

DEANERY OF ST EDMUND CAMPION

ENGLISH MARTYRS—

VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE PASTORAL AREA

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www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

East Hendred Catholic Parish

Christmas and Epiphany

25th December 2022 - 8th January 2023



CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

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

CHRISTMAS			<i>[GOLD]</i>
Christmas Eve	4pm 8pm	Mass of the Vigil Mass of the Night	<i>Pro populo</i>
Christmas Day	9.30am 11.15am	Mass of the Day Mass at St Patrick's	<i>Pro populo</i>
	<i>No 6pm Mass</i>		
Monday 26th December	St Stephen, the First Martyr		<i>[red]</i>
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
Tuesday 27th December	St John, Apostle & Evangelist		<i>[white]</i>
	9.15am	Holy Mass <i>FM Sybil Clarke 1958</i>	
Wednesday 28th December	The Holy Innocents		<i>[red]</i>
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
Thursday 29th December	St Thomas of Canterbury		<i>[red]</i>
	9.15am	Holy Mass <i>FM Canon Luck 1919</i>	
Friday 30th December	The Holy Family		<i>[white]</i>
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
Saturday 31st December	<i>In the Octave of Christmas</i>		<i>[white]</i>
	<i>No Mass</i>		
Sunday 1st January	Mary, the Holy Mother of God		<i>[white]</i>
	9.30am	Parish Mass	
	11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's	
	6pm	Holy Mass	
		<i>FM Bertha Ida Northcote 1951</i>	
			<i>[white]</i>
Monday 2nd January	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzus		
	<i>No Mass</i>		
Tuesday 3rd January	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>		<i>[white]</i>
	<i>No Mass</i>		
Wednesday 4th January	<i>Of Christmastide</i>		
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
Thursday 5th January	<i>No 9.15am Mass</i>		

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

[GOLD]

Thursday

2pm

School Mass

Friday 6th January

9.30am

Holy Mass

FM Charles Eyston 1917

Saturday 7th January

*After Epiphany
No Mass*

Sunday 8th January

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

[white]

9.30am

Parish Mass

11.15am

Mass at St Patrick's

(Fr Paul King)

6pm

Holy Mass

Christmastide ends and Ordinary Time begins

Confessions: after Mass (weekdays) or by appointment

CONTACT DETAILS

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aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 Lluïsa Jarne: office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk or at one of the St Mary's Sunday masses or on Mondays, 6pm-8pm, on 07983045824.

The Parish Office will be closed until 5th January. All enquiries meanwhile should be addressed to Fr Andrew



Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

BEGINNING on 1st January 2023. Bishop Philip has 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 THESE ARE BEING GIVEN AWAY, ONE PER HOUSEHOLD, AT CHRISTMAS.

GIVING

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR FR ANDREW

The collection at Christmas is for Fr Andrew and is part of his remuneration. The Treasurer reminds people that if they want to make their Christmas gift directly into the bank account or to use the donate button on the website then they must remember to put 'Christmas' in the reference.

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

BY REGULAR STANDING ORDER OR GIFT

BANK DETAILS: PRCDTR East Hendred, St Mary

Sort Code: 309304 Account Number: 00877183

To arrange Gift Aid, contact : hendred@portsmouthdiocese.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



DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 th	Christian Communities in the Holy Land
Monday 26 th	Altar Servers & Archconfraternity of St Stephen
Tuesday 27 th	Parish of St John, Wallingford
Wednesday 28 th	All child victims of war, terrorism, and violence
Thursday 29 th	Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Cowes, Community of St Thomas of Canterbury & St Thomas More, Emsworth
Friday 30 th	Parish Safeguarding Representatives
	Friends of the Holy Land
Saturday 31 st	In thanks for the blessings of the year

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Annie Furlong, 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 25th - 31st December: John Champ, Kathleen Cavan, Sybil Clerk, May Mulford, Mary Throckmorton, Beatrice Scrope, Patrick Rush, Joseph Leahy, Peggy Bray.



*A cold coming we had of it,
 Just the worst time of the year
 For a journey, and such a long journey:
 The ways deep and the weather sharp,
 The very dead of winter.*

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

for educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Sunday 1st For God's blessing on the New Year
- Monday 2nd Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
- Tuesday 3rd Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe
- Wednesday 4th Handmaids of the Sacred Heart
- Thursday 5th Clergy celebrating Jubilees this year
- Friday 6th Ethnic Communities & Chaplaincies in the Diocese
- Saturday 7th Judicial Vicar & Work of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal

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THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 1st - 7th January 2023: Cyril Charlton, Mary Wallington, Isaac Ellaway, Alfred Dixey, Bertha Northcote, Agnes Mary Western, Minnie Curran, Joseph Bray, William Dearlove, Janice Biles, Denis Murphy, Lady Sarah Cumming-Bruce, Gilbert Lawrence Jones.

NOTICEBOARD

REFRESHMENTS

There will be refreshments in St Mary's Parish Rooms after the Christmas Eve 8pm Mass and after the 9.30am on Christmas Day. Thanks to those who have offered to do this for us all.

GATHERING IN CHRIST

On Tuesday (3rd January) at 7.30 pm this small friendly ecumenical Bible study group begins a new study in a new year. We are planning to use Revelation beginning with introduction and study chapter 1. A warm welcome is assured for all, beginning with coffee / tea and biscuits. Usually finished by 8.45 pm. We will meet in St Mary's Parish Room.

Further information:

Denis Smith: djbm.smith@ntlworld.com 01235 765564
Geoffrey Bailey: gjbshoes@gmail.com 01235 762221

COLDS AND FLU?

Stay home and watch the livestream! Details on www.hundredcatholicparish.org.uk

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This is for Fr Andrew as part of his stipend. Details of how to give are on page 5 (see above).

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday 18th December 2022, 146 people viewed, 43 machines looking only at St Mary's. 20 of these were in the UK, 17 elsewhere. 101 probably stayed on-line long enough to take part in Mass.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

We are grateful to Damian Fuller and family for putting up the Christmas Tree and for all who are helping with Christmas decoration. Thanks are also due to musicians, sacristan, readers, stewards, and those providing refreshments. Thank you very much!

HOMES FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY WAR IN UKRAINE

Are you able to help the Catholic Charity *Caritas*?
<https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Information from the Bishop and Portsmouth Diocese. To keep up to date:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

CHILDREN: HOLIDAY.....

Children's Church resumes on Sunday 8th January. In the meantime, children of all ages are welcome at Mass. There are sheets of child-friendly material at the door and toys that don't bang, rattle, or squeak are welcome in the Children's Area.

DAVE AND GEMMA

I have asked Dave and Gemma, a couple at St Mary's who got married on 12th November 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. For further information, see the posters in church, or please email wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Special St Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Catholics in England were not permitted to practise their faith openly so the story is that someone wrote this as a catechism song for young Catholics. This



history has been challenged but, usefully, the carol does have two levels of meaning: a surface meaning and a hidden meaning known only to those in the know. Each number in the carol is seen as a religious teaching for children to remember. To the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), early Catholic bibles add three (those in brackets) which are similar. The **'True Love'** is not a boyfriend or girlfriend but **Jesus Christ**, because Love was truly born at Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also

represents him, because that bird, it is said, is willing to sacrifice its life to protect its young, feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball (*Handbook of Catholic Sacraments*):

The **two** turtle doves were the **Old and New Testaments**.

The **three** French hens stood for **Faith, Hope, and Love**.

The **four** calling birds were the **Four Gospels**, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The **five** golden rings represented the **First Five Books of the Old Testament**, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Saviour.

The **six** geese a-laying stood for the **Six Days of Creation**.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**-----

Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The **eight** maids a-milking were the **Eight Beatitudes**.

Nine ladies dancing were the **Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit**, Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The **ten** lords a-leaping were the **Ten Commandments**.

The **eleven** pipers piping stood for the **Eleven Faithful Apostles**.

The **twelve** drummers drumming symbolized the **Twelve Articles of Belief in the Apostles' Creed**.

Scripture Reading

See the separate leaflet of Reflections: 'Food for the Journey'

25th	Christmas Dawn (<i>not read in Church</i>)	Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
26th	St Stephen	James 2:14-17	Luke 6:27-38
27th	St John	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Matthew 10:17-22
28th	Holy Innocents	1 John 5 – 2:2	Matthew 2:13-18
29 th	December	1 John 2:3-11	Luke 2:22-35
30 th	Holy Family	Sirach 3:3-7, 14-17 Colossians 3:12-21	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
31 st	December	1 John 2:18-21	John 1:1-18
1st	Mary Holy Mother of God	Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
2 nd	January	1 John 2:22-28	John 1:19-25
3 rd	January	1 John 2:29 – 3:6	John 1:29-34
4 th	January	1 John 3:7-10	John 1:35-42
5 th	January	1 John 3:11-21	John 1:43-51
6th	Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12
7 th	January	1 John 3:22 – 4:6	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
8 th	Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38	Matthew 3:13-17