



**PARISH NEWS FOR THE  
CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER  
NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA**

St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch

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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm. NB: CLOSED on Wed.**

**1st and 2nd June - Seventh Sunday of Easter (Second Collection for World Communications)  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

On a TV game show the presenter often gives a 'parting gift' to the losing contestants. It is a nice way of saying, 'Since you did not win the Grand Prize, we want you to have something to remember us by.'

Let's look a little closer at what Jesus said and did that day on the Mount of Olives. It had been 40 days since Easter, and Jesus' earthly ministry was coming to a close. He was about to fulfil the promise to be reunited with God in heaven (the Grand Prize) while the disciples would be left on earth. Jesus gave the disciples and us the ultimate 'parting gift' when he gave us the Spirit of wisdom.

*May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory.*

If we had to choose between knowledge and wisdom, which would we choose?

Knowledge is being able to rattle off question after question to the answers one a game show like 'Mastermind' or '15 to 1'. Knowledge is being able to remember dates and names and places with perfect recall, almost akin to a Google search engine.

But far more valuable than knowledge is wisdom. Wisdom is discernment, the ability to process knowledge and to find the truth that will form the bedrock of our lives. Wisdom helps us define what is worthy and true, and to find the precepts needed to live a faith-filled life. Wisdom means understanding the consequences of our actions and words before we act or speak. Wisdom means having the knowledge and understanding to recognize the right course of action and having the will and courage to follow it; a prescription for living in peace with the people we interact with daily. Living a wise life gives us great harmony and enriches our sense of self-worth.

The downside to receiving a gift as precious as the one Jesus gave us is that we are expected to put it to good use each and every day of our lives and not hide it under a bushel.

What are we doing with the parting gift our Lord gave to us on Ascension Thursday? Are we using his wonderful gift of wisdom to fulfil his promises? Are we using our wisdom and understanding of God to enrich our faith, promote harmony, and enrich the self-worth of all with whom we come into contact? Are we using the power of the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witness and to stand up for our faith and put our beliefs in action . . . *that the eyes of our hearts are enlightened, and that we know what is the hope that belongs to his call and what are the riches of glory?*

*S.Scholer.*

**DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS: 2ND JUNE - 8TH JUNE**

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations within it. **Sunday:** *Diocesan Communications Office.* **Monday:** *Diocesan Advisors to TV & Radio.*

**Tuesday:** *Sacred Heart (Madrid) Sisters in the Diocese.* **Wednesday:** *CFH The Caring Fellowship.*

**Thursday:** *"Faith and Light" for the spirituality of the disabled.*

**Friday:** *Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham and the work of Park Place Pastoral Centre.*

**Saturday:** *Community of St William of York, Reading.*



Come along to . . .

Unity Christian Theatre and Local Churches present

**'Wobbly Rock'**



A new musical composed and directed by Marilyn Childs in **St John the Baptist Church at 7.30pm on 8th June.**

Refreshments in the hall from 6.45pm. Free Entry - Donations for Andover Foodbank

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am". Do you hunger for the salvation of souls?

To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

This training is for seasoned *or* new/potential catechists working with children, young people or adults; it's for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, **and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. All welcome.**

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# We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32)

## Essential Training for Catechists



5 sessions to cover five essential themes in Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word, on Tuesday evenings:

1. What is catechesis? **3rd September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
2. Proclaiming the Good News - **10th September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
3. The Faith of the Church - **17th September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
4. Holy Scripture - **24th September** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm
5. Methods and Resources - **8th October** - 7.30 to 9.00 pm

**Note that there is no session on the 1st October**

St John the Baptist Church Hall  
Alexandra Rd, Andover SP10 3AD

To register, write to Sr Hyacinthe: [ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
A course led and certified by the Diocese of Portsmouth  
Formation for Mission - [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation)

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**A diocesan certificate is awarded upon completion of the 5 sessions.  
Sr Hyacinthe is a wonderful speaker and course leader - would highly recommend!**

### ANDOVER FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated, as always.

At the moment we are running low on the following items:

**FOOD ITEMS: Pasta Sauce; Fruit Juice (Longlife); Tinned Fruit; Tinned Tomatoes; Tinned Potatoes or Instant Mash; and Long Life Milk. PLUS: Cleaning Products and Deodorant**

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The holidays are fast approaching and while many are dreaming of sunny beaches and sandcastles we know that children in our community will be facing food insecurity, isolation and loneliness. In the absence of free school meals and parents struggling with reduced income or childcare costs, the summer can be a difficult time.

We are hoping to help some families by providing some additional supplies that help children take part in normal summer activities including going on a picnic, having a BBQ or friends round for a sleepover. Bags of food will be packed and delivered in time to get to schools for delivery before the end of term and to do this, we need your help.

We are collecting the following items. They need to be at the foodbank by **30<sup>th</sup> June** but can be donated through our usual collection points or at the foodbank: If you are part of a company who would like to organise a collection, we can provide posters and arrange to pick up. Alternatively, if you would like to donate to help cover any food shortfall costs you can donate online.

**Bag for Life; Tinned hotdogs; Tomato ketchup; Ice-pops (eg Mr Freeze, NOT frozen); Chocolate spread/jam; Corned beef/ham; Dried apricots/raisins (snack packs); Chocolate biscuits (eg Kitkats, Penguins); Pringles (or other crisps in a tube); Small fruit juice cartons;**

**Pancake mix; Hot chocolate (that just needs water); Spaghetti hoops; Jelly mix; Popcorn; and Cake mix. Thank you!**

*Follow us on twitter @andoverfoodbank or catch up on facebook /foodbankandover or [www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk)*

### THE TIME IS NOW!

“The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth” Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si’* Care for our Common Home. Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** for the ‘Time is Now’ Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

**BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY’S** next concert on 29th June at 7.30pm in St Michael’s Church Basingstoke RG21 7QW.

**Vivaldi** Gloria; **Handel** Hallelujah Chorus, Let The Bright Seraphim, Zadok The Priest. **Mozart:** Ave Verum Corpus; **Gounod** Ave Maria; **Chilcott** Canticles of Light; **Stanley** Trumpet Voluntary. Trumpet: Crispian Steele-Perkins. Organ: Ian Le Grice. Soprano: Lucinda Cox. Conductor: David Gibson.

Tickets: Adults £15, Under 16’s £5, from choir members or on the door. Website: [www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk)

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.** Find out about our parish school, the exciting learning that takes place and upcoming liturgy and Mass dates by visiting the school website and reading our newsletter - [www.sjbschool.co.uk](http://www.sjbschool.co.uk) .

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

*Sunday 2nd June 2019*

The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day today, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media, for all those professionals who work in Communications, and particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. This weekend a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work. Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the collection on the day.

The communications office of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

It's a digital world and since the launch of the internet, the Church has always sought to promote its use in the service of the encounter between persons, and of solidarity among all. While governments seek legal ways to regulate the digital world and to protect the original vision of a free, open and secure network, we all have the possibility and the responsibility to promote its positive use. Statistics show that among young people one in four is involved in episodes of cyberbullying. To stem this phenomenon, an International Observatory for Cyberbullying Prevention will be established, with its headquarters in the Vatican. Pope Francis invites us to reflect on our ‘being-in-relation’, and to rediscover, in the current communications context, the very human desire not to be left isolated or lonely.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 1ST JUNE - 14TH JUNE

*Reconciliations each Saturday in Andover from 5.15pm - 5.45pm, and in Whitchurch before Sunday Mass.*

*Congratulations to Kenechukwu Michael Okafor and Verity Charlotte Wakeham who are to be baptised this weekend.*

**Sat. 1st**      **Andover**      **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 11.00am**  
**Andover**      **Mass 6.00pm**      *In thanksgiving for the Barry - Ruiz families.*

**Sunday 2nd June - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Whitchurch**      **Mass 9.00am**      *For the People of the Parish*  
**Farleigh School**      **Mass 10.00am -**  
**Andover**      **Mass 10.30am**      *Mrs M C Hubbard RIP - Anniversary*  
**Andover**      **Syro-Malabar Mass 4.00pm**

**Mon. 3rd**      **Andover**      **Mass 10.00am**      *Brendan Casey RIP*

**Tue. 4th**      **Andover**      **Mass 10.00am**      *Linda Drugan RIP*  
**Andover**      **Prayer Group Meets in Church 7.00pm - 7.30pm**

**Wed. 5th**      *No Masses or Services.*

**Thur. 6th**      **Whitchurch**      **Mass 10.00am**      *For the People of the Parish*

**Fri. 7th**      **Andover**      **Mass 10.00am**      *Patrick O'Brien RIP - Birthday Memoriam*

*Congratulations to Iris Mary Dorothy Bowman who is to be baptised this weekend.*

**Sat. 8th**      **Andover**      **Mass 6.00pm**      *Linda Drugan RIP*

**Sunday 9th June - Pentecost Sunday**

**Whitchurch**      **Mass 9.00am**      *For the People of the Parish*  
**Farleigh School**      **Mass (in the Sport Hall) at 10.30am - First Holy Communion Mass**  
**Andover**      **Mass 10.30am**      *For the Intentions of Mrs Britten.*  
**Andover**      **Polish Mass 6.00pm - Confessions (Polish) from 5.00pm**

**Mon. 10th**      *No Masses or Services.*

**Tue. 11th**      **Andover**      **Mass 10.00am**      *Moira Annand RIP - Anniversary*  
**Andover**      **Prayer Group Meets in Church 7.00pm - 7.30pm**

**Wed. 12th**      *No Masses or Services.*

**Thur. 13th**      **Whitchurch**      **Mass 10.00am**      *For the People of the Parish*

**Fri. 14th**      **Andover**      **Mass 10.00am**      *Rita Doyle RIP*

**Please pray for:** Patrick Pacini, Daphne Channing, Audrey Francis, Audrey Stephenson, Jo Parker, Esmé Coveney, Doreen Burke, Rita Lane, Valerie Muir, Mary and Alan Daws, Tom Wilkins, Fr Gerry Mackrell, Mary Bullough, Nan Mundy, Sam Hearn, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Ann Scicluna, Christopher Walter, Allan Wickens, Di Mussert, Lisa Ramage, Christine Budden, Derek Moss, Diane Banks, Barbara Long, Myra Thompson, John Mills, Jean Murphy, Sheila Muir, Jo Hibberd, Therese Ayres, Sheila Roberts, Moira Barton, Mary Hathaway, Pat Scott, Peter Calderley and Rachel McGarvie.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Derek Plunkett and Moira Barton.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am - 11.00am on the First Saturday of the Month in Andover.**  
*Next date: Saturday July 6th*

**Prayer Requests @ [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)** If you would ever like prayer for your own intention, for your parish or for any need, do go to the home page of the diocese website, scroll down to the "prayer request" button, where you can leave an anonymous request which will go to 40 intercessors throughout the diocese.

**Prayer Group.** Join us on **Tuesday evenings between 7.00pm and 7.30pm.** If you would like to choose a theme, scripture reading and music, have a copy of the El Shaddai Healing Prayer or more info., contact Frank Saunders on 365764