



## PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

### Fr Benjamin writes...

It is said that to learn a new language well, with all its idioms euphemisms and idiosyncrasies, you should read a book you know well in that language. I would advise Catholics to read the Bible in their new language, and to also listen to the news.

It is often commented upon that Pentecost is about the gathering of different languages and cultures and that when the apostles spoke, everyone present for the feasts heard them in their own language. This is, in fact a biblical resolution. When humanity decided it wanted to be God, and replace God's rule with their own by building the Tower of Babel (from which we derive the word "babble") God punished the human race by making them speak different languages so that they could not understand one another. Thus divided, they could not rule the world and create themselves as a false god.

The gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost united the newly-born Church, the new Israel, in understanding. Whilst they were hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ in their own tongue, they were, for the first time, in communion through faith and understanding. This gift was given and received, not to become God and build an earthly empire, but to receive God in order to build the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

The earth is indeed rich with a multitude of languages and cultures, but it is not these the Church actually celebrates. What it celebrates is the common baptism in the Holy Spirit that God brings in Christ. It celebrates, one Church, one Faith, one Baptism, not because of the differences that we experience, but in spite of them. The languages themselves are not celebrated, but are used for God's purposes and praise.

As a result of the gift of the Holy Spirit, God has become knowable to all peoples so that they may become one people, the children of God, in order to build His Kingdom. The language we are to learn is, in fact, Christ's language – not Aramaic - but that of His love and mercy, and the determination to worship His heavenly Father as the holy Church on earth.

**God bless you this Sunday, and always**

### June is the Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

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 pray for the new Pope Leo XIV. Also please implore the Sacred Heart of Jesus 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 this very special month of The Sacred Heart.

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

**Adoration** (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

**Rosary, Vespers and Benediction** (Sunday 4pm)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am,

**St Joseph Devotions** Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

The Church is open for private prayer from 9am-6pm each day

**First reading****Acts 2:1-11****‘They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.’**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. Rcf. 30****Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.****Second reading****Romans 8:8-17****‘For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.’**

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**Gospel****John 14:15-16, 23b-26****‘The Holy Spirit will teach you all things.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.


**Second Collections in June 2025****15th June—Day for Life**

We can take digital donations via the Dona collection plate at the back of the Church  
or via the Parish Bank Account (please mark donations DayLife)

We are still happy to take donations to support **Fanning the Flame** (FTF)



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## HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

### Parish Notices

#### PARKING

Now that we have a parking system at the Church please use the car park where you can. If you park in the street, as with any other street, please park legally and be considerate of our neighbours. We are aware of the difficulties with the numerous commercial vehicles parking in the area but please try to not add to the frustrations of the local residents. Many thanks.

#### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th-11th July 2025

**Canon PJ is looking for a qualified nurse to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this July.**

If you are a qualified and experienced nurse and would be willing to share your training by supporting pilgrims please email [Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for further information.

Please see the poster at the back of the Church.

#### Silent Prayer Re-Trial

During this season of Pentecost and continuing thereafter, please, as a Parish community, pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Adam and his defence lawyers prior to, and during, his re-trial at Bournemouth Crown Court on 28th-30th July. Please pray that the judges and authorities will be receptive to the Truth and that a true conversion to it will be brought about through this case.

#### Euthanasia and Abortion

On Friday 13th June, the Feast of St Anthony, Parliament will debate amendments to the Euthanasia Bill. Whilst it is unlikely there will be time to properly consider the amendments please pray that this Bill does not pass. Also there are amendments to legalise **abortion up to birth** by decriminalising abortion via the Police and Criminal Justice Bill. If you have not already contacted your MP to oppose these attacks on the sanctity of life, please do so now.

#### Corpus Christi—Sunday 22nd June

Holy Family Parish and the Polish community, we shall be holding our annual Corpus Christi procession following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd June followed by outdoor Benediction. Afternoon tea in the parish hall after the procession at £5 per person. You can pre-purchase tickets for the afternoon tea—please advise of any allergies. We would welcome all offers of help, singers, marshals, first aiders, for the smooth running of this beautiful expression of our Faith.

#### Fanning the Flame—Summer Camp 2025 18th-22nd August Ages 11-21

Join us for 5 days of faith, fellowship and fun in Kintbury, celebrating 30 years of summer camps. A well balanced mix of fun activities, teaching and prayer; we will explore the depths of the Holy Mass and how the Eucharist really is the source and summit of our faith.

Visit [www.fanningtheflame.co.uk](http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk) for more information and booking or speak to Ben after 10.30 Mass.

**\*\*Enormous thanks for your generosity towards this. We have raised £400.\*\***

**Job vacancies in the Diocese** [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



**Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form**

8 June (Sun)	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30am (OF)	Murphy Family (Int) People of the Parish
9 June (Mon)	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	7.30 pm (OF)	Vocations
10 June (Tues)	Feria	9.15 am (OF)	Charmaine Rollo
12 June (Thurs)	Whit Thursday	7.30 pm (EF)	Sianna Malik (conversion)
13 June (Fri)	St Anthony of Padua	09.15 (OF)	Birthday thanksgiving Saritha & Saurav
14 June (Sat)	Our Lady on Saturday <b>Vigil</b>	9.15 (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Rose Spiteri (int) People of the Parish
15 June (Sun)	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	9.00am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Michael Rogerson (RIP) Agatha's Grandchildren (int)

**Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket.  
EF Mass intentions are booking some way ahead. Thank you**

## 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

**Mother's Prayers** Wednesdays at 2.00 pm

**Sewing Group** - Fridays at 10.00am

**Lunch Group** Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:

**Next Lunch :** **Friday 6th June**

**Youth Group** 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm

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

**Young Adults (18-35): 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4.00pm**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

**1st-14th** Shroud of Turin Exhibition,  
St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth  
**7th YOUTH GROUP** 3-6pm  
**7th MEN'S GROUP** 7.30pm  
**13th St Anthony**—next debate Euthanasia Bill  
**22nd CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**  
**22nd afternoon tea (fundraiser)**

### JUNE

**22nd Confirmations (at St Edmund's)**  
**28th 29th First Holy Communion**

### JULY

**6th First Holy Communion**  
**13th First Holy Communion**  
**20th Parish Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

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