



## **Saturday 8 June (Evening Mass): Confirmations**

At the 6.30pm Mass, Bishop William Kenney will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to parishioners who have been preparing over the past several months. We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be fruitful in them.

*This week:*

### **Church Cleaning:**

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group C: Margaret Madden & family, & Michael. Thank you.

## **Monday 10 June: Mary, Mother of the Church**

This is a new celebration, added to the calendar in 2018. It is always on the Monday following Pentecost Sunday, remembering that Mary was there with the disciples when the Holy Spirit came and the Church began its mission.

### **Also Monday 10 June: Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary is a small group of ordinary Catholics who gather to pray and to organise works of mercy. If you would like to join a meeting and find out more, come to the door of the sacristy (at the side of the church) at 7.30pm.

## **Tuesday 11 June: St Barnabas**

Like St Paul, Barnabas is counted as an Apostle despite not being one of the Twelve. The two of them carried out what seems to have been the first mission into Gentile territory.

## **Thursday 13 June: Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

Another new feast in the Church's calendar, this reminds us that Jesus has gone into heaven to be our High Priest, continually offering before God His Father the sacrifice of His Body and Blood. It so happens that this year it supplants the feast of St Anthony.

### **Also Thursday 13 June: Alpha@Greyfriars**

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Each session includes food, a short talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts. This week the question is, 'Why and How Should I Read the Bible?' There's no pressure, no follow up, and no charge. We meet at 6.30pm in the church hall. <https://alpha.org.uk/tryalpha>.

## **Friday 14 June: Holy Rosary**

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All welcome.



*Looking ahead:*

## **Sunday 16 June: Day for Life**

*Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church

teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death ([www.dayforlife.org/](http://www.dayforlife.org/)). At the Sunday Masses there will be a second collection to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

## **Sunday 23 June: Corpus Christi Procession**

This year's procession will take place on Sunday 23 June, setting off from the Oratory at 2:30pm, stopping at Blackfriars, and then moving on to the Oxford University Chaplaincy for Benediction, finishing around 4pm, after which refreshments will be available in the chaplaincy. Everyone is welcome, but especially First Communicants in their finery and bearing petals to strew before Our Lord. And if there are any parishioners willing to act as Stewards for the occasion please meet in the Guild Room at the Oratory no later than 2pm, bringing their own yellow high-vis jackets if at all possible.

## **Wednesday 26 June: CAFOD action against climate change**

Our climate is in crisis. The pace of change is too slow. It is time to say 'Enough.' On Wednesday 26 June thousands of us will gather outside Westminster to tell our MPs that climate change and environmental degradation must stop. Find out more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>.

## **Sunday 30 June: Greyfriars Parish Summer Barbecue**

Please join us in our glorious garden for an afternoon of entertainment and help raise funds to renovate our Church Hall. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1.50 for children if bought in advance (on sale after most Sunday Masses); but on the gate the price will be £4 for adults and £2 for children (in either case, pre-school children have free entry). Price includes a burger or hotdog with salads, when ticket presented at BBQ stall. *We are welcoming donations of prizes for the raffle.*



## **Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church!**

If you are new to the parish and would like to register as a member—whether or not you are a Catholic—please complete a registration form, which can be found in the porch. May the Lord bless you and your family.

### **Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass**

Coffee/tea and light refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass. It is a great opportunity to come after Mass and have a drink and chat, meet friends and make new ones. All are welcome.

### **Website of the Week**

What particular gifts might the Holy Spirit have given you? The *Called and Gifted* page ([www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted/24-charisms.php](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted/24-charisms.php)) on the Portsmouth Diocese website explains the most common gifts or 'charisms'.