

NEWSLETTER

Saturday 9th to Friday 15th May 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOLY REDEEMER HIGHCLIFFE

Sun 10th 11am Mass
Alban Widmer RIP

Mon 11th 10am-2pm Adoration

Thur 14th 9.45am Rosary
10am Mass
The Ascension of the Lord

Fri 15th 9.45am Rosary
10am Mass People of the Parish
followed by refreshments
11.15am Bible Study

St JOSEPH'S CHRISTCHURCH

Sat 9th 5pm Mass confessions from 4pm
Pauline Carrol RIP

Sun 10th 9am Mass
Gerardine Thomas

Mon 11th 11am Rosary

Tues 12th 9.30am-10.30am Holy Hour and
morning prayer at 10.15am
6pm Rosary
6.30pm Mass

Wed 13th 9.30am Adoration
10am Mass

Thur 14th 6.30pm Mass
The Ascension of the Lord

PRIVATE PRAYER

HOLY REDEEMER DAILY 10am-2pm

ST JOSEPH'S Tues-Friday 9.30am-4pm

PSALM *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

ANNIVERSARIES Alban Widmer, Winifred Gibson, Ethel Moore, Michael George, Claire Parry, Margaret Rose Phillips, Peter Heron, David Putland, Bertram Mason, Elizabeth Welch, Marjorie Mason, Joseph Jolly, John Geraghty and Yvonne Maslinska.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD This Thursday 14th we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS The next meeting of our Catholic Grandparents group will be after Mass on Thursday 14th May in the annex. All are welcome.

ROSARY During May, the Rosary will be prayed before Mass on Thursdays in addition to Fridays.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION On the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 7pm. Please support this for the intention of world peace and come along if you can.

OUR JIGSAW AND GAMES sale will be taking place this weekend on Saturday 9th May from 10am - 2pm. Please come along and have a look round!

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PARISH CENSUS For data protection purposes we are required to keep our records up to date and relevant and as such will be carrying out a parish census shortly.

HOLDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYER – a prayer tradition at St Peter's school. Exam season can be a challenging time for many of our young people and, once again, St Peter's school would like to invite you to help support their exam students through your prayers please. How? It's easy: look out for a bowl with slips in, each with the first name of either a Year 11 or Year 13 student on it then please randomly pick a slip and keep that student in your prayers. The written exams start soon and finish on 18th June. We'd also like to offer you the opportunity to write a message of support to your student (or to them all collectively) – just collect a blank slip from the other bowl, write your message and pop it back in the second bowl. The school will then come and collect these messages and display them for all the students to read and see that you are praying. Thank you for 'Holding Our Young People in Prayer' at this very important time in their life. God bless from St Peter's Chaplaincy team.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 23rd May 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF LOVE." How the Holy Spirit empowers us to be other Christs. Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton. Register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month) Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT run by the Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight - 13th - 15th June. It wants to explore how Catholic families are called to be "...like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season." (Ps 1:3) Our couple retreats want to give space for the couple to nurture their relationship in the love of God, to grow in their communication and explore their renewed purpose and mission. For more info, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or www.uk.verbumdei.org.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS - HELD IN THE ANNEX Knit and Natter. Wednesdays Knit and Natter 2pm-4pm.

PARISH GIVING & COUNTING We are looking for more volunteers to help. Please contact Joseph Kierney in person or via e mail at accounts.hiq@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Sunday 3rd giving: envelopes £200 loose £304.65. Thank you for your generosity. Online donations can also be made by bank transfer, Standing Order or Direct Debit to account number 00879968, sort code 30 93 04, CDP Highcliffe.

OFFICE The office will be closed for one week for staff holiday beginning Monday 18th May.

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+ It is so lovely to have the sun out and our friends that sleep outside are noticing the weather warming up. For them, we are looking for new socks and new water bottles please. Our needs in the foodbank are tinned custard and rice pudding, tinned meat meals and pasta sauce jars and finally cereal and UHT Milk cartons. Thank you so much in advance. Good news this week was that we were able to give a family 4 new mattresses after theirs were ruined by mould in their previous property, each mattress came with a fresh new bedding pack too for a cosy, fresh night's sleep Thank you for helping us help those in need in our communities.