



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

*Christus Vincit
Christus Regnat
Christus Imperat*

Good Friday

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

One full meal (NO meat) is permitted, plus two small snacks that do not add up to a full meal.

Fasting binds all from the age of 18 to 65 and abstinence from meat binds all from the age of 14.

April is the Month of The Holy Eucharist

Please pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred priesthood and for the Holy Catholic Church. At this time please particularly implore Our Blessed Lord to guide our lawmakers to uphold the sanctity of human life in the UK and throughout the world. Please make a special effort to attend St Joseph Devotions, Rosary and Adoration during Lent.

Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (EASTER SUNDAY 5PM)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am,

St Joseph Devotions Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

First reading**Acts 10:34a, 37-43****‘We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.’**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24****This is the day the Lord has made****Second reading****Colossians 3:1-4****‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel**John 20:1-9****‘He must rise from the dead.’**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

SECOND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY


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The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances.

Please also continue to pray for our namesake Parish in Gaza.

Easter Offering

All donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, given at Masses on Easter Sunday (including the Easter Vigil), other than those by regular standing order, will be used exclusively to support the priest appointed to the Parish.



HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

RCIA

Please continue to pray for Frederick, Lorenzo and Prosper as they either join the Church or come into full communion in Confirmation this Easter and going forward please continue to welcome into God's Holy Family and support them as they continue to grow in Faith.

BAPTISMS

Also please continue to pray for Amelia and Zoe who will be baptised this Easter Sunday. May Our Blessed Lord continue to guide and bless them and their families.

Holy Saturday Children's Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 19th April at 12.15

Please bring your children to Stations of the Cross on this Holy Saturday. All welcome—and an adult volunteer to carry the cross would be appreciated.

Rosary Rally—Saturday 26th April

We will be joining the Marian Franciscans for a **Rosary Rally of Reparation at 2pm** at the Bargate, High Street, Southampton, SO14 2DJ.

Adoration in the Church as usual from Thursday evening after Mass until Saturday morning Saturday morning Mass which will be offered in the **Extraordinary Form at 11am.**

Soup and a roll **lunch** will be available after Mass (donations appreciated)

If you leave your car in the car park and catch the bus to town, please ensure it is registered first.

Euthanasia Bill

Please [contact your MP now](#) on this easy to use link asking them to vote against this Bill. Also please complete the cards at the back of the Church. If you need any help with this please contact the office. We are more than happy to post these for you. Pray hard. Please also read the letter from the Bishop's Conference.

Easter Hamper Raffle—last chance

Please be tempted to buy tickets for the Easter Raffle to raise funds for the sound system and lights.

Raffle Tickets are on sale after all Masses—£1 for a strip or 6 strips for £5

Draw will be on Easter Sunday after 10.30am Mass

Egg Hunt—Low Sunday (27th April)

Next Sunday, 27th April, after 10.30 Mass, we shall be holding an egg hunt for children. Please bring a picnic lunch for sharing. We have (papier mache) eggs for the children to decorate, followed by a hunt for chocolate eggs. We welcome any volunteers to help and any resources for decorating eggs would be greatly appreciated. For safeguarding reasons all children must be accompanied by a responsible person.

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

20 Apr (Sun)	EASTER SUNDAY VESPERS, TE DEUM, PROCESSION	9.00 am (EF) 10.30am (OF) 5.00 pm	Kevin Rooney (RIP) Mary & Patrick Collins (Int)
21 Apr (Mon)	within the Octave	7.30 pm (OF)	Private Intention
22 Apr (Tues)	within the Octave	9.15 am (OF)	George Ukah (birthday thanksgiving)
24 Apr (Thurs)	Easter Thursday	7.30pm (OF)	Caren Matthews-Lane (health)
25 Apr (Fri)	within the Octave	9.15 am (OF)	Siobhan Callaghan (int)
26 Apr Sat)	within the Octave ROSARY RALLY THE BARGATE VIGIL	11.00 am (EF) 2.00pm 6.30pm (OF)	In Reparation for the Abortion Act James and Mary James (RIP)/People of the Parish
27 Apr (Sun)	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of Divine Mercy	9.00am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Layne Thomas Pauline Lobo (RIP)

**Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket.
We are up to date with intentions for OF Masses—
EF Mass intentions are booking some way ahead. Thank you**

*****THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 21st—25th April*****

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

20th Easter Sunday

20th Easter Sunday Vespers, Te Deum, Procession at 5PM

26th Rosary Rally, The Bargate, Southampton

27th Low Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt for children

Confessions (when there is Mass)

Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm

Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm

Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations

Sunday: 4.00 pm

Outdoor Rosary—Mondays at 9am;

St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass

Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite

Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am

Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon

Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm

Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:

Next Lunch : Thursday 24th April

Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm

Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm

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