

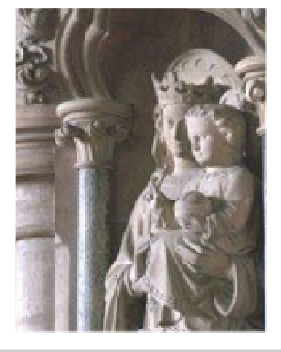
Who opens the Bible nowadays?

Saloon bar atheists tell you that they have read the Bible cover-to-cover several times – believe that if you like! – and devout Evangelicals are seldom seen without a bible in their hand. But what about Catholics? The Catholic Church, particularly since the Second Vatican Council, has been at the forefront of biblical scholarship, and every mass has at least two bible readings. Those using the Office encounter further bible readings – a long one each day and several short ones.

But it is possible to be a devout Catholic, a habitual user of the Office and a daily communicant, without ever opening a copy of the Holy Bible. Office books and missals, and copies of such publications as *Magnificat*, not to mention access on computers and mobile phones, provide the faithful with everything they need for scripture reading – or do they? Other Christians coming into the Catholic Church have usually had a very different experience of the Bible. Whatever service books were used, the general practice was always to resort to the Bible itself for readings. This pattern began to break down when, like Catholics, other Christians began to use a lectionary for the Eucharist and hand-outs with the day's readings on them. Yet, in the background was the Bible itself, whether faithfully thumbed or gathering dust in the bookcase.

The Catholic model has considerable advantages. All that you need is laid out on the page, provided you know the season, the day, or the date. The unhelpful chapters and verses can be left out. Who bothers much with the Book of Leviticus or the Book of Numbers? How do you wade through all those Proverbs, and all those prophetic oracles, whether of doom or salvation? What about the long lists of generations and tribes? The Catholic model deals with all this and gives us an expurgated anthology. The price is high: who knows what comes from where and who knows about the bits missed out?

The Protestant model also has its advantages. You get the whole book. You can sit and read any of it anytime. You can even read it cover-to-cover. You find out where things come from and learn to avoid howlers like 'The Book of Philippians' or 'Revelations'. It's hard finding your way round and consulting the contents page is essential for all but the most skilled. Another disadvantage is that you might be tempted to think that, just because Genesis is at the beginning and Revelation is at the end, the whole Bible is in chronological order. It sort of is but sort of isn't.



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Sunday 20 th October	SUNDAY XXIX [C] Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Mass: 6pm St Mary's	Week 29 per annum [Year 1] [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 21 st October	<i>Of the Holy Trinity</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] <i>FM Minnie Rafferty 1945</i>
Tuesday 22 nd October	<i>Day of Penance and Reparation for Abortion</i> <i>St John Paul II, Pope</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] <i>Day of Reparation</i>
Wednesday 23 rd October	<i>Feria: Of Week 29</i> Morning Prayer [Weds 1]: 9am St Mary's [Ecumenical] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
Thursday 24 th October	<i>Feria: Of Week 29</i> Exposition: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[green] <i>FM Edwin & Ethel Brown 2011</i>
Friday 25 th October	<i>Feria: Of Week 29</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Exposition: 3pm Hendred House Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine's [Ecumenical]	[green] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 26 th October	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> No Mass in Hendred. Mass at Didcot and Wantage	[white]
Sunday 27 th October	SUNDAY XXX [C] Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Mass: 6pm St Mary's	Week 30 per annum [Year 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

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. For more information please visit mission.org.uk Thank you!

PHONE AND COMPUTER PROBLEMS

The Parish Priest once more can be reached by mobile phone and computer. Apologies for two weeks of inefficiencies.

OCTOBER

During October we shall say a single decade of the Rosary after Mass, Mondays to Thursdays. Mondays are Joyful Mysteries. Tuesdays are Sorrowful Mysteries. Wednesdays are Glorious Mysteries and Thursdays are Luminous Mysteries.

KATIE CARPENTER'S SPONSORED WALK

Hi, I am one of the altar servers at St. Patrick's. **This weekend** I will be trying to climb the 10 highest mountains in the Lake District, covering 50 mile and 15000 feet of climbing over 4 days. I am raising money for a community health centre in rural Eswatini (Southern Africa) which I will be helping complete in Summer 2020. If you would like to support me, please go to www.gofundme.com/f/charitable-school-expedition-to-eswatini which has more information on the project, or complete a form at the back of church. Thank you!

MUMS ON THE RUN

The meeting is on **Monday (21st October)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. For more information, please contact Amanda at physioamanda@btinternet.com

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CANONISATION OF SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Saint John Henry Newman on **Friday (25th October)** at 7pm at the Bournemouth Oratory at Sacred Heart Bourne-

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th **November**. All welcome. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30 pm finish before 9.00pm. For more information, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com

Visit our website hendredcatholicparish.org.uk still under construction, but with basic information.

Find us on  

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**. Please see the noticeboards at St Mary's for changes of service times made since the Newsletter went to press.

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, Jadyga Adaskeo, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol and Katherine Eyston.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Robert Brathy Ayles, Leslie Leonard Langley, David Durham, Kathleen Teakle, Winifred Peeley, Thomas Couling, James Delaney, Canon Morris P.P.*

HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION - May the breath of the Holy Spirit bring about a new missionary 'spring' in the Church.

ALL SAINTSTIDE

Friday 1st November

ALL SAINTS (*of Obligation: No Abstinence*)

No Mass at 8.30am; Mass at St Mary's: 11.15am

Saturday 2nd November

ALL SOULS Requiem Mass 9.30am

Sunday 3rd November

SUNDAY 31C

Sung Mass at St Mary's: 9.30am

Mass at St Patrick's: 11.15am

Mass at St Mary's: 6pm

Monday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo School Mass at St Mary's: 9.15am

BLESSING OF ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD & REMEMBRANCE

This will follow the 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Mass on 10th November and precede the 11am ceremony at the War Memorial beside Champs Chapel. **On Remembrance Sunday this year the scouts will be on parade at St Mary's.**

WELCOMING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR CHRISTMAS

Would you consider opening your home and heart to an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality? Host UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief-visits-one day, a weekend or longer. If interested please visit www.hostuk.org

PILGRIMAGES

HOLY LAND ✳ 10th-17th November 2019. Cost pp £1,195, includes flights, accommodation, meals and full religious programme. Please see information in the porch. Bookings : aglowpilgrimages.com or call Jonathan on **0800 6894792**

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.