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TODAY'S GOSPEL

While the
farmer sleeps,

the seeds are
sprouting and
growing.

He knows not
how.

GENERAL ELECTION, 4TH JULY 2024: If a candidate knocked on your door today, do you know what you would ask them about? Would your concerns be international, national, or local? Would they be about your own needs or the needs of others? Does being Catholic inform the questions you might ask? Our Bishops' Conference has created a webpage about issues important to Catholics. There is more information here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>. We can also find a great deal of information via <https://cafod.org.uk> and follow the election link. The Church will never tell us how to use our vote, but there are issues of global and local justice that we and candidates must be made aware of and engage with in a meaningful way. Be informed so that we can vote wisely on July 4th. Here is some guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest. Throughout this election season we will be seeking answers which will help the poor, the marginalised, and the vulnerable. We seek a

society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. Families are the heart of our communities and society. We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values. But this is not just about leaders, it is about us. We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead. We hope that these resources will help in that endeavour. There are many issues of interest to Catholic voters (please go to website for more info).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CONSULTATION: The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. We can have our say by going to the website below. Please respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)
 TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 16 JUNE	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Lessler & Merifield Families World Peace
Mon 17	Feria, week 11	No Mass		
Tues 18	Feria, week 11	No Mass		
Wed 19	St Romuald	Mass	10.00am	+John Boocock
Thurs 20	St Alban	Mass	10.00am	+Mary & John Loftus
Fri 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Mass	10.00am	+Mike Howe
Sat 22	Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	No AM Mass		
SUN 23 JUNE	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	Fr.Bill (30th Anny) +Ralph Popham

15/16 June Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) MH CdE, JT, TC
 10.00am MP LD, JN, SS

22/23 June Reader EMHC
 Vigil (Sat) AN KD, CdE, BD
 10.00am OB SP, SS, JK

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.

families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>

ANNUAL DAY FOR LIFE: Falls today. Please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> for info. There is a second collection in support of the Bishops' ethical think tank, the Linacre Centre.

FR BILL'S PIZZA PARTY: Next Saturday after evening Mass. There is a sign up sheet for attendance and choice of pizza. Other food will be available.

CONFIRMATION 2024/25: Prospective candidates are asked to complete an application form available at the back of the church and return it by June 30th at the very latest. Candidates *must* already be regular attendees at Saturday/Sunday Mass. Please attach a COPY of your Baptism certificate. Thanks.

PLEASE NOTE: there is no Mass at OLOL on Tuesday of this week.

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Alice Loftus, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Elouise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Marie Doolan, Paul Gordellier, Mary Tanner, Dcn Anthony Cairns, Oliver, Gill Norris, Mary Dene.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE: We've got four volunteers so far. Are you interested? If so, please email Fr Bill at wwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

COACH TRIP TO ARUNDEL AND CHICHESTER CATHEDRALS: Organised by St Francis of Assisi Parish, Milford on Sea, Wednesday 4th September. Cost £25.50, excluding optional guided tour and food. Coach leaves St Francis at 9.00am and returns at 7.00pm. Booking forms and menus available at the back of OLOL church. Please return to Lizzie or Fr. Bill.

PARISH ACCOUNTS: Please take a sheet with our income and expenditure for the last few months home with you. Thanks to Colin for preparing this for us.



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Parish website
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