

APRIL 2021 ORATORY NEWSLETTER



For the Friends & Benefactors of the Bournemouth Oratory
Parishioners of the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
University Catholic Chaplaincy & Academy of the Annunciation.

Dear Friends,

OUR BISHOP'S LETTER TO EVERYONE forms the centre page spread of this month's Newsletter. It's a great initiative, which needs widely circulating, Please give copies to all your friends and neighbours. It's an opportunity to show what Catholics, the Catholic Church, and our local Parish, is really about, and to engage religious and non-religious people alike. Single copies are available to download from our website.

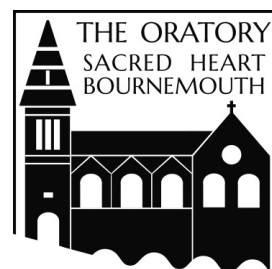
LOCK-DOWN LIFTING and the RESURRECTION will lift our spirits this Eastertide. On 12th April, 17th May, and 21st June the Government aims to gradually lift various restrictions. Let us pray that Parish life may soon be restored, and our Church open again from dawn to dusk.

If you've been isolating, or have been understandably anxious, or have just become accustomed to not going out, or not coming to Mass, we need to realise that viewing live-stream Masses is okay as second best, but is nowhere near like actually being present at Holy Mass. Our Bishop has been encouraging, and we now urge, return to the Sacraments and to normal Catholic life. It is too easy to fall into lax ways or laziness. Let's encourage each other be "at the Lord's own Service, on the Lord's own Day, with the Lord's own People".

Please let us know of parishioners who genuinely can't get out, and need Confession and Holy Communion at home, or who would appreciate a pastoral visit - when we should soon be permitted to do such things again.

PARISH SURVEY Planning for the future use of our redeveloped halls.

A lot has changed over the last 12 months. Looking ahead to when the pandemic is over, we anticipate that redeveloping our halls will play an essential role in parish and local community life. We would like your help in shaping the future use of the redeveloped halls for the benefit of the parish and wider community. Please help us and have your say by completing this anonymous short survey. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the on-line version of the survey. Alternatively, printed copies are available on request from the back of the Church, or by contacting the Parish Office.



THE ORATORY CHOSEN AS A SHRINE CHURCH during the coming Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. In addition to our Cathedral in Portsmouth, Bishop Philip has chosen the Oratory, and the Catholic Church in Reading (in the north and south of the diocese), to be Shrine Churches from the Feast of Corpus Christi at the beginning of June. We are to be a hub of Eucharistic Adoration, with a programme of devotions, teachings, displays and publications. Diocesan Parishes and individuals will be coming on pilgrimage to our Shrine Church. We thank Bishop Philip for the confidence which he thereby places in the Oratory and Sacred Heart Parish. Give us your ideas and aspirations. Details will be published in the May edition of this Monthly Newsletter.

THE ORATORY SHOP reopen from 12th April when all retail resumes. We have cards for all occasions, books, rosaries, statues, devotional items, and everything distinctly Catholic. Weekday morning access is via the Parish Office in Post Office Road, and Sundays we are open after the 10.30am Solemn Mass.

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri

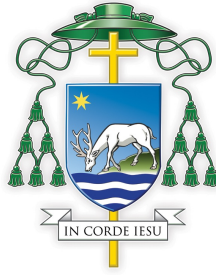
Fr Dominic Jacob <i>Delegate & Novice Master</i>	Fr Peter Edwards <i>Moderator & Parish Priest</i>	Fr Andrew Wagstaff <i>University Catholic Chaplain</i>	Br Francisco Hintikka <i>Sacristan & Priestly studies</i>	Br Antony Lummis <i>Novice Lay Brother</i>
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Letter to Everyone

who lives within the Diocese of Portsmouth

from Bishop Philip Egan on Easter Sunday 4th April 2021.

AN OFFER THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Dear All,

My name is Philip Egan, and I am writing to you as the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. A bishop is an ‘overseer’ appointed by the Pope. Originally, I come from Altrincham in Cheshire and until 2012 I was a parish priest near Stockport. Our Diocese covers a large swathe of southern England from Oxford and Windsor down to the South Coast and the Channel Islands. Over 3 million people live in our area. About 200,000 (7%) are Catholics. We have 90 parishes, 70 schools and 35 religious communities. Today, I am writing to you, and to everyone who lives within this area, every child, woman and man, whether you consider yourself to be a person of religious faith or not. This Easter, I want, on behalf of the Catholic community, to send you my warmest greetings and to extend to you a hand of respect, friendship and service.

This last year has been extraordinary, and I wish to share with you some of the things on my mind. The COVID pandemic has caused great harm and disruption, physical, mental, emotional and financial. Sadly, many have fallen sick; some have lost their lives. Yet we have also witnessed amazing generosity and self-sacrifice. I think here of all the medical staff, carers and key workers. The pandemic has had a big impact on the Church. There was a period when our churches - unjustly in my view - had to be closed. But many of our parishes and schools responded creatively to the challenge. Our hospital chaplains bravely supported the medical staff, and continued caring for the sick and dying. Priests and parishioners did all they could to keep in touch with the housebound by email, Zoom and phone. Our schools reached out to the neediest families with food-parcels, and Caritas, our charitable organisation, adapted its activities, feeding the homeless and caring for the mentally ill.

As Christians, we have been praying for a speedy resolution to this pandemic. Thanks to the ingenuity with which God has gifted scientists and others, there are now some positive signs, not least the vaccination programme. The fact that the vaccines are being given first to the most vulnerable reveals that society knows in its heart that the beauty and dignity of every human life is inviolable. The Catholic Church proclaims this to be true of every person from the moment of their conception to the awesome moment of their natural death: an unborn child in the womb, a new-born baby, an infant, a teenager and young adult, a grown up and a senior. Every person, regardless of their sex, colour, race or creed, regardless of their health, sexuality or wealth, regardless of their faults or failings, is of infinite value. Every person is a gift enriching the community, “holy ground” that we enter upon only with the utmost reverence.

I’m sure that, like me, your life has changed over these last months in its pace and routine, in the way you work and the way you spend your time. I have often felt isolated from the ones I love and learnt afresh how important to me loved ones truly are. The pandemic has exposed the fragility of modern life. It has also exposed its inequalities, unfairness and wastefulness. Many have been reviewing their priorities and asking questions about what is really valuable, about family, love and happiness, about life, death and the role of religion. Interestingly, thousands have been tuning into online religious services, and the word “prayer” as an internet search has surged. But the big question now is: What sort of post-COVID world do we want to inhabit?

We are at a turning-point. We have a God-given opportunity to rebuild a better world, in which truly human values are to the fore: care for the young, for the sick, and the poor, care for nature, care for a more just society. People have said that during the crisis the voice of the Church has been unhelpfully silent. Well, let me give a lead! I hereby call on all our politicians and policy-makers to listen to these aspirations, especially to the cry of the poor and those on the margins. And to each of you reading, don't let these aspirations be swallowed up in grand ideological plans, but concentrate on changing things yourself at home, at work, amongst your friends and on your street.

Why am I writing to you? I said I wanted, as a bishop and a fellow human being, to extend a hand of friendship and service. In fact, I want to make you an offer. For every human being wants to be happy, wants to be loved, wants to give love, wants to belong, wants to live forever. I believe that none of this is possible ultimately without a relationship with God. True, people ask: If God is so good, why does He allow bad things to happen? And why is religion often abused, leading to violence? Yet at its purest, faith in Jesus Christ responds to the human person's deepest longings. It gives immortality, tranquillity of spirit, an assurance of things hoped for. It gives friendship and a sense of belonging. It gives the strength to do the impossible, to bear sickness, suffering, sadness, death. It gives meaning and purpose. It grounds ethics. It builds community, encouraging self-sacrifice and service of the poor. It offers the glue that fosters social cohesion. Our British society has been moulded over many centuries by these beliefs, yet today they are much eroded; in fact, they are vanishing. No wonder we worry about the world our children will live in.

My offer of help is this. We need to ponder the sort of post-COVID world we wish for. We need to reflect too that one day we will die: what happens then to all my work and efforts? We need to think about values and our friendship with God. We need to get right the spiritual dimension of life if we are to tackle the practical. This is why I'd like to invite you to meet the clergy and people of the Church near you. They can help you to pray, meet God and develop a personal friendship with Him. You will hear from them the Good News of Jesus Christ and what it means. In this way, you can find the Way that leads to that true, lasting human happiness and fulfilment for which we all long. Here's a suggestion: why not try our website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or email me on bishopphilipegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk ?

Peace be with you! I wish you a Happy Easter!

Thank you for your attention - and please be assured of my prayers.

In Corde Iesu,

+ *Philip*

Bishop of Portsmouth

SUNDAYS AT THE ORATORY

5pm Saturday Vigil Mass.
8am Quiet Mass.
10.30am Solemn Mass
6pm Benediction

WEEKDAYS

Mass at 7.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Daily Mass at 12.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Daily - 20 minutes before every Mass

Also 11am - 12noon Wednesdays & Saturdays
during Holy Hour of Eucharistic Exposition

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www.bournemouthoratory.org.uk

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Saint Philip's daily maxims - delivered daily FREE to your device via: www.sacredartseries.com

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Congratulation to those who were Baptized, Confirmed, and Received into the Catholic Church, at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 3rd April:

Matthew & Liliana Wood were Baptized. Kavan Wood was Baptized and Confirmed. Sharon Head and Alex Pardon, were Received into the Catholic Church and Confirmed. Daina Desiderio and Isabel Metcalfe were Confirmed. Others will be Confirmed at Pentecost.

MASS INTENTIONS for APRIL 2021 at the BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY

Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY 5pm Spanish Community 8am Pro Populo 10.30 Andrew Watts, Thanksgiving	Sunday 4th April EASTER SUNDAY 8am Pro Populo 10.30 Dr Anthony Bacon, RIP	Sunday 11th April 5pm Gillian Barry, Thanksgiving 8am Pro Populo 10.30 Maureen Savage, RIP	Sunday 18th April 5pm Shoekum N, Wellbeing 8am Pro Populo 10.30 Mary Rees, Birthday	Sunday 25th April 5pm Lupita Diaz Ballen, RIP 8am Leslie Gardner RIP 10.30 Pro Populo
Monday 29th 7.30 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors 12.15 Agnieszka Pasinska, Wellbeing	Monday 5th 12.15 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors	Monday 12th 7.30 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors 12.15 Rita White, RIP	Monday 19th 7.30 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors 12.15 Mary Rees, Wellbeing	Monday 26th 7.30 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors 12.15 Victor Neba
Tuesday 30th 12.15 Holy Souls	Tuesday 6th 12.15 Jose Luis Oliveira, RIP	Tuesday 13th 12.15 Oratory Vocations	Tuesday 20th 12.15 Bernard Donelon & Sylvia Heneghan	Tuesday 27th 12.15 Oton Volozinsky RIP
Wednesday 31st 7.30 All Priests 12.15 Tony McCarthy, RIP	Wednesday 7th 7.30 Oratory Vocations 12.15 Sylvia Cowan, RIP	Wednesday 14th 7.30 Donald Thorpe, RIP 12.15 Nikki Cullen, Wellbeing	Wednesday 21st 7.30 Oratory Vocations 12.15 Kas, Nilda & Isabella, Wellbeing	Wednesday 28th 7.30 Oratory Vocations 12.15 Pat Grisdale, RIP
1st April MAUNDY THURSDAY 8pm Maria and Vinu Mathew, Wellbeing	Thursday 8th 12.15 Michael Ng, RIP	Thursday 15th 12.15 Claire Partridge, Anniversary	Thursday 22nd 12.15 All Priests	Thursday 29th 12.15 Zenaida Armenta, RIP
2nd April GOOD FRIDAY 3pm Passion	Friday 9th 7.30am Holy Souls 12.15 Nikki Cullen, RIP *6pm Corona Virus Victims, Sick & Dead	Friday 16th 7.30 All Priests 12.15 David Wright, RIP	Friday 23rd 7.30 Michael Perry, Sick 12.15 Sr Kathleen Garrod RIP	Friday 30th 7.30 Holy Souls 12.15 Karen Bayly, Sick
3rd April HOLY SATURDAY 8pm Richard & Margaret Farman	Saturday 10th 12.15 Betty & Ray Knight, RIP	Saturday 17th 12.15 Robert Cullen	Saturday 24th 12.15 Menegon & Mello Family, RIP	Saturday 1st May 12.15 Patricia Marsh RIP

* Extraordinary Form Mass: 6pm on 1st Friday of each month & Eve of Holy Days

IN THE PANDEMIC: We pray especially for all those suffering direct results of the Corona Virus, and those whose medical care or operations have been cancelled or postponed by the crisis. We pray for NHS Staff, paramedics, care-workers, shop assistants, delivery services, and others who risk their health in order to serve the community.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Gerard Wright, Francis Addington, Sylvia Burton, Ruth Balaam, Brian Coburn, Justina Dawson, Patrick Doyle, Bernard Farrell, Catherine Harbour, Bronislawa Konstantin, Tony Long, Mike McCabe, Francis McCausland, Mary Moret, Ann Murray, Bernard Partridge, Gladys Richardson, Sheila Shelley, Matthew Sims, Michael Sullivan, Hilary Timson, Derek Van Der Syde, Simon Walters, Kathleen Wood, Alan Wright, Richard Farman, Patricia Murdock-Saint.

OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY, Dorothy Barker, Kevin Harris, Damien Lee, Kathleen Ferns, and Joan Brown, for our departed Friends and Benefactors, and those who have died from the Corona Virus, or as a result of this pandemic.

AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS DURING APRIL: 2nd Daniel Cunningham, 3rd Violet Pauline Nunn, 4th Helen Faulkner, 7th Millicent Mary Fordham, Gian FrancoNobis, 8th Oswald Aurelius Rego, 9th Vivienne Boyd-Lowthin, 10th Monica Mabel Caseley, Michael James Pearson, Patricia Bailey, 11th Marguerite Lilian Wells, Kathleen Burke, John Knight, 13th Peter James Martin, 14th Donald Thorpe, Philip Noel Healy, 15th Joan Rosamund Aitken, 17th Michael Cianchetta, 19th John Leese, Nabil Gabriel Obagi, 20th Winifred Josephine Shackell, Norma Marsh, 22nd Brian John Hannan, Kathleen Margaret Pearce, 23rd Dmytro Bojeczko, 26th Sheila Molly Lillian KyJak-Lane, 28th Charlotte Niamh Corrigan, 29th Noel Brendan Hamilton, 30th Theresa Mary Kilding

BOURNEMOUTH PASTORAL AREA

NB. New 'phone numbers for the Hospital etc

Annunciation & St Edmund Campion
 Mass: 9am (Polish), 11am, 6.30pm
 Fr Bernardine Nsom
 218 Charminster Rd
 BH8 9RW
 Tel: 01202 513369

St Edmund Campion & Polish Chaplain
 Mass: 9am, 7pm (Polish)
 Fr Lucasz.
 481 Castle Lane West
 BH8 9TN
 bournemouth@pcmew.org Tel:
 01202 619668

Corpus Christi
 Mass: 9.30am,
 Fr Adrian Howell SJ
 18 St James's Square
 Boscombe BH5 2BX
 Tel: 01202 425286

Our Lady Immaculate
 Mass: 9:30am
 Fr Andrew Moore
 32 Alum Chine Road
 Westbourne
 BH4 9DX
 Tel: 01202 764027

Hospital Chaplains:
 Fr Darryl Jordan OLV
 Chaplaincy: **0300 019 4221**
 Royal Brmth & Christchurch
 Switchboard: **01202 303626**
 (ask for Chaplaincy).
 Dcn McConville for Poole
 Hospital: **0300 019 2167**