

Holidays and Holy Days

LIVING in a Catholic country, one would know about the link between holidays and holy days. Most holidays are religious festivals - unlike Britain where, apart from Christmas and Easter, we have 'bank holidays'. Even in Britain, however, the clue is in the name: 'holiday' is obviously a variant on 'holy day'.

It is not always appreciated that it is the Jewish-Christian tradition which gives us special days of rest and recreation once a week, as well as the idea of taking 'holy days' as 'holidays', times of rest and recreation. We have a very well-developed idea of 'rest and recreation', not least by joining the Jewish Sabbath – Saturday – at the end of the week with the Christian Day of Resurrection – Sunday – at the beginning of the week to form 'the weekend'. The Church has tried to keep pace with this by starting Sunday celebrations on Saturday nights. People who can't get to Mass on Sunday can keep the Sunday obligation by going to Mass on Saturday night. The problem with the weekend is that it has become so busy with family and leisure activities – not to mention the business of housekeeping and shopping – that sometimes the bit that gets missed out is the one vital bit.

This is the time of year when families go off 'on holiday'. Perhaps a beach in Spain. Perhaps a seaside resort in Britain. Schools – pupils and teachers – enjoy a long break, though some educationalists worry about such a gap in the teaching programme and some parents worry about child care in these months. It seems we owe the origins of the long holiday to the need to free up children and young people to work in the fields, gathering the harvest. Growing from this is the opportunity university teachers have in what are called 'vacations' to concentrate on research. Students too can go travelling or earn extra cash.

Just as the Church has to go with 'the weekend', so we have to acknowledge that the summer break is where one lot of activities and meetings ends and another lot starts. Nowadays we have autumn programmes. But the clue to all our resting is in the word 'holiday'. Let us remember the importance of 'holy days' as well as 'holidays'.

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Sunday 21 st July	SUNDAY XVI PER ANNUM Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Baptism: 12.30pm St Patrick's	Year C: Week 4 [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 22 nd July	St Mary Magdalen Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	Week 16 per annum [Year 1] [white]
Tuesday 23 rd July	St Bridget of Sweden, Foundress, Patron of Europe Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] <i>FM Edward Monk 1966</i>
Wednesday 24 th July	<i>Feria</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
Thursday 25 ^h July	St James, Apostle Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[red]
Friday 26 th July	SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[white] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 27 th July	<i>Of Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <i>No Mass: Mass at 9.30am English Martyrs', Didcot</i>	[white]
Sunday 28 th July	SUNDAY XVII PER ANNUM Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Baptism: 12.30pm St Patrick's	Year C: Week 1 [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by after any weekday Mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

PARISH CENSUS

Thank you to the many who have already completed. An urgent request to those who haven't, to fill in the forms as soon as possible. No one is too well-known or too marginal. We want to include everyone.

ANNABEL POPPY THOMAS

Welcome today to the family and friends of Christopher and Maria Thomas, whose daughter, Annabel Poppy is due to be baptised at 12.30pm at St Patrick's.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is no Children's Liturgy until Sunday 8th September. We hope families will enjoy the summer break and the opportunity to be together throughout Mass. There will be material available in the Holy Family Room should parents want to make use of it.

ST PATRICK'S BBQ

Though this is written in advance, we are sure that the BBQ at St Patrick's on 14th July went really well and offer our thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes and over a hot stove!

STRONG PERSON'S HELP REQUIRED PLEASE!

If you are in the vicinity of the church on Mondays and could wheel the rubbish bins from the front of the church out to the pavement, ready for collection on Tuesday that would be hugely appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

There are limited seats available for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman. From Saturday 12 – Tuesday 15 October 2019. Includes Return Flights from Gatwick, Half board accommodation in Rome Hotel, Airport transfers, tour of St Peter's Basilica and Canonisation Mass. Please call Leisure time Travel 0151 287 8000, 07512 856 045.

NEXT PARISH CELEBRATION

Sunday 18th August: St Mary's Foundation Celebrations. The Wheatsheaf.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised £853.66 of which 97% was Gift aided. We raised £105 for the Apostleship of the Sea. Thank you!

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

For the Refugee Council: **28th July**

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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, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale and Mary McNichol.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Theresa Ayles and Susan Little*

HOLY FATHER'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION - May those who administer justice work with integrity, and may the injustice present in the world not have the last word.

FANING THE FLAME - SUMMER CAMP

An amazing adventure summer camp from the **19-23 August** in Sway, New Forest. For ages 10-25. Please see poster and booking form at the back of the church.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on **Tuesdays, August 6th** and September 3rd. In August we will read of Jesus' revelation in the Temple that he perfects the Law given to Moses as he is the Light of the World. This deepens the dispute between him and the Jewish authorities. Also in chapter 8 of John's Gospel we read of the attempts to trap him in his judgement of the woman accused of adultery. All welcome; Parish rooms at 7.30 pm and finish between 8.30 and 9.00pm. Please contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

PILGRIMAGES

ST JOHN PAUL II WALKING PILGRIMAGE 1st- 4th August. Come and walk 50 miles with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Going from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham. Please note that pilgrims must be physically capable of walking 20 miles in one day. **Cost:** £90 per head, £60 for students/unemployed and £50 per head for families. For more information please go to **W** www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/JPII or call 01590 681874

HOLY LAND 10-17 November 2019. Includes return flights from London, 7 nights in Four star Hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, full religious programme, local guide. Cost pp

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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.