

Our Lady in the Catechism of the Catholic Church

964 Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion.

965 After her Son's Ascension, Mary aided the beginnings of the Church... imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation.

966 Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

967 By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a pre-eminent and . . . wholly unique member of the Church; indeed, she is the exemplary realization (*typus*) of the Church.

968 Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace.

969 This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfilment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation . . . Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.

970 Mary's function as mother...in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. But the Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on men . . . flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on his mediation, depends entirely on it, and draws all its power from it. No creature could ever be counted along with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer; but just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by his ministers and the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is radiated in different ways among his creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.



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Sunday 5 th May	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year C: Week 3 <i>[white]</i> <i>RIP Alex and Breda Smith</i> <i>Preacher from the Comboni Fathers</i> <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Preacher from the Comboni Fathers</i>
Monday 6 th May	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i>
Tuesday 7 th May	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i> <i>Holy Souls [Julie Lazarus]</i>
Wednesday 8 th May	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i>
Thursday 9 th May	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	<i>[white]</i>
Friday 10 th May	<i>St Amand's Chapel 1256</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	<i>[white]</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 11 th May	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> No Mass. Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot: 9.30am	<i>[white]</i>
Sunday 12 th May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year C: Week 4 <i>[white]</i> <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

We remember the traditional association of the month of May by reciting the Rosary after Mass. Please stay and join in as you are able. The teaching on Our Lady, as summarised in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is the back page feature of this Newsletter.

VISITING PREACHER

Today (**Sunday 5th May**) we welcome a preacher from the Comboni Fathers. We look forward to welcoming him and to hearing all about the work of the Comboni Fathers. The second collection is donated to the support of this work.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **May 7th** and **June 4th**. At our meeting in May we will read chapter 5 of John's Gospel and the story of Jesus healing on the Sabbath the man ill for 38 years. All are very welcome. We meet in the parish rooms from 7.30-9.00 pm. Please contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com

EASTER TRIUMPH! EASTER JOY!

For Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Intercession Leaders, Servers and Lay Faithful. **Saturday 11th May**, 9.30am-1pm, at the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Boars Hill. We have booked places for up to 30 people. Please email Maria asap at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

HEALING SEMINARS

With Fr Nicholas Broadbridge at Elmore Abbey. Starting on the **11th May** until 22nd June, from 10am to 5pm. For more details please see leaflets in church.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER SOUGHT

At St Gregory the Great Catholic School, Oxford. Applications are welcomed from committed Catholic educators, whether currently working in the Catholic sector or beyond. For more information please see advert in church. Closing date **13th May**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th May**, at 8pm, St Michael's Room.

PARISH COLLECTION

We collected £249.51 on Good Friday for the Holy Places.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund: 12th May



NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadyga Adasko and Angus Clark.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Alex Smith, Sybil Hudson, Margaret Mulford, Rosino Vettraino, Ida Northcote and Mary Flannery.*

HOLY FATHER'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION - May the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE

On Friday evenings, starting on **17th May** from 18:30-20:00. Please email and book with Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Places are limited!

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (20th May)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers. For more information, please contact Gillian at gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

On **Saturday 1st June** at St Edmund's Church, Radley Road, Abingdon OX14 3PL. One session on Child Protection from 10.00am – 12.30pm and a Refresher Training from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Bookings by email at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH CELEBRATIONS—PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES

- **Sunday 23rd June:** First Holy Communion at 11am, at St Mary's.
- **Sunday 30th June:** BBQ at Snells Hall from 12-4pm
- **Sunday 14th July:** BBQ at St Patrick's
- **Sunday 18th August:** St Mary's Foundation Celebrations. The Wheatsheaf.

CONFESSIONS

Every Catholic in good standing is asked to make his or her Confession at least once a year, sometime around Easter. There is no obligation to do this in one's own parish or with a priest whom one knows. The Easter period of grace extends until Pentecost.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after every Sunday Mass and at St Michael's Room on the first Sunday of the month.