

DEANERY OF ST EDMUND CAMPION

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East Hendred Catholic Parish

Before Lent

5th – 12th February 2023



Reflection - *Septuagesima*

AT THIS time of year the Church Calendar is a little untidy. Between Advent and Candlemas – the Winter months – we think of the coming of Christ, his birth, and his presentation as a young child in the temple. When Spring comes – think Candlemas and snowdrops – we have already encountered the adult Jesus, preaching and healing, confronting the authorities, and we see him making his way to Jerusalem, there to suffer and to die. In a short space we seem to have progressed from Christmas to Easter, from Birth to Resurrection. There are inevitable difficulties, exploring thirty-three years in little over three months. So we have duplications and things out of chronological sequence.

An earlier version of our Calendar marked out the three Sundays before Lent as the '*-gesima*' Sundays. The first of these – *Septuagesima* – occurs this year on 5th February. Had we been observing that, we should be discontinuing the *Gloria* at Mass, burying the *Alleluia* until Easter, and putting on purple vestments already. This 'Greater Lent' is untidy in its own way: if *Septua-* means 'seventy', *Sexa-* means 'sixty', and *Quinqua-* 'fifty', you could be forgiven for taking terms literally and thinking that weeks last ten days. Nonetheless, it is not a bad idea to have a short season preparing for the onset of a thoughtful and considered Lent.

It is usual to see Candlemas as an old-fashioned signpost, one arm pointing back to Christmas, the other pointing forward to Easter. The Incarnation Cycle is followed by the Easter Cycle. Sometimes, because Easter is moveable, there is a gap between the end of one and the beginning of the other – an inconvenient week or two. That is one kind of untidiness. Another is what we have this year – the one ending two days after the other has started. These untidy details superficially remind us that the liturgical Calendar is organic – it has grown through the ages, and sometimes has needed to be pruned. But more profoundly we are aware that all these mysteries which we celebrate are with us always. They are timeless. So the Christ who comes at Christmas comes to us in the Holy Eucharist and will come at the end of time. The Risen Lord who will greet us on Easter Morning is the underlying reality on whom our faith has been based since our own baptism and the baptisms of those who have gone before us. As we have sought to experience the Word made Flesh in the Incarnation, let us now look forward to walking the Way of the Cross and so sharing in the glory of the Resurrection.

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All masses live-streamed www.churchservices.tv/easthendre

Sunday 5th February [SEPTUAGESIMA]	FIFTH SUNDAY <i>Per Annum</i> [green] 9.15am Children's Church (<i>Parish Rooms</i>) 9.30am Parish Mass <i>Pro populo</i> 11.15am Mass at St Patrick's 6pm Holy Mass
Monday 6 th February	ST AMAND , Bishop [white] 9.30am Patronal School Mass <i>in School</i>
Tuesday 7 th February	<i>Feria (Week 5 Per annum)</i> [green] 9.15am Holy Mass <i>FM Col. S V Daughlish 1925</i>
Wednesday 8 th February	<i>St Josephine Bakhita, Religious</i> [white] 9.15am Holy Mass <i>FM Ada Daubenay 1953</i>
Thursday 9 th February	<i>Feria (Week 5 Per annum)</i> [green] 9.15am Holy Mass <i>FM Rachel Hunt 1884</i>
Friday 10 th February	St Scholastica, Religious [white] 8.30am Holy Mass <i>FM Hilda Balcombe 1953</i> 3pm <i>Adoration in St Mary's</i>
Saturday 11 th February	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> [white] No Mass
Sunday 12th February [SEXAGESIMA]	SIXTH SUNDAY <i>Per Annum</i> [green] 9.15am Children's Church (<i>Parish Rooms</i>) 9.30am Parish Mass <i>Pro populo</i> 11.15am Mass at St Patrick's 6pm Holy Mass

Confessions: after Mass (weekdays) or by appointment

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Fr Andrew is usually available to speak to after Mass.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other meetings are most conveniently made by e-mail.

Ma Lluisa Jarne: office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk
or Sunday mass or on Mondays, 6pm-8pm, on 07983045824.



Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

ON 1st February 2023. Bishop Philip presented us with the challenge to 'to establish or pledge to develop six holy habits':

- to keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass.
- to spend five minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures
- to do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy
- every fortnight to make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
- to go to Confession once a month
- join a small group for formation, prayer, and fellowship

BISHOP PHILIP HAS COMPILED A PRAYER BOOK, 'LORD I AM NOT WORTHY' AND SOME OF THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH, ONE PER HOUSEHOLD.

GIVING

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is appealing for funds to help the suffering Church. Contact 0345 646 0110 or www.acnuk.org/sy21donate

DIDCOT

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: veronicapaget@hotmail.com or leave suitable food outside her front door.

GIVING TO THE PARISH *(NB some changes here w.e.f. 1st February)*
BY REGULAR STANDING ORDER OR GIFT

BANK DETAILS: CDP East Hendred, St Mary

Sort Code: 309304 Account Number: 00877183

Please note: though the Bank Account Name has changed, the Sort Code and Account Number have not changed. New arrangements need to specify 'CDP East Hendred, St Mary': the prefix PRCDT has been superseded.

To arrange Gift Aid, contact : office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

Please let us know (if you are a UK Taxpayer) if you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid. At the start of the tax year we need anybody in Gift Aid to let us know if they are no longer taxpayers. In that case we should not make a claim.

Donations to the parish: www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

The Donate button links to 'Give as you Live'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 th	<i>(National:)</i> Cold Ash Centre, Thatcham <i>(Diocesan:)</i> Parish of Sacred Heart, Bournemouth
Monday 6 th	Chapel of St Amand & St John the Baptist, East Hendred
Tuesday 7 th	Bellringers Guild of St Agatha
Wednesday 8 th	Victims of Human Trafficking
Thursday 9 th	Community of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford
Friday 10 th	Benedictine Nuns in the Diocese
Saturday 11 th	World Day of Prayer for the Sick

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Diana France, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 5th - 11th February 2023: James Goodhall, William Howard, Elizabeth Ellamery, James Stanley Hogan, James Herd, Tamsie Castle, Patrick Andrew Rush, Peter Mulford, Adrian Fortescue, Agnes Smith.

NOTICEBOARD

MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Monday is St Amand's Day, the Feast of Title of the School, and Mass will be celebrated in school at 9.30am and not in St Mary's.

CHURCH HEATING

We are doing our best with the Burning Fiery Furnace ('the BFF' see Daniel 3:11) to pre-heat the church before Sunday Mass. During this coming week, because temperatures are forecast to be around four or five degrees at 9am we shall carry on but advise people to wrap up warm.

THE BISHOP'S VISIT

The Bishop is intending to visit us on Sunday 5th March in time to celebrate the 6pm Mass. It is not a formal visitation but a pastoral visit. I shall pray and hope for a good turnout, especially from our young people.

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday 29th January 2023, 67 people viewed, 40 machines looking only at St Mary's. 23 of these were in the UK, 21 in the USA, and 17 elsewhere. 23 probably stayed on-line long enough to take part in Mass.

FLAME

Flame, the largest youth gathering of Catholics, is taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 4th March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!' All young people, whether from the parish, at school (Year 9 or older), or at university are welcome. Loud music, bright lights, moments of stillness..... Any questions? Contact youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 07780 221686.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Those aged 16 or above by July 2023 are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. For further information, see the posters in church, or please email wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



CAFOD meeting Saturday 28th February 10:30am to 12:30pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT

You are invited to come to a meeting about CAFOD and how your donations make a difference to the communities that we work with. There will be an update on our work tackling climate change in Bangladesh as that is our focus story for Lent fast day . Please contact Jo Lewry for more details and to book your place by emailing jlwry@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447

The Gospel according to Matthew (iii)

IN THE "Sermon on the Mount" the theme of righteousness is prominent, and even at this early stage of the ministry the note of opposition is struck between Jesus and the Pharisees, who are designated as "the hypocrites" (**Mt 6:2, 5, 16**). The righteousness of his disciples must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees; otherwise, in spite of their alleged following of Jesus, they will not enter into the kingdom of heaven (**Mt 5:20**). Righteousness means doing the will of the heavenly Father (**Mt 7:21**), and his will is proclaimed in a manner that is startling to all who have identified it with the law of Moses. The antitheses of the Sermon (**Mt 5:21-48**) both accept (**Mt 5:21-30, 43-48**) and reject (**Mt 5:31-42**) elements of that law, and in the former case the understanding of the law's demands is deepened and extended. The antitheses are the best commentary on the meaning of Jesus' claim that he has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law (**Mt 5:17**). What is meant by fulfillment of the law is not the demand to keep it exactly as it stood before the coming of Jesus, but rather his bringing the law to be a lasting expression of the will of God, and in that fulfillment there is much that will pass away. Should this appear contradictory to his saying that "until heaven and earth pass away" not even the smallest part of the law will pass (**Mt 5:18**), that time of fulfillment is not the dissolution of the universe but the coming of the new age, which will occur with Jesus' death and resurrection. While righteousness in the new age will continue to mean conduct that is in accordance with the law, it will be conduct in accordance with the law as expounded and interpreted by Jesus (cf. **Mt 28:20**, "...all that I have commanded you").

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to be continued.....

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**Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

Entrance Antiphon

Venite, adoremus Deum

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Cf Ps 95:6-7

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10 (RSV)

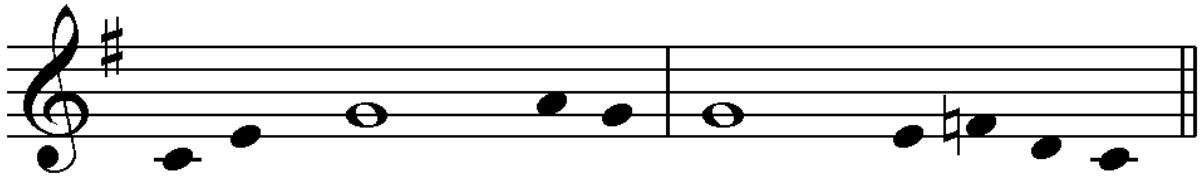
Thus says the Lord:

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am.

“If you take away from the midst of you the yoke,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
¹⁰if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

Psalm 112

Tone V.3



Ps 112:4-9 R/ 4

R/ *The good man is a light in the dark-ness | () for the up-right.*

A light rises in the darkness for the *up-right*:
he is generous, mer-*ci*-ful and just.
It goes well for the man who deals generously *and* lends,
who conducts his af-*fairs* with jus-tice. ***R/***

He will never *be* moved;
forever shall the just *be* re-mem-bered.
He has no fear of e-*vil* news;
with a firm heart he *trusts* in the Lord. ***R/***

With a steadfast heart he will *not* fear;
Open-handed, he *gives* to the poor;
his justice stands firm for e-ver.
His might shall be exal -ted in glo-ry. ***R/***

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (RSV)

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in

demonstration of the Spirit and power,⁵ that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I AM the light of the world, says *the* Lord;
anyone who follows me will have *the* light of life.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16 (RSV)

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

(V De creatione)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for ever praise you in your mighty works. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Communion Antiphon

Confiteantur Domino

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men; for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Cf Ps 107:8-9

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading

Week 5 [I]

Monday	Genesis 1:1-19	Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1:20 - 2:4	Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2:18-25	Mark 7:24-30
Friday	Genesis 3:1-8	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3:9-24	Mark 8:1-10

Next Sunday

SUNDAY 6A

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

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