

**DEANERY OF ST EDMUND CAMPION
ENGLISH MARTYRS—
VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE PASTORAL AREA**

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East Hendred Catholic Parish

2nd – 9th October 2022



Harvest Thanksgiving

WEEK 27 YEAR 2

2nd – 9th October 2022

All masses live-streamed www.churchservices.tv/easthendred
book for Sunday morning Mass: hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
St Mary's is usually open each day from 9am until late afternoon.

SUNDAY 27C 2 nd October	Harvest Thanksgiving	[Green]
	9.15am Children's Church	(St Mary's Parish Rooms)
	9.30am Parish Mass	
	11.15am Mass at St Patrick's	
	6pm Holy Mass	FM Canon Raab 1945

<i>WEEK 27 (Year 2)</i>	<i>Feria (Of Week 27)</i>	[Green]
Monday 3rd	9.15am Holy Mass	FM Edward Woods 1937

Tuesday 4th	St Francis of Assisi, Founder	[White]
	9.15am Holy Mass	FM Bridget Woods 1937

Wednesday 5th	<i>Feria (Of Week 27)</i>	[Green]
	No Mass	

Thursday 6th	<i>Feria (Of Week 27)</i>	[Green]
	9.15am School Mass	St Amand's Intentions

Friday 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary	[White]
	8.30am Mass (Hendred House)	Holy Souls

Saturday 8th	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i>	
	No Mass	

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	9.30am Parish Mass	
	11.15am Mass at St Patrick's	
	6pm Holy Mass	

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The Rosary

The Rosary has five sets of ten beads each preceded by a separate bead. The Our Father is said on the separate bead, a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads, and a Glory be... whilst holding the chain before proceeding to the next separate bead. It is customary to begin, on the short chain, with the Creed (holding the crucifix), an Our Father, three Hail Marys and a Glory be... At the end of the chaplet (set of five mysteries), hold the medal and say the Hail Holy Queen....

The Five Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

1	The Annunciation	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
2	The Visitation	<i>Luke 1:39-46</i>
3	The Nativity	<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>
4	The Presentation	<i>Luke 2:22-32</i>
5	The Finding in the Temple	<i>Luke 2:42-52</i>

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

1	The Agony in the Garden	<i>Mark 14:32-38</i>
2	The Scourging at the Pillar	<i>John 18:33 – 19:1</i>
3	The Crowning with Thorns	<i>Mark 15:16-20</i>
4	The Carrying of the Cross	<i>Matthew 27:31-34</i>
5	The Crucifixion	<i>Luke 23:33-48</i>

The Five Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

1	The Baptism in the Jordan	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>
2	The Wedding at Cana	<i>John 2:1-12</i>
3	The Proclamation of the Kingdom	<i>Luke 4:14-21</i>
4	The Transfiguration	<i>Mark 9:2-8</i>
5	The Institution of the Eucharist	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>

The Five Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

1	The Resurrection	<i>Luke 24:1-6</i>
2	The Ascension	<i>Luke 24:50-53</i>
3	The Gift of the Holy Spirit	<i>Acts 2:1-4</i>
4	The Assumption of Our Lady	<i>1 Corinthians 15:20-26</i>
5	The Coronation of Our Lady and the Glory of the Saints	<i>Revelation 12:1-6</i>

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we lift up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 2 nd	Parish of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Totton
Monday 3 rd	All Franciscan Sisters in the Diocese
Tuesday 4 th	Community of Holy Ghost, Crowthorne Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Milford-on-Sea
Wednesday 5 th	Community of St Bernard, Holbury
Thursday 6 th	Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Dominic Savio, Farnborough
Friday 7 th	<i>National:</i> The Needy and Hungry of the World <i>Diocesan:</i> Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, North Hinksey
Saturday 8 th	Confraternity of the Rosary

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Martha, Sid Wallace, Diana France, Helen Lewis, Fr Robin Sanders, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 2nd - 8th October: Anthony Pickup, Adrian Wells, Cyril Smith, Edward Joseph Eyre, Edward Dearlove, Horace Juson, Mary Langley.

EAST Hendred Catholic Parish

NOTICEBOARD

Harvest Time

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Children from St Amand's, with their parents, are welcomed to the 9.30am Harvest Mass. After both 9.30am and 11.15am masses, there will be refreshments: with do'nuts at St Mary's and St Patrick's reviving its 'first Sunday in the month' hospitality.

DIDCOT FOODBANK

We collect steadily for Didcot Foodbank but at the Harvest Thanksgiving we make a special feature of a food collection, displayed in front of the altar. Just bring gifts up and place them there. No perishables.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY (FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER)

– WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

BAREFOOT FOR UGANDA

Joseph Kershaw (Didcot Sixth Form Year 13 student) would like to ask parishioners to donate to a mission trip to Uganda that he and some other young Catholic friends are planning for February 2023. They will be doing a sponsored barefoot day walk in late October to raise funds, and any surplus will go towards the Catholic charity who run the orphanage they will stay at, Mercy for Life. You can visit their gofundme page at <https://gofund.me/ebebd789> if you would like to donate. More information is available at mercyforlifeafrica.org. Many thanks.

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday 25th September 2022, 179 people viewed, 53 machines looking only at St Mary's. 29 of these were in the UK, 24 elsewhere in the world. 109 probably stayed on-line long enough to take part in Mass.

MISSIONARY COMMUNITIES

The Bishop unveils a ten-year Mission Plan: *You Shall Be My Witnesses*:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

This plan will affect everyone in the diocese. Under the plan, between July 2023 and December 2027 parishes will be reorganised and estate rationalised. Our new 'Missionary Community' or 'Parish' will be an amalgamation of Abingdon, Buckland and Faringdon, Didcot and Wallingford; Hendred, Hinksey, Wantage and Lambourn. Teams of clergy will serve each 'Parish'.

KNOCK

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 17th October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN

We have approached a number of people already so that the amount pledged is already 65% of the target.

If we reach our target of £70,000 of pledges (over five years), a third of the money pledged will come direct to the parish. If we exceed the target, a half of what we receive in excess of the target comes direct to the parish. The *Closer to Christ* Newsletter is reproduced below. You will see that we have received 16 pledges of, on average, £2,827 (over five years and including Gift Aid). To reach our target we need another dozen similar size pledges, i.e. about £50 per month.



Welcome to the latest edition of the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign Weekly Newsletter. As many of you are aware, this week Bishop Philip Egan celebrated his 10th anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Portsmouth. I hope you will join us in extending our gratitude to his distinguished service through our prayers.

We have had another active week in the Diocese, with the highlight being the Parish of St. Edmund Campion reaching their goal ahead of schedule! You can read more in the printouts below.

Best wishes,

Closer to Christ Campaign Team

Parish of St. Edmund Champion reach goal early!



Newsletter #33

Huge congratulations to Fr. Liam Cummins (pictured right) and his team at the Parish of St. Edmund Champion, Maidenhead who have now secured 103% of their goal.

The Parish will conduct their Thanksgiving Weekend this coming Sunday to ensure all parishioners have had an opportunity to support this important initiative in a way that is right for them. We look forward to sharing their final results next month.



Jersey get ready to launch the Pastoral Phase

Canon Golding and his parishioners in Jersey have reached a significant milestone, with over 70% of their £575,000 target now achieved and an average pledge of over £20,000.

Canon Dominic (pictured left) has a busy few weeks ahead, hosting multiple small group gatherings across the island before finishing up at the end of November.

Wokingham make a fast start

Just a couple of weeks into the campaign, the Parish of Corpus Christi has already secured 29% of their financial goal.

Canon Thompson has been busy engaging with many parishioners from across the worshipping community in Wokingham to share the vision and the importance of providing for our clergy at all stages of their priestly ministry. We wish him and his parishioners all the best as they continue their efforts.



Top Tip for October: Recruiting a Scheduling Assistant

Parishioners across the Diocese are giving generously of their time to assist their parish priests to ensure the **Closer to Christ** Campaign is a success.

One key role that Group 3 parishes might want to fill now is a scheduling assistant. This individual will be able to help you share the vision with as many as possible by arranging the meetings for you.

A good scheduling assistant is often someone who is: well-organised, comfortable speaking to parishioners, able to give 1-2 hours per week and work closely with you for the next six weeks.

Group	Parish	Priest	Basic Goal	% of Basic Goal Raised	Challenge Goal	Total Amount Raised	Pledges Received	Average Gift (inc. Gift Aid)
Pilot	English Martyrs, Reading	Canon Michael Dennehy	£230,000	161%	£400,000	£370,683	120	£3,089
	St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs	Fr. Mark Hogan	£500,000	156%	£850,000	£780,945	146	£5,349
	St John Cathedral, Portsmouth	Canon PJ Smith	£210,000	137%	£640,000	£287,295	43	£6,681
	St Edward and St Mark, Windsor	Canon David Hopgood	£320,000	106%	n/a	£340,598	106	£3,213
One	Sacred Heart, Fareham and Portchester	Canon John Cooke	£210,000	122%	n/a	£255,593	74	£3,454
	St Joseph and St Edmund, Southampton	Mgr. Vincent Harvey	£240,000	119%	n/a	£286,663	101	£2,838
	St Mary, Alton	Fr. James Carling	£150,000	104%	n/a	£156,520	61	£2,566
	St James and St William of York, Reading	Fr. Chris Heaps	£250,000	53%	n/a	£132,536	66	£2,008
Two	St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead	Fr. Liam Cummins	£180,000	103%	n/a	£184,888	45	£4,178
	St Mary and St Patrick, East Hendred	Mgr. Andrew Burnham	£70,000	65%	n/a	£45,225	16	£2,827
	St Swithun Wells	Fr. Raffaele Cossa	£455,000	49%	n/a	£224,994	42	£5,357
	St Joseph, Maidenhead	Fr. Ephraim Odhiambo	£215,000	28%	n/a	£60,625	8	£7,578
Three	Jersey Parish	Canon Dominic Golding	£575,000	71%	n/a	£407,900	19	£21,468
	St John the Baptist, Andover	Fr. Austin Gurr	£275,000	46%	n/a	£126,375	11	£11,489
	Guernsey Parish	Canon Christopher Rutledge	£290,000	35%	n/a	£101,900	17	£5,994
	Corpus Christi, Wokingham	Canon Simon Thomson	£210,000	29%	n/a	£60,500	6	£10,083
	St Colman and St Paul, Cosham and Paulsgrove	Fr. Innaiah Maddineni	£95,000	12%	n/a	£11,000	2	£5,500
	St Joseph, Reading	Fr. Peter Glas	£80,000	16%	n/a	£12,500	1	£12,500

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CHILDREN.....

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Have a word with Veronica or Libby if you would like to help. Children's Church is at 9.15am on Sundays in St Mary's Parish Rooms.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TRAINING SESSION

The Dominican Sisters are offering an online **Children's Liturgy Training session** on **Saturday 29th October**, from 9am to 12noon. We will look at the fundamental principles, model sessions, and share resources. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscemrpzoiEtbsbgOsOqgVj-XCRhUE0sMo>

.....YOUNG ADULTS

CATECHISTS (*Are you interested?*)

The Dominican Sisters are offering an online **course for RCIA catechists** starting on **13th October at 7.30 pm and on the next two Thursdays (20th and 27th)**. We will reflect on passages from Scripture, and discover the best ways to witness, accompany and teach others in their journey of faith in the context of RCIA. Specifically tailored for RCIA catechists this is open to everyone interested in evangelisation and catechesis. You can register for the course here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIVdumqqz0vGtXHpZc9LoLyMw5EDy3QTpGV>

DAVE AND GEMMA

I have asked Dave and Gemma, a couple at St Mary's, who are marrying later this year, to head up and liaise our work with young adults. If you are interested in any of the things below – or other activities – have a word with them. They can be reached on davegem2022@gmail.com

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. This is a life-changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet! But hurry, spaces are limited! Plans are in the early stages, but we will provide more information and details as soon as possible. For further information, see the posters in church, or please email wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Mary's Catholic Church, East Hendred



**Family Harvest
Thanksgiving
(Sunday 27C)
2nd October 2022
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

Entrance Antiphon

Terra dedit fructum suum

The earth has yielded its fruits: may God, our God, bless us.

Collect

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the fruits that earth has given to benefit the human family and we pray, that, as the working of your supreme providence has produced them, so you may cause the seed of justice and the fruits of charity to spring up in our hearts. 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 (*Harvest*)

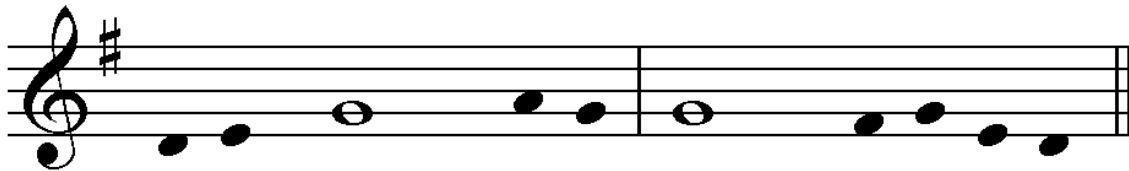
Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (RSV)

Moses said to the people: The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Take heed lest you forget the LORD your God, by not keeping his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes, which I command you this day: lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget

the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have got me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may confirm his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day.

Psalm 146 (*Sunday 26C*)

Tone VIII.1



Ps 146: 6-10 R/ 2

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord. | ()

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever ,
 who does justice to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
 the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
 It is the Lord who loves the just,
 the Lord who protects the stranger **R/**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 the God of Zion from age to age. **R/**

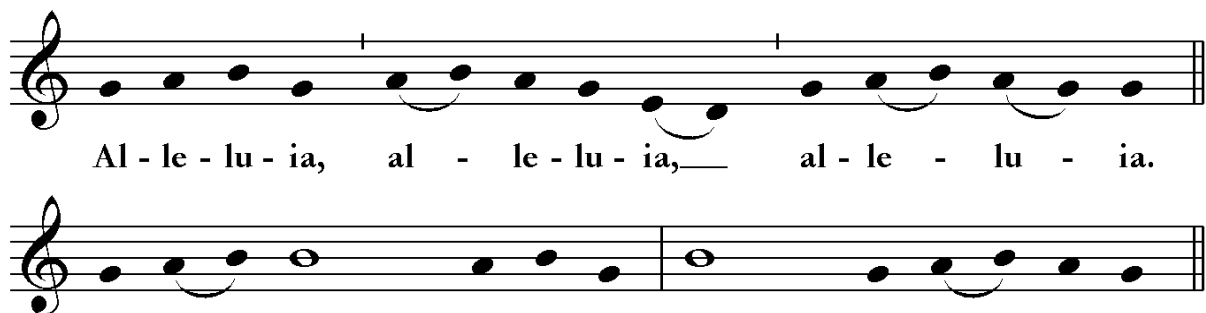
Second Reading (*Harvest*)

1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19(RSV)

There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ...As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed.

Alleluia



*May those who sow in tears | reap with shouts of joy.
R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Gospel

Luke 12:15-21 (RSV)

Jesus said to them, 'Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we bring to you with thanksgiving from the fertile earth and, as you give us a rich harvest of the earth's produce, so make our hearts abound with heavenly fruitfulness. 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

De fructu operum tuorum

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord: you bring forth bread from the earth, and wine to cheer the heart. *Cf Ps 104:13-15*

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we give thanks in this saving mystery for the crops harvested from the earth, we may, through the same mystery working within us, be worthy to receive still greater blessings. Through Christ our Lord.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Scripture Reading (Week 27 Year 2)

Monday	Galatians 1:6-12	Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday	Galatians 1:13-24	Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday	Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14	Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	Galatians 3:1-5	Luke 11:5-13
Friday	Galatians 3:7-14	Luke 11:15-26
Saturday	Galatians 3:22-29	Luke 11:27-28
Sunday 28C	1 Kings 5:14-17	
	2 Timothy 2:8-13	Luke 17:11-19

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St Patrick and St Michael's, East Ilsley



**Saints Michael, Gabriel
& Raphael, Archangels**

Michaelmas

2nd October 2022

Antiphons,

Prayers and Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Benedicite Dominum omnes angeli

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power: fulfilling his word,
and heeding his voice.

Ps 103:20

Collect

O God, who dispose in marvellous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

First Reading

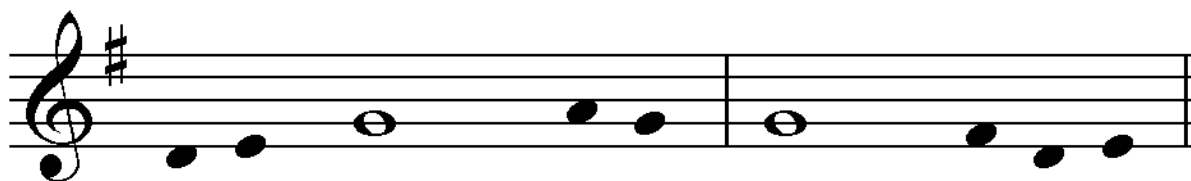
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (RSV)

As I looked, thrones were placed
and one that was ancient of days took his seat;
his raiment was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and came forth from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

...and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,¹
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.
 And to him was given dominion
 and glory and kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
 his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
 and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed

Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8 *R/cf 1*

Tone II.1



R/ In the presence of the *an-gels* | I will praise *you*, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all *my* heart,
 you have heard the words *of* my mouth.
 In the presence of the angels I *praise* you.
 I bow down toward your ho-ly tem-ple. *R/*

I give thanks to your name ~
 for your merciful love and your faith-*ful*-ness.
 You have exalted your name *o-ver* all.
 On the day I called, you an-*s*wered me;
 you increased the strength *of* my soul. *R/*

All earth's kings shall thank you, O Lord,
 when they hear the words *of* your mouth.
 They shall sing of the ways of *the* Lord,
 'How great is the glory *of* the Lord!' *R/*

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Preface

(De Gloria Dei per Angelos)

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, and to praise you without end in your Archangels and Angels. For the honour we pay the angelic creatures in whom you delight redounds to your own surpassing glory, and by their great dignity and splendour you show how infinitely great you are, to be exalted above all things, through Christ our Lord. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Communion Antiphon

Benedicite omnes angeli

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart: in the presence of the Angels I will praise you.

Ps 138:1

Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished with heavenly Bread, we beseech you humbly, O Lord, that, drawing from it new strength, under the faithful protection of your Angels, we may advance boldly along the way of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

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	2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14	Luke 17:5-10

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

3rd – 7th October 2022 Week 27[ii]

Monday 3rd October

Collect for Week 27

ALMIGHTY ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads, and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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.

Reading

Galatians 1:6-12 (RSV)

There is no other Gospel

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ. ¹¹ For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Reflection

ST PAUL begins his letter to the Churches in Galatia somewhat directly. It follows the conventional form of greeting, found not only in his other correspondence but elsewhere in the ancient world. He is concerned to establish the divine mandate for his apostleship and what salvation in Christ really entails:

Paul an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; ⁵ to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

He is addressing the churches in Galatia, but not, as in other epistles, the faithful Christians of the local Church. As today's first reading tells us, foremost in St Paul's mind is the way the local churches have deserted their calling and embraced a different gospel. There is only one Gospel and it follows from that that those who embrace a different gospel are actually forsaking the Gospel. We shall hear more about this during the rest of the week.

Tuesday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi

ST FRANCIS (c.1182-1226) left his life as the son of a wealthy merchant and embraced holy poverty, preaching the love of God to everyone. His Order of Friars Minor was recognised by the Holy See in 1210 and he helped his sister, Clare, to found a female community (Poor Clares). In 1224 he received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ's crucifixion and joyfully offered up his sufferings.



Collect for St Francis

O GOD, by whose gift Saint Francis was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility: grant that, by walking in Francis's footsteps, we may follow your Son, and, through joyful charity, come to be united with you. 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

Reading

Galatians 1:13-24 (RSV)

God reveals his Son to St Paul

For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; ¹⁴and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, ¹⁶was

pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cili'cia. ²² And I was still not known by sight to the churches of Chrst in Judea; ²³ they only heard it said, 'He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.' ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

Reflection

THE GOSPEL that St Paul received was not received from man, nor learnt from a teacher. It came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. That was how yesterday's reading from the Letter to the Galatians finished. In today's reading St Paul gives us an account of how he became an apostle, how he got to know St Peter – but none of the other apostles apart from St James, brother of the Lord – and how he was known by repute, rather than first-hand, by the churches in Judæa. He makes an oath – 'before God, I do not lie!' – to the effect that the Gospel he is proclaiming is the God-given Gospel rather than a second-hand version of what he had heard or learnt from the churches in Judæa. The importance of this is what he is going to go on to say which is that, despite his grounding in Judaism, the Gospel he is preaching to the Gentiles is not based on the Jewish Law, the Torah.

Wednesday 5th October

Reading

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 (RSV)

Paul and the Other Apostles: Paul rebukes Peter

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up by revelation; and I laid before them (but privately before those who were of repute) the gospel which I

preach among the Gentiles, lest somehow I should be running or had run in vain....⁷ but on the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for the mission to the circumcised worked through me also for the Gentiles), ⁹ and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised; ¹⁰ only they would have us remember the poor, which very thing I was eager to do.

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And with him the rest of the Jews acted insincerely, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their insincerity. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?'

Reflection

WE ENCOUNTER something of St Paul's spirituality in today's reading. He is led by a revelation – which probably means here from the kind of reflection that takes place during prayer and worship, rather than a vision. The revelation encourages him to go to Jerusalem and state his case – his mission to the Uncircumcised, that is, the Gentiles. He consults them discreetly – privately before those of repute – and gains from them support and encouragement. In this mission – which is fourteen years later, so after a considerable period of apostolic activity – he is supported by Barnabas, and the pair of them are accompanied by Titus, in some sense a subordinate. Interestingly, St Paul is warned to attend to the needs of the poor – was there a danger of him engaging only with the well-to-do? – and he makes the point that he is eager to do this. It may be that 'the poor' were the little ones of the flock – those with a special relationship with God – or indeed the Church in Jerusalem for whom the churches of the dispersion supported regularly. Interestingly, in this passage, we can see how an agreement that the Gospel should be proclaimed to the Gentiles did not lead to a conversion of hearts and

minds among Jewish Christians. Paul tackles Peter for a mixture of insincerity and timidity. Peter in Antioch is clearly afraid of the 'circumcision party' and draws back from eating with Gentile Christians. There was obviously a big fault-line in the Early Church between those who saw the Christian movement as essentially Jewish and those who glimpsed its universal mission. We see this clearly in the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15).

Thursday 6th October

Reading

Galatians 3:1-5 (RSV)

Law or Faith

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? **2** Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? **4** Did you experience so many things in vain—if it really is in vain. **5** Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?

Reflection

FOOLISH was how the Risen Lord described the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:25) and it is how St Paul describes the Galatians who have muddled up the works of the Law with the life of faith. It is very easy to caricature 'works of the Law' and confuse it with a narrow legalism. The Jewish culture was and is not based on a narrow legalism but on the notion that the righteous person is one who keeps the commandments. In that way he or she accords with what God wants of us and we can be judged by how well we manage to keep the commandments. St Paul, speaking of faith, sees the Gospel very differently. It is, as he said in the opening verses of the Letter, faith in the One 'who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father'. The shift from performing righteous deeds – keeping the rules – to living by faith is fundamental. We cannot pull ourselves up by our boot-straps but we can be carried along by the gracious and saving help of God.

Friday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

FORMERLY known as 'Our Lady of Victories', this feast commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7th October 1571) when a European fleet defeated the Turks. Credit was given by Pope St Pius V to the fervent praying of the Holy Rosary. It is certainly true that this defeat brought to an end the fresh threat of Turkey conquering the Christian West. The Rosary itself can be traced back ultimately to St Dominic, though it took on its familiar shape in the fifteenth century. It is a devotion that brings Christians to Jesus through Mary and to the three sets of mysteries – Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious – Pope St John Paul II in recent times added a fourth, the Luminous Mysteries.

Collect for Our Lady of the Rosary

POUR forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Reading

Galatians 3:7-14 (RSV)

You see that it is men of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.' ⁹ So then, those who are men of faith are blessed with Abraham who had faith. ¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them.' ¹¹ Now it is evident that no man is justified before God by the law; for 'He who through faith is righteous shall live';^[b] ¹² but the law does not rest on faith, for 'He who does them shall live by them.' ¹³ Christ redeemed us

from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree'— ¹⁴ that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Reflection

THROUGHOUT this week we have been looking at the letter to the Galatians. Today we have a more technical argument: the curses in the Book of Deuteronomy (27:26) apply to everyone who cannot manage to keep the 613 commandments of the Law of Moses. The One who frees us from this curse – and from the slavish attempt to obey lots of rules – is the One who, by hanging on a tree, is Himself cursed by God (21:23). By taking on that curse, God in Christ redeems us from bondage to the Law. Clearly St Paul wants us to look beyond the commandments of the Law. If we are 'men of faith', we are sons of Abraham: Abraham heard the Gospel before the Law was given. By saying 'In [Abraham] shall all the nations be blessed, those who are men of faith are blessed with Abraham who had faith.' In other words the nations – the Gentiles – and not just the Jews are children of Abraham and heirs of God's promises 'who receive the promise of the Spirit through faith'. We shall be looking at all this further in the coming week.