

# St Margaret Mary Parish



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

13th May, 2018



In the first reading, Peter lays down the criteria for Judas' replacement. It was to be one of the men who had been with Jesus from the beginning of Jesus' public life until Jesus was taken up to heaven. The candidate had to be a witness between the earthly Jesus and the newly developing Church.

The second reading inspires our hearts to love beyond human limits, to live in God's love and to let God's love live in us. Those who see that love in Christians, see God already, as Jesus told Phillip that those who saw him, saw God. In the Gospel Jesus prays for 'Unity' among his followers; that they may find fulfilment, joy and power in his Resurrection and through his Word they may be sanctified in the Truth.

**As you sent me into the world,  
I have sent them into the world**

### TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 13th May, 2018

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year B) (Psalter Week 2)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>8.00am</b> James Jone ( <i>Jennings</i> )
	<b>10.15am</b> Jim Tree ( <i>Spacey</i> )
	<b>6.30pm</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Matthias (Apostle)</b>
	9.30am Raymont Family ( <i>Hallam</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
	9.30am Joseph Family.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
	9.30am Audine & Ezekiel Joseph
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
	9.30am Martin Wager ( <i>Ip</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
	9.30am All our Confirmation Candidates
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Portsmouth Cathedral Dedication</b>
	9.30am Deacon Stephen Morgan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
	<b>8.00am</b> Joe Barr RIP ( <i>Flatley</i> )
	<b>10.15am</b> In Thanksgiving ( <i>Thelis</i> )
	<b>6.30pm</b> People of the Parish

Confessions: after Saturday morning Mass  
and by request or appointment at any time

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon:

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

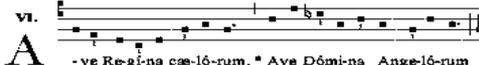
**KEEP THOSE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME  
TRUE TO YOUR NAME,  
SO THAT THEY MAY BE ONE LIKE US**

#### WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS:

**Monday**, Acts 1:15-17,20-26; **Tuesday**, Acts 20:17-27;

**Wednesday**, Acts 20:28-38; **Thursday**, Acts 22:30,23:6-11

**Friday**, Acts 25:13-21; **Saturday**, Apocalypse 21:1-5



vi. A -ve Re-gi-nae cae-lis-ti, \* Ave Do-mi-nae An-ge-lis-ti

### The Marian Antiphon for Easter

**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.

### A Pope's Easter Reflection

In his farewell discourses to the disciples, Jesus stressed the importance of his "return to the Father", being the culmination of his whole mission: indeed, he came into the world to bring mankind back to God, not on the ideal level—like a philosopher or a master of wisdom—, but really, like a shepherd who wants to lead his own sheep back to the fold.

It was for our sake that he came down from Heaven, and for our sake that he ascended to it, after making himself in all things like men, humbling himself even to death on a cross and after having touched the abyss of the greatest distance from God. For this very reason the Father was pleased with him and "highly exalted" him (Phil 2:9), restoring to him the fullness of his glory, but now with our humanity, God in man—man in God: this even now a reality, not a theoretical truth.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018

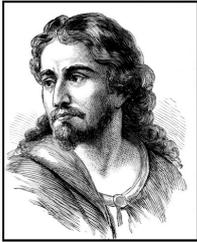
Please pray for the candidates from our Parish who will be receiving from the Bishop the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral next Saturday 19th May.

They will be joining other candidates from the larger Pastoral Area.



**COME, HOLY SPIRIT AND LIGHT IN THEIR  
MINDS, AND FILL THEIR HEARTS WITH  
YOUR FIRE OF DIVINE LOVE.**

# Saint of the Week



## May 14th, Saint Matthias

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus’ followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter indicated, that the scriptural recommendation should be fulfilled that another should take his

office. “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22).

They therefore nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven as the 12th Apostle. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

**Reflection:** What was the holiness of Matthias that made him stand out? Obviously, he was suited for apostleship by the experience of being with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension. He must also have been suited personally, or he would not have been nominated for so great a responsibility. Must we not remind ourselves that the fundamental holiness of Matthias was his receiving gladly the relationship with the Father offered him by Jesus and completed by the Holy Spirit? If the apostles are the foundations of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders, if only implicitly, that holiness is entirely a matter of God’s giving, and it is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life. We receive, and even for this God supplies the power of freedom.

### Could you help the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and their Chaplain?

The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph at Sway are having to build new accommodation for their Chaplain, Fr. Richard Saksons, as his present accommodation has been declared uninhabitable. They are therefore going to building him a new home and have raised some money but have a shortfall of £70,000. They are therefore appealing for help to raise this money. Any help would be most appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, please contact the Prioress Sr. Julie Marsh-Collis, OP, email: [srjuliemc@gmail.com](mailto:srjuliemc@gmail.com)

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYERS

There are several excellent links that will email daily Bible readings and reflections to computer, phone etc.

#### Bishop Robert Barron

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

#### Dr Scott Hann

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections/> **Catholic Daily Reflections**

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/daily-reflections/>

#### Irish Carmelite Reflections

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

#### Universalis.com

<http://universalis.com/n-email.htm>

#### Catholic Daily Reflections and Prayers

<https://mycatholic.life/email-subscription/>

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 \* **Thanks to all who helped make the Ladies’ night such a** \*  
 \* **great success. All the hard effort was much appreciated** \*  
 \* **by all who attended. Hoping to raise £1000!!** \*  
 \* **WELL DONE ALL!** \*  
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### St Anthony’s School Prayer Garden

The school has been awarded a grant to build a Prayer Garden for the children. At the Bishop’s request it should contain an altar, a tabernacle and statues of Our Lady and St Anthony.

A special collection will be held on Pentecost Sunday to augment the funds. The proposal is to donate the altar and the tabernacle plinth from the Lady Chapel which would be more in keeping with an outdoor setting, being made of tree trunks.

Also the large statue of Our Lady, originally from Mill Hill, which would be better suited to a larger space than at present.

### St Margaret Mary Lotto Club

A great job has been done over the last 3 years by supporting the Lotto fundraising initiative. We need your continuing support, please join again by June. The one-off £30 gives 36 opportunities to win over the coming year. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.** Please fill in the form on the Parish website (*make a payment from there too!*) or from the back of the Church. Please support your church and have a bit of fun!

*Catherine and the fundraising team*

### National Eucharistic Congress

#### One-day pilgrimage to Liverpool Saturday 8th September

Bishop Philip invites you to join him in Liverpool at the National Eucharistic Congress to be a public witness that the Church is strong, alive and growing. To share in a unique opportunity to worship Jesus Christ: crucified and risen.

To deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The day will be amazing! Pilgrims will have the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers including

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, & Bishop Robert Barron, and worship with likeminded people. It will also be an

opportunity for pilgrims to remove themselves from their worries for a day, and cast their desires and doubts before the Lord; to find themselves with the disciples at the Last

Supper and rub shoulders with those who gaze on the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross as the heavenly Father reveals through the pilgrims and speakers what in truth the Eucharist is for us. To find out more and join the pilgrimage

Obtain a brochure from the parish office or email:

[congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

The cost of the pilgrimage depends upon how you travel but will be between £40-f110. It may be possible to obtain sponsorship to help with the cost of your

### MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN GIFT AID SCHEME

Please remember that if you have a Gift Aid Number you should write it (or your name) in the box on the envelopes provided. **White** for Sundays, **Brown** for everything else. If you make an anonymous offering we are not able to claim back the tax. This is lost revenue for the upkeep of the Church. Please consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration Form available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the heart of your faithful  
 And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created,  
 and you shall renew the face of the earth.

### Please remember in your prayers

Helen Worstmann, Aileen Hopkins, Joe Morgan, Pam Hale, Oliver Russell, Irene Hollywood, Joan & Jim Brown, Pat Juke, Joseph Dolan, Siobhan Jefferies, Irene Otter, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Marion Celand, Eileen Parsons, Josie Cutcliffe. Maria & John Marvao, Michelle Gray, Mark Jones, Kol Thelis, Val Stoker, Thomas McCartney, Pat Elward, Dennis & Mamie Allen, Netta Tracy, Sue & John Forer, June Paris, John Kinneavy, Susan Bolton, Joyce Redding, Natalie Mahon, Jeanne Key, Kazzy Madeley, Joseph Chisholm, Anne-Marie Mooney,

