law court of Christ, and
each of us will get what he deserves for the
things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God. Christ the
sower;
whoever finds the seed will remain for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Jesus said to the crowds, "This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and
growing; how, he does not know. Of its own
accord the land produces first the shoot, then
the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And
when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he
starts to reap because the harvest has come."

He also said, "What can we say the
kingdom of God is like? What parable can
we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which
at the time of its sowing in the soil is the
smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once
it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of
them all and puts out big branches so that
the birds of the air can shelter in its shade."

Using many parables like these, he spoke
the word to them, so far as they were capable
of understanding it. He would not speak to
them except in parables, but he explained
everything to his disciples when they were
alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human
nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this
do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,
O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Behold O kind and most sweet Jesus, I
cast myself upon my knees in your sight
while with deep affection and grief of soul
I mentally contemplate your five most
precious wounds, having before my eyes the
words that David the prophet spoke about
you, most sweet Jesus: "They have pierced
my hands and feet, and I can count every one
of my bones."

*Traditional "Prayer before a Crucifix" to be
said after Communion*



ENCOUNTERING CHRIST – A FREE COURSE

To mark the start of the Year of the Eucharist, Dr Christina Pal from the *Academy of the Annunciation* in Bournemouth invites readers to sign up for a free five-part online course which begins on **Tuesday 15th June**... To mark the start of the special Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Philip has asked the *Academy of the Annunciation* to present this new interactive short series online: *Encountering Christ*. The course will run from 7:00 – 9:00pm on Tuesday Evenings from 15th June – 13th July 2021 and you can sign up for **free!**

The five sessions are:

- Christ the Unique Mediator and Cornerstone of Our Faith (Tuesday 15th June)
- Encountering Christ in the Holy Eucharist (Tuesday 22nd June)
- Christ and Catholic Moral Teaching (Tuesday 29th June)
- Encountering Christ in Prayer and Discipleship (Tuesday 6th July)
- Contemplating Christ in The Annunciation through the Lens of Sacred Scripture (Tuesday 13th July)

You can read more and register, by visiting the News page on our website.



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

A reminder that in our Diocese of Portsmouth, we have begun the *Year of the Eucharist*. Bishop Philip is inviting everyone in the Diocese to undertake by God's grace a period of intense, spiritual renewal. The purpose ultimately is to help us realise our diocesan ambition of *Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church*. The Year of the Eucharist will be a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist.

A WELL-EARNED BREAK

Fr Jamie will be taking a short break from 13th to 19th June. Canon Peter Turbett will be saying the Masses during his absence.

WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of Pam Pennington.

CHILDREN HEARD AND SEEN

A local charity is looking for unwanted **children and adult wellies and sleeping bags** for a summer camp in Botley in July. "*Children Heard and Seen*" is a local charity set up to support families of prisoners, who are often ostracised, and the children bullied at school. The charity offers a variety of mentoring and support, and the annual camp is an important time for families to get together, make friends and have some fun. If you can contribute either of these items, please ring Clare Simpson on 01235 847804.



DAY FOR LIFE – COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 13th JUNE

The *Day for Life* is to be held during the weekend of **19th/20th June 2021**. This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection, which will be next Sunday 20th June. This assists prolife organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach.

On Wednesday 23rd June, the Vigil of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's *Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life*, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. <https://www.facebook.com/events/121521016724148>

UPDATE ON NEWSLETTERS

During the pandemic I have tried to keep in touch weekly with our elder parishioners via weekly newsletters and a personal letter. The weekly delivery was made each week by the *Catenians* and as we come to lifting of restrictions I would like to thank them for their commitment to this. It was a great thing they did for us and the deliveries will come to an end on June 21st. Once the newsletters are printed again we all might consider taking a copy to an elderly neighbour who might appreciate that gesture. *Fr Jamie*