

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

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East Hendred Catholic Parish

12th – 19th September 2021



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Re-Opening of St Patrick's

WE HAVE not worshipped at St Patrick's now since March 2020. The sole reason for this has been the precautions as regards to using small spaces in a time of plague.

As we know, infection levels remain stubbornly high and, though vaccination rates are also high, there are still many who are not vaccinated and there are also instances of the vaccinations becoming infected.

Nevertheless, we think we need to ask members of the St Patrick's congregation two questions.

- (1) If St Patrick's opened now, would you come there to Mass?
- (2) Would you prefer us to wait a while longer and then ask again?

It would help if you could e-mail me with an answer to these two questions. We are gathering information for a meeting of the Standing Committee on Wednesday 22nd September (8pm on Zoom).

You can assume that, when we do re-open, appropriate measures will be in place with regard to social distancing, masks, hand gel &c. You may wonder why we are not discussing this until 22nd September. That date has been chosen because, by then, we shall know the impact of the return to school at the beginning of September.

My prayers

Fr Andrew

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Baby Martha, Sid Wallace, Dame Catherine, Diana France, John Castle, Petal Connell, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary McNichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol, Christine Robinson, Rose

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 12th-18th September: Joyce MacKenzie. Eddie Kelly, Vincenzo Fosella, Michael Higgins, Wilfrid Mulford, James Davies, George Joshua Castle, John Henry Savile, Eileen Harper, Bob Ryan.

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NOTICEBOARD

BISHOP'S VISITATION

The Bishop of Portsmouth, Bishop Philip, is visiting the parish on Sunday 3rd October. This is a formal Visitation, with checks made to parish records and procedures, as required periodically in Canon Law The Bishop will celebrate and preach at the 9.30am and 6pm Masses and there will be some meetings. There will be booking for the 9.30am Mass as usual and the congregation at 6pm on this particular Sunday will be drawn from the candidates who were confirmed last All Saintside and their parents. Further details to be announced.

BOOKING FOR MASS

Please book for 9.30am Sunday Mass before 12 noon on Fridays hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk On Saturday contact Fr Andrew on aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

There is no need to book for the 6pm Mass. Nonetheless we are required to carefully note who comes, in case of infection alerts, and so we ask you to sign in on Sunday night and sit as allocated by the steward.

JOYCE MACKENZIE RIP

Whilst I was on holiday this week I had a phone call from Fr Pat Broun of Our Lady and St Hugh, Witney, to say that he had administered the last rites to Joyce in Witney Community Hospital. Corresponding with Joyce's son James and Edward Carter Funeral Directors, I have suggested Wednesday 22nd September at 11am for the funeral mass, followed by interment in Cat Street Cemetery. This arrangement is to be confirmed. May she rest in peace.

CHURCH SERVICES LIVESTREAM

On Sunday 5th there were 283 hits from 89 unique viewers, with 106 remaining on-line long enough to take part in Mass. 67 machines were in the UK, 12 in Ireland, and 10 in the rest of the world.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Are you in the habit of looking up and using our website? This Bulletin appears each week on the website www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk Some look at our East Hendred Catholic Parish page on Facebook.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING THE SUMMER

There have been no special Children's Prayers at 9am at St Mary's on Sunday during the summer, but we have offered access to a website of the SDC Children's Liturgy Resource. All you need to do is click on this link: <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

Today is the last of the summer links and here it is:

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (12th September)

We hear that it is not always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes it requires courage.

[Download accompanying illustration](#)

GIVING

CHARITY: CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organizations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CHARITY: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is appealing for funds to help the suffering Church in Syria. The situation is desperate, and they are asking for donations. Contact 0345 646 0110 or www.acnuk.org/sy21donate

CHARITY: DIDCOT

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: veronicapaget@hotmail.com or leave suitable food outside her front door.

CHARITY: AN UPDATE ON ST AMAND'S MARY'S MEALS PROJECT

With the generosity from St Mary's Parish, the family, and friends of St Amand's school, we raised more than enough money for the sponsorship of The Redeemed Elementary and High, Liberia, for one year.

With your help, we have provided every child, with a hot meal every day at their school; this is a great gift especially in such a challenging year.

We decided to forge ahead with sponsorship for a second year; we currently have raised £2,645.91 of £3,737. We are planning a second sponsored walk in September and hope to raise the remaining amount, therefore commencing the second year from September 2021. Should you feel you are able to help us reach our target by donating £15.90 to feed one child for a year, we would very much appreciate it. You can donate online: [Projects | Mary's Meals \(marysmeals.org\)](https://www.marysmeals.org)

With thanks

Helen Ellery

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**Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)
12th September 2021
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

Entrance Antiphon

Da pacem, Domine

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Cf Sir 36:18

Collect

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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

Isaiah 50:5-9 (RSV)

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I turned not backward.
I gave my back to the smiters,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I hid not my face
from shame and spitting.
For the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been confounded;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9 R/ 9

**R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord:
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord, for he has heard
my voice, my appeal;
for he has turned his ear to me
whenever I call. **R/**

They surrounded me, the snares of death;
the anguish of the grave has found me;
anguish and sorrow I found.
I called on the name of the Lord:
'Deliver my soul, O Lord!' **R/**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple;
I was brought low, and he saved me. **R/**

The Lord has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R/**

Second Reading

James 2:14-18 (RSV)

What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some one will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord:
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35 (RSV)

Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the

prophets.' And he asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Christ.' And he charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men.' And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your Name, may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface VIII

(De Ecclesia adunata ex unitate Trinitatis)

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, when your children were scattered afar by sin, through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit, you gathered them again to yourself, that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity, made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom, be manifest as the Church. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

after St Alphonsus Liguori (18th cent.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Even if I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for you.

Communion Antiphon

Quam pretiosa est misericordia tua

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings. *cf Ps 36:8*

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

Salve Regina

Scripture Reading (Week 24 Year 1)

Monday	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Luke 7:1-10, [11-17]
Holy Cross Day	Philippians 2:6-11	John 3:13-17
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3:[1-13,] 14-16	Luke 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Timothy 4:12-16	Luke 7:36-50
Friday	1 Timothy 6:2-12	Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Luke 8:4-15
25th Sunday (B)	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20	
	James 3:16 – 4:3	Mark 9:30-37

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

13th – 17th September 2021

Monday in Week 24 *Per Annum [Year 1]*

13th September

Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (RSV)

Instructions concerning Prayer

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. **3** This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. **7** For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. **8** I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Reflection

GOD's purpose is that all should be saved: he 'desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth'. However many are or are not saved, it is the task of Christians to pray, not just for each other but for those who have not responded to the Gospel. Some have not heard the Gospel. Others have rejected it. But we pray for them all, regardless. This ministry of intercession is a special opportunity for those whose physical circumstances or health do not permit a more physically active apostolate. The Church's whole *raison d'être*, one could almost say (with the Anglican Archbishop William Temple) is to exist for the sake of those who do not yet belong to.

The Exaltation of the Cross

Tuesday 14th September

Reading

Philippians 2:6-11 (RSV)

Christ the Servant

Though he was in the form of God, Christ did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reflection

SCHOLARS estimate that there are somewhere between five and thirty hymns buried in the New Testament text. These hymns are not highlighted, as in the Old Testament with its Book of Psalms, but can be detected from what seems to be a worship context, from a rhythmic style, and from distinct vocabulary. Often, as with today's reading, they are distinguished by a high Christology – that is, by praising Christ as Lord. An example of what we mean by a high Christology in a hymn is the Gloria of the Mass, culminating in the praise of him who is 'the Most High in the glory of God the Father'. One everyone's list – whether there are five or thirty New Testament hymns, or some other figure, is today's canticle in Philippians 2. Christ is praised as one who empties himself – the word is *kenosis* – God taking the form of a servant. There is a remarkable contrast drawn between abasement ('he humbled himself') and glory ('God has highly exalted him').

Wednesday in Week 24 [Year 1]

Our Lady of Sorrows

15th September

Reading

1 Timothy 3:14-16 (RSV)

The Mystery of Our Religion

¹⁴I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, ¹⁵if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. ¹⁶Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

Reflection

YESTERDAY'S first reading was an early Christian hymn, probably the work of St Paul himself, and certainly written down by him. We can be less sure that 1 Timothy 3:16 was written by St Paul himself, but it is clear that it is one of those passages which scholars generally agree is also an early Christian hymn. It is a succinct – even lyrical – summary of the Faith. We have Christ's pre-existence and Incarnation – 'manifested in the flesh'. We have the endorsement of his Messiahship – 'vindicated in the Spirit'. We have his resurrection – 'seen by angels'. We have the glorious Gospel – 'believed on in the world'. And we have Christ ascended into the heavenly realm – 'taken up in glory'. A useful summary for Christian disciples and possibly, at one time, sung to some tune or other.

Thursday in Week 24 [Year 1]

16th September

Reading

1 Timothy 4:12-16 (RSV)

¹² Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. ¹⁵ Practise these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Reflection

TIMOTHY is a second generation Christian leader and is duly advised to conduct himself in a way which does not draw attention to youthful inexperience. The way he speaks, the way he lives, the relationships he has, his faith, his purity, his study of the Scriptures and his preaching and teaching. He needs constantly to be exercising his charisms and practising his skills, for the sake of his own salvation and the salvation of others.

Friday in Week 24 [Year 1]

17th September

Reading

1 Timothy 6:2-12 (RSV)

False Teachers and True Riches

Teach and urge these duties. ³ If any one teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching which accords with godliness, ⁴ he is puffed up with conceit, he knows nothing; he has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, ⁵ and wrangling among men who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶ There is great gain in godliness with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Reflection

TOWARDS the end of the Epistle, Timothy us given advice about shunning false teachers and materialism. The false teachers remain anonymous and they are countered best by 'godliness with contentment'. Speaking of 'contentment', from this passage comes the often-quoted phrase 'money is the root of all evils'. This, of course, is not what it says. It says 'the love of money is the root of all evils'. This in turn reminds us of the saying of Jesus, reported in two of the Gospels:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (*Mt 6:21, Lk 12:34*)

As a second generation Christian leader – a 'man of God' – Timothy should embrace godliness and the virtues. He should 'fight the good fight', a phrase found more than once in the letters to Timothy, and live up to 'the good confession' which he made 'in the presence of many witnesses', that is, the testimony he gave to 'the sound words of Jesus Christ'.

