

DEANERY OF ST EDMUND CAMPION

ENGLISH MARTYRS—

VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE PASTORAL AREA

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East Hendred Catholic Parish



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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

St Mary's is usually open each day from 9am until late afternoon.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>O Adonai</i>		[purple]
Sunday 18th December	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass	
		at St Patrick's, East Ilsley	
	6pm	Holy Mass	

Monday 19th December	<i>O Radix [O Root of Jesse]</i>		[purple]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	<i>Julie Lazarus' Intention</i>

Tuesday 20th December	<i>O Clavis David [O Key of David]</i>		[purple]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	

Wednesday 21st December	<i>O Oriens [O Morning Star]</i>		[purple]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	<i>FM Louisa Goddard 1967</i>

Thursday 22nd December	<i>O Rex Gentium [O King of the Nations]</i>		[purple]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	

Friday 23rd December	<i>O Emmanuel</i>		[purple]
	8.30am	Holy Mass	<i>(St Mary's)</i>
	3pm	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	

Saturday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		[purple]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	
		<i>RIP Thomas and Irene McDonagh</i>	

CHRISTMAS [GOLD]

Christmas Eve	4pm	Mass of the Vigil	
	8pm	Mass of the Night	<i>Pro populo</i>

Christmas Day	9.30am	Mass of the Day	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's	

Confessions: after Mass (weekdays) or by appointment

CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Andrew: 01235 835038 or 07976 437979
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 from 23rd December to 5th January. All enquiries during that time should be addressed to Fr Andrew

Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

IN HIS Pastoral Letter on 16th October 2022, 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

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'



CAFOD World gifts

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

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.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 18 th	Bishop's Office Staff
Monday 19 th	Diocesan Team for Justice, Peace, and Social Responsibility
Tuesday 20 th	<i>Caritas</i> in the Diocese
Wednesday 21 st	Undertakers who serve our parishes
Thursday 22 nd	Diocesan Diaconate Formation Team
Friday 23 rd	Chaplains to those with Special Needs
Saturday 24 th	(<i>National:</i>) Expectant Mothers (<i>Diocesan:</i>) The Bishop's Council

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 18th - 24th December: Mary Thorne, Beatrice Cahill, Kathleen Wood, Antonia Ann Mary Breakspear, Sadie Regan, Kathleen Mary Doyle, Bernard Egan, maureen Morris, Helen Rea, Mary Agnes Hunt, John Stibbs, Winifred Anns, Thomas Eyston

EAST Hendred Catholic Parish

NOTICEBOARD

ECUMENICAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Wednesdays in Advent: **9am** Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Friday 23rd December: 6.30pm Christmas Lessons and Carols
at St Augustine's

CHILDREN: HOLIDAY.....

There is no Children's Church on Sunday 18th December. It will resume 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.

.....AND CHRISTMAS

Of special interest to parents and young children is the 4pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to dress up as nativity characters – angels, shepherds &c - one year we had a rabbit – and there will be carols. The Mass fulfils the Christmas obligation.

HENDRED HOUSE CHAPEL

Hendred House Chapel is closed for building works. Friday Mass and 3pm Adoration in the meantime will take place in St Mary's.

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

We shouldn't sit down to Christmas lunch without first helping to provide for those less fortunate. Crisis for Christmas are asking for funds to give food and shelter to the homeless. <https://www.crisis.org.uk/>

COLDS AND FLU?

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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This is for Fr Andrew as part of his stipend. Details of how to give are on page 4 (see above).

CHURCH SERVICES

We apologise that on Sunday 11th and on 12th and 13th December 2022, the livestream was out of action. A change of router at St Mary's involved a change of IP address. Normal service has been restored.

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/>

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. 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

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are grateful to Damian Fuller and family for putting up the Christmas Tree and for all who are helping with Christmas decoration.

East Hendred Catholic Parish



Fourth Sunday in Advent (Year A)

Antiphons, Prayers and Readings

Advent Wreath IV

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Entrance Antiphon

Rorate cæli

Cantor (1st time)

Drop down— ye hea - vens from— a - bove, —

Full

and let the skies pour— down right - eous - ness.

Collect

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

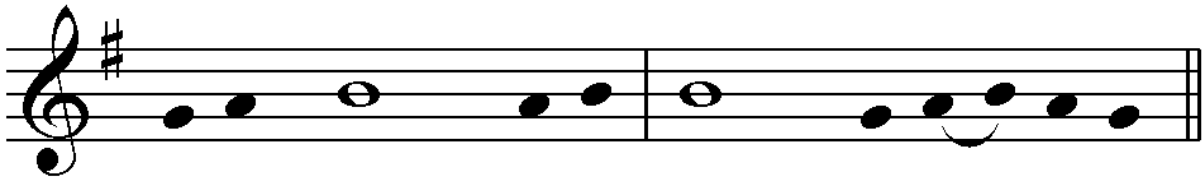
First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14 [RSV]

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' And he said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear^l a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el.

Psalm 24

Tone VI



Ps 24:1-6 R/ cf 7, 10)

R/ Let the Lord en-ter. | He is the king of glo-ry!

The Lord's is the earth and its *full*-ness,
the world, and those *who dwell* in it.

It is he who set it on *the* seas;
on the rivers *he made* it firm. *R/*

Who shall climb the mountain of *the* Lord?

Who shall stand in *his ho*-ly place?

The clean of hands and pure *of* heart,
whose soul is not *set on* vain things. *R/*

Blessings from the Lord shall he *re*-ceive,
and right reward from the *God who* saves him.

Such are the people who *seek* him,
who seek the face of the *God of* Ja-cob. *R/*

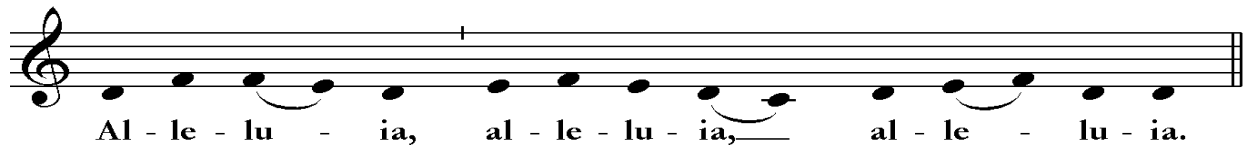
Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7 [RSV]

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all

the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia *Cantor sings 1st time and all then sing, before and after the verse:*



The vir-gin will conceive and give birth to *a* son:
and they will call him Emmanuel: a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Gospel *Matthew 1:18-24 [RSV]*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'u-el' (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface *(II De Adventu: De duplici expectatione Christi)*

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, through Christ our Lord. For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mary longed for him with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he

may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in praise. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

Ecce Virgo concipiet

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Is 7:14

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly, to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Scripture Reading

Readings for the 'Great Os' (17th-24th December)

17 th	O Sapientia	Genesis 49:2, 8-10	Matthew 1:1-17
18 th	O Adonai	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Matthew 1:18-24
19 th	O Radix	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25	Luke 1:5-25
20 th	O Clavis	Isaiah 7:10-14	Luke 1:26-38
21 st	O Oriens	Song of Songs 2:8-14	Luke 1:39-45
22 nd	O Rex	1 Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
23 rd	O Emmanuel	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Luke 1:57-66
24 th	Christmas Eve	2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16	Luke 1:67-79
25 th	Christmas Dawn <i>(not read in Church)</i>	Isaiah 62:11-12	
		Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
26 th	St Stephen	James 2:14-17	Luke 6:27-38
27 th	St John	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Matthew 10:17-22
28 th	Holy Innocents	1 John 5 – 2:2	Matthew 2:13-18

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