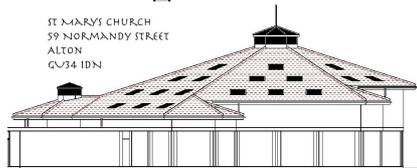


# St Mary's Parish Newsletter



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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**w/c Sunday 15th May, 2022**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(C2) (Psalter Week 1)**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Matthias</b>	
	<b>4.50pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	Lucia Ho, RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	
<b>St. Lucy's</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B & L Eggington, RIP
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Amy & Leonard Gilbert, RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
<i>Private Mass</i>		Intentions of Fr. James
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
<i>Private Mass</i>		The People of The Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
<i>Private Mass</i>		Anne Fitzpatrick, Special Int.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dedication of The Cathedral of St. John, Portsmouth</b>	
<i>Private Mass</i>		Intentions of Fr. James
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
<i>Private Mass</i>		Welfare of Carol Anne Pettet & Michael Smith, RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
	<b>4.50pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
<b>St. Lucy's</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Paul Daynes, RIP
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	John McGinty, RIP

***Confessions:***

*Please email or call the Parish office for an appointment*

**Please Note:**

Fr. James will be taking the week off this coming week, 16th—20th May inclusive, therefore there will be no Public Week-day Masses

**Thursday, 26th May** is the Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord—a day of Holy Obligation. Masses will be St. Mary's 9.30am & 7.30pm  
St. Lucy's 5pm

**Cheques made out to the Parish**

The correct name is **P.R.C.D.T.R Alton St. Mary**

**Sunday, 15th May—5th Sunday of Easter**

Entrance Antiphon

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia**

The Gloria

First Reading Apostles 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm

**I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

Second Reading *Apocalypse 21:1-5*

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia !** Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you'.

**Alleluia !**

Gospel John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another..

The Creed

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.**

*"I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God". The splendid vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, which today's Liturgy of the Word presents to us again, closes the Book of Revelation and the whole series of sacred books which comprise the Bible. With this magnificent description of the City of God, the author of Revelation indicates the definitive defeat of evil and the achievement of perfect communion between God and men. From the beginning, the history of salvation aims at this goal. Before the community of believers, who are also called to proclaim the Gospel and to witness to their own faith in Christ amid various trials, the supreme goal shines forth: the heavenly Jerusalem ! We are all advancing towards that goal, where the saints and martyrs have preceded us down the centuries. On our earthly pilgrimage, these brethren of ours, who have passed victoriously through "great tribulations", serve as an example, incentive and encouragement to us*  
*(Pope Benedict XVI)*

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION REINSTATED**

At the Bishops' Conference in Cardiff last week, the Bishops voted unanimously to reinstate the obligation on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.

***This will take effect on Pentecost Sunday***  
It is understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Please continue to keep the Church COVID Safe by wearing a mask and sanitising your hands.



### The Regina Caeli

**Reader:** *Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia*

**All:** *For He whom you did merit to bear,  
Alleluia - Is risen, as he said, Alleluia  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.*

**Reader:** *Rejoice, and be glad. O Virgin Mary.  
Alleluia.*

**All:** *For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

**Reader:** *Let us pray.*

**All:** *O God, you gave joy to the world through the  
resurrection of your son, Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that we  
may obtain, through His Virgin Mother,  
Mary, the joys of everlasting life.  
Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

Live streaming of Mass is available to watch

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA)  
Or via the St. Mary's website

### Please remember in your prayers

Pam & Tom Barbour, Margaret Hart, Beryl Lewis,  
David Barron, Lesley Atkin, Eileen Bowler, Maureen Cole,  
Mary McGrath, Dorothy Harte, Jonathan Wiltshire,  
Jeanne Abraham, Elise Hobbs, Denise Graham, Alex Smith  
Mary Sturgess, , Brenda Gregory, Lily Jones  
Kate Cradock, Rita Rawling, , Margaret Collins,  
Annie Tomlinson Theresa Davies, Michael & Jo Rogers  
Flavia Stampa Gruss , Sheila Payne

### MISSIO/APF

"I thank all those who have contributed to Missio/APF  
during the past year. Taking into account the problems with  
Covid, the Parish donated £3756.80 to the Missions.

The money was raised by both Red Boxes and direct  
donations/direct debit. God bless you all.

Please keep up the good work. Norman Street, Parish  
Secty. Missio/APF, St Mary's, Alton. Tel: 01420 86334 or  
07864266222. 14 Bolle Rd, Alton. GU34 1PN."

### Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Are you celebrating this year, 2022, a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th,  
60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years? If so, I  
would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will  
take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday  
2nd July 2022 at 11am. It is a wonderful occasion to  
celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come,  
please send an email to Liz Murphy

at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you know a  
couple who qualifies and does not have access to the internet,  
please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's and they will  
provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion  
please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph.

You can upload it when you complete the form online.  
Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email  
address. Those without access to the internet you can post a  
copy along with the completed form by post to St Bede's  
Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX  
(Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

The next meeting of the Knit and Natter group will be  
Monday, 23rd May.  
Please feel free to come along and join us.

### Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Ladies, it's your opportunity to don your best hats  
and gentlemen your finest patriotic wear -  
in celebration of the

Platinum Jubilee of our beloved Queen.

Please join us in St. Mary's Church garden on  
**Saturday, 28th May, 2022 from 2.30—5pm**  
Cream Tea & a good old-fashioned sing-along  
of British classics

...to include Scones, Jam & Cream and a slice of cake,  
together with a cup of tea or coffee  
(other drinks available)

Children's activities include various giant garden  
games, small animal petting area, face painting  
and a Raffle.

Cost £5 per person (under 5's free)

Please sign up at the back of the Church  
and at St. Lucy's

### Digital Giving—Contactless

Parishes throughout the Diocese are being  
encouraged to move into Contactless giving as an  
alternative to placing cash in the collection plate.

A good number of people no longer carry cash,  
preferring to use their bank card for convenience.  
(wall or surface mounted equipment installed in the Church)

Prior to investigating this further  
(and the cost involved) I would like to ascertain if  
Parishioners are **for or against** this method of  
making offerings.

There is a sheet on the table at the back of the  
Church and I would ask that you be kind enough to  
let us know your preference.

The outcome of this will be given due  
Consideration, prior to any decisions being made.

Fr. James

### ALTON CLOTHING BANK

Open every Tuesday

from 9—12 in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

*Supporting our community by offering free clothing to those  
in need and saving the planet by re-using, re-homing and  
re-cycling clothing.*

Donations needed please, in particular, Ladies Plus  
Sizes and children's clothing of all ages.

All items (any season, male, female and children or  
baby) are most gratefully received.

Any items can be left either in the Church Porch or at  
the doors of the Church or Presbytery.

### LUMINOSA present ZIMBE !

7pm, 2nd July, '22 at St. Peter's Church, Petersfield.

For further information, please see the poster in the  
Church Porch.