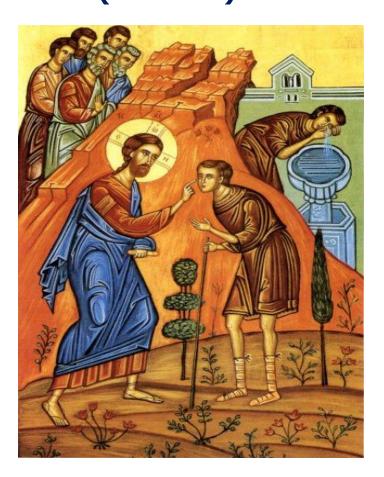
DEANERY OF ST EDMUND CAMPION ENGLISH MARTYRS—

VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE PASTORAL AREA

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East Hendred Catholic Parish $19^{th} - 26^{th} \text{ February 2023}$ (Week 7)



Quinquagesima

19th - 26th February 2023

WEEK 7 [YEAR 1]

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

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

Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY Per Annum (Year A) **[GREEN]**

19th **February** *Quinquagesima*

9.30am Parish Mass Pro populo

11.15am Mass at St Patrick's

6pm Holy Mass

(Readings: Ordinary Time Week 7: Year 1)

MondayOf Week 7[Green]20th February9.15amHoly MassSlawik Gawlik & family

Tuesday St Robert Southwell, Martyr [Red]

21st February 9.15am Holy Mass Naughton Family (Annie Furlong)

followed by Confessions

(Readings: Lent)

Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY [Purple]

22nd February 9am Ecumenical Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Mass with Imposition of Ash

11.30am Liturgy of Ash Wednesday (attended by school)

6pm Holy Mass with Imposition of Ash Pro populo

Thursday after Ash Wednesday [Purple] **23rd February** 9.15am School Mass Pope Francis

Friday after Ash Wednesday [Purple] 8.30am Holy Mass in St Mary's FM Cecilia Hunt 1884

5pm Evensong at St Augustine's Church

Saturday after Ash Wednesday [Purple]

25^h February No Mass

Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [PURPLE]

26th February 9.15am Children's Church (St Mary's Parish Rooms)

9.30am Parish Mass Pro populo

11.15am Mass at St Patrick's

6pm Holy Mass

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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 Lluïsa 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.

Some Thoughts on Ash Wednesday

Editions: <u>31st January 2023</u>. ENews Sections: <u>From the Bishop</u>. Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.

Currently, the Bishops Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis is running a project for Lent 2023 in which various bishops have been invited to contribute short reflections about the Gospels of Lent. Bishop Philip was asked to supply a reflection, given here, for Ash Wednesday, 22nd February.

Some scientific experiments, such as in quantum physics, are complex because of the 'observer effect.' The presence of an observer changes the behaviour of what is observed. It would be like the BBC coming into your home with their cameras to do some filming. I'm sure everyone in the family would be watching their ps and qs!

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a season of personal and communal renewal. The Church undertakes Lent in order to accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem to his Death and Resurrection. In Him, we die to sin; in Him we rise to life. Lent invites us to die to sin and all that is not right, in order to rise in Him to a renewed way of living. That's why the Church uses ashes. Ashes remind us of our mortality, that 'you are dust and to dust you shall return' (Gen 3: 19) and that we need to 'repent and believe in the Gospel' (Mark 1: 15). The Christian life is an unending combat. Fighting against evil in ourselves, dying to self to live for God, struggling against selfishness and injustice in self and others, is the ascetic to iourney every disciple is called make generously. I used to think Lent was a time to give things up, such as not eating chocolate or sweets. Easter Sunday was great, when gorging on Easter eggs, life could get back to normal! Yet the word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon 'Lencten' ('when the days lengthen'). It means Springtime. Lent is a spiritual springtime. It's a joyful season, as the Roman Liturgy puts it, a time when God wants to give us new grace and new life. St. Leo and the Fathers of the Church remind us that there are three works to undertake in Lent, not just self-denial, but works of prayer - particularly going to Confession and attending Mass - and almsgiving, works of justice and charity, helping the poor and needy. Jesus refers to these works in today's Gospel (Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18). These works are our response to God's gift, to bring about a fresh start.

Thinking again of the 'observer effect,' this Lent, I'd like to suggest we try something. Let us examine how we 'come over' to others, how we relate to them, the attitudes we show to certain people, the impact our personality makes on others, the good or the bad effect we have on those around us. Like those experiments in physics, it's not always easy to work it out. Do I bring joy to others – or pain? Do I put others at ease – or make them feel uneasy? Do I show kindness to others – or indifference? Yet 'we are ambassadors for Christ,' St. Paul tells us, and 'now is the favourable time; now is the day of salvation' (2 Cor 6: 2). Self-awareness is not easily achieved: if only it were as simple as inviting the TV cameras into your home! But unless in prayer we try, we'll never grow in holiness; we'll never become the sort of person God wants us to be; we'll never grasp the Lenten promise of new life and resurrection.

GIVING

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at https://cafod.org.uk/give.

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 January) 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 19th (National:) The Unemployed

(Diocesan:) Assoc. of Separated & Divorced Catholics

Monday 20th Fair Trade Networks

Tuesday 21st Community of St Bernadette, Les Quennevais, Jersey

Wednesday 22nd The grace to keep a good Lent

Thursday 23rd The Holy Father (The Chair of St Peter is usually

celebrated on 22nd February

Friday 24th Catholic Archivists

Saturday 25th All participating in the Rite of Election of Catechumens

and Welcome of Candidates, their sponsors, families,

catechists, and parish communities

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 19th - 25th February 2023: Charles John Eyston, Margaret Mary Bishop, Harry James Ballard, Joseph Purcell, Fanny Shanks, Charles Eyston, Donato Giacoma, Arthur Robert Langley.

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NOTICEBOARD

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Sheena Fleming is relinquishing the role after several years. We are very grateful to her for covering this important work. Libby Holderness has kindly accepted my invitation to take on the role. Thanks to you both.

ASH WEDNESDAY (22nd February)

There will be 'Ecumenical Morning Prayer' at 9am. Mass will follow at 9.30am. The School will attend for their Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 11.30am and there will be a further Mass at 6pm. Ash Wednesday is a Fast Day for Adults and a Day of Abstinence (from meat) for all ages.

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 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.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church Services are currently reviewing their processes and have been temporarily unable to provide statistics. No statistics for last Sunday.

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

The Gospel according to Matthew (v)

THE NARRATIVE section of the third book (Mt 11:2–12:50) deals with the growing opposition to Jesus. Hostility toward him has already been manifested (Mt 8:10; 9:3, 10-13, 34), but here it becomes more intense. The rejection of Jesus comes, as before, from Pharisees, who take "counsel against him to put him to death" (Mt 12:14) and repeat their earlier accusation that he drives out demons because he is in league with demonic power (Mt 12:22-24). But they are not alone in their rejection. Jesus complains of the lack of faith of "this generation" of Israelites (Mt 11:16–19) and reproaches the towns "where most of his mighty deeds had been done" for not heeding his call to repentance (Mt 11:20-24). This dark picture is relieved by Jesus' praise of the Father who has enabled "the childlike" to accept him (Mt 11:25-27), but on the whole the story is one of opposition to his word and blindness to the meaning of his deeds. The whole section ends with his declaring that not even the most intimate blood relationship with him counts for anything; his only true relatives are those who do the will of his heavenly Father (Mt 12:48–50).

The narrative of rejection leads up to the parable discourse (Mt 13:3–52). The reason given for Jesus' speaking to the crowds in parables is that they have hardened themselves against his clear teaching, unlike the disciples to whom knowledge of "the mysteries of the kingdom has been granted" (Mt 13:10–16). In Mt 13:36 he dismisses the crowds and continues the discourse to his disciples alone, who claim, at the end, to have understood all that he has said (Mt 13:51). But, lest the impression be given that the church of Jesus is made up only of true disciples, the explanation of the parable of the weeds among the wheat (Mt 13:37–43), as well as the parable of the net thrown into the sea "which collects fish of every kind" (Mt 13:47–49), shows that it is composed of both the righteous and the wicked, and that separation between the two will be made only at the time of the final judgment.

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East Hendred Catholic Parish



Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)

Quinquagesima
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Domine, in tua misericordia

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Cf Ps 12:6

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to 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

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 (RSV)

And the LORD said to Moses, ² "Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy....¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbour, lest you bear sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 103 Tone VIII.1



Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 **R/**8 (Grail)

R/ | The Lord is com-pas-sion and love.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, his ho-ly name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his be-ne-fits. R/

It is the Lord who forgives all *your* sins, who heals every *one* of your ills, who redeems your life from *the* grave, who crowns you with mercy *and* com-pas-sion. *R*/

The Lord is compassionate and *gra*-cious, slow to anger and *rich* in mercy. He does not treat us according to *our* sins nor repay us accor-*ding* to our faults. *R*/

As far as the east is from *the* west so far from us does he remove *our* trans-gres-sions. As a father has compassion on his *chil*-dren, the Lord's compassion is on *those* who fear him. *R*/

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (RSV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. ¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." ²¹ So let no one boast of men. For all things are yours,

²² whether Paul or Apol'los or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; ²³ and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Gospel *Matthew 5:38-48 (RSV)*

Jesus said to his disciples, ³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; ⁴⁰ and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface (VII De salute per obædientiam 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. For you so loved the world that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin, so that you might love in us what you have loved in your Son, by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience. And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Communion Antiphon

Narrabo Omnia mirabilia tua

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your Name, O Most High.

Ps 10:2-3

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading		Week 7 [I]
Monday	Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10	Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	Ecclesiasticus 2:1-13	Mark 9:30-37
		Lent
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18	
	2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Luke 9:22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9	Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58:9-14	Luke 5:27-32
Next Sunday		
Lent 1A	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7	
	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

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