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East Hendred Catholic Parish

29th August – 5th September 2021



The Holy Spirit inspires Pope St Gregory the Great, who dictates plainsong to a scribe so that it can be written down

WEEK 22 YEAR 1

29th August – 5th September 2021

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book for Sunday morning Mass: hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
St Mary's is usually open each day from 9am until late afternoon.

SUNDAY 22B			[Green]
29th August	9.30am	Parish Mass	Pro populo
	12.30pm	Holy Baptism	Daniel Jones
	6pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention

WEEK 22 (Year 1)

Monday 30th August	<i>SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>		[Red]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	RIP George Krokowski
Tuesday 31st August	<i>St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>		[White]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	RIP Phil Smith (Birthday)
Weds. 1st September	<i>Feria</i>		[Green]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	Annie Furlong's Intention
Thurs. 2nd September	<i>Feria</i>		[Green]
	9.15am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (Anne Johns)
Friday 3rd September	<i>St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor</i>		[White]
	<i>No 9.15am Mass</i>		
	11am	School Mass at St Amand's	
Sat. 4th September	<i>St Cuthbert, Bishop</i>		[White]
	<i>No Mass</i>		

SUNDAY 23B			[Green]
5th September	9.30am	Parish Mass	Pro populo
	6pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention

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Plainsong (or *plainchant*; [Latin](#): *cantus planus*) is a body of chants used in the liturgy. It is often called 'Gregorian Chant' but it is far from clear how much is owed in this respect to Pope St Gregory. Plainsong was the exclusive form of Christian church music until the ninth century, and the introduction of polyphony (music with many voices). The monophonic (unison) chants of plainsong may have had regular rhythms at one time but usually are now sung in free rhythm. Chant may be syllabic, neumatic (syllables set to more than one note), or melismatic (with long phrases setting one syllable). Plainsong probably goes back to Jewish times – the chant which Jesus and the disciples used after the Last Supper for the Hallel is a chant we still use on Maundy Thursday at East Hendred. Plainsong notations are called neumes and they are set out on a four-line staff, and two clefs are used as appropriate, one showing 'doh' and the other 'fah'.

There are three methods of singing psalms or other chants, solo (one voice alone), responsorial, or antiphonal. In responsorial singing, the soloist (or choir) sings verses, each followed by a response from choir (or congregation). In antiphonal singing, the verses are sung alternately by soloist and choir, or by choir and congregation, or by the two sides of a monastic choir. Whereas the 'psalm tone' is used for all the verses of a psalm, and the 'hymn tune' is used for the various stanzas, there is much through-composed chant, elaborate enough to require a *schola* (choir_ to sing it.

There was a significant plainsong revival in the 19th century, when much work was done to restore the correct notation and performance-style of the old plainsong collections, notably by the monks of Solesmes Abbey, in northern France. After the Second Vatican Council and the use of vernacular languages in the liturgy, use of plainsong declined but has more recently enjoyed something of a revival.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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

Joyce MacKenzie, 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 29th August - 4th September: Matilda Dearlove, Charles Thomas Western, Gertrude Murphy, Percy Barry, Fr Abban Quinn, Helena Brown

East Hendred Catholic Parish

NOTICEBOARD

ST MARY'S CLOSED (6th – 10th September)

There will be no masses, Monday to Friday, 6th – 10th September. Masses on Sunday 5th September will be celebrated by Canon Peter Turbitt (9.30am) and Fr David O'Sullivan (6pm). Masses this week (30th August to 3rd September) are at 9.15am as usual.

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.

CHURCH SERVICES LIVESTREAM

On Sunday 22nd there were 242 hits from 57 unique viewers, with 104 remaining on-line long enough to take part in Mass. 41 machines were in the UK, 16 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 are no special Children's Prayers at 9am at St Mary's on Sunday during the summer, but we offer 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/>

Also we publish **at the end** of this bulletin (pages 18-20) the full CAFOD programme for children for the summer.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will take place on Saturday 4th September 2021. A number of indoor events for children, teens and adults will take place from 10am until 1pm in The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW. The March to Parliament Square, will start outside The Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm. There will be a number of Pro-Life speakers at Parliament Square, including Bishop John Keenan who will travel all the way from Scotland to attend this very important event. For more details see: www.MarchforLife.co.uk

GIVING

OXFORDSHIRE AFGHAN AID OAA

Hendred Village Shop is one of many collecting points for OAA. Daily on the Oxfordshire Afghan Aid OAA Facebook page there is an updated list of requirements for Afghan Refugees arriving in Oxfordshire. This is a very practical way to help.

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: HAITI AND MARY'S MEALS

The people of Haiti urgently need our help

Following the recent 7.2 magnitude [earthquake in Haiti](#), around half a million children need emergency humanitarian assistance.

Tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed and there is widespread fear of further damage and danger as aftershocks continue. People are in urgent need of food, safe water, and shelter.

Mary's Meals has been feeding schoolchildren in Haiti for 15 years and works closely with four well-established and trusted local partners across the country. Many communities were already vulnerable as the Caribbean nation continued to grapple with ongoing political unrest and the long-term damage created by previous natural disasters, so this latest catastrophe has left hundreds of thousands of people in desperate need.

Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response, to deliver emergency ration packs of essential food items to families in the worst affected areas.

Please give if you can, to help families in desperate hardship.

[Donate now](#)

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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East Hendred Catholic Parish



**Twenty-Second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time (B)
29th August 2021
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

The Risen Christ

Entrance Antiphon

Miserere mihi, Domine
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Cf Ps 86:3, 5

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (RSV)

Moses said to the people: 'And now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, gives you. ²You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it; that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.... ⁶Keep them and do them; for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law which I set before you this day?

Psalm 15:2-5 R/cf 2

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who may abide in your tent,
and dwell on your holy mountain?
Whoever walks without fault;
 who does what is just,
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R/**

Whoever does not slander with his tongue,
who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
 who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R/**

Who keeps an oath, whatever the cost,
who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken. **R/**

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 (RSV)

¹⁷ Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures....²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves...²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind :
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (RSV)

Now when the Pharisees gathered together to Jesus, with some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and pots and vessels

of bronze. ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with hands defiled?' ⁶ And he said to them, 'Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honours me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'

⁸ You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men.'...¹⁴ And he called the people to him again, and said to them, 'Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him.'... ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface VI

(De pignore æterni Paschali)

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 in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal. Form having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim: 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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Quam magna multitudo

Ps 31:20

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, I may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Scripture Reading (Week 22 Year 1)

Monday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11	Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	Colossians 1:1-8	Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1:9-14	Luke 5:1-11
Friday	Colossians 1:15-20	Luke 5:33-39
Saturday	Colossians 1:21-23	Luke 6:1-5
Sunday 23B	Isaiah 35:4-7	
	James 2:1-5	Mark 7:31-37

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

30th August – 3rd September 2021

Monday in Week 22 *Per Annum [Year 1]*

30th August

Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (RSV)

On the Faithful Departed and the Parousia

¹³ We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; ¹⁷ then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Reflection

THIS EARLY Christian writing deals with the pressing question of what happens to those who have already died. This is set in the context of a community which is still living in expectation of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. Will those who have already died miss out? Perhaps St Paul is dealing with a loss of faith in the coming again of Christ (the *Parousia*). Perhaps he has given inadequate instruction regarding the resurrection of the dead (though it is the fate of those still living at the Second Coming which seems a no less urgent question). What St Paul does do is firmly link the proclamation of the death and resurrection of Christ to the fate of those who fall asleep in Christ. The new reality will not be a millennial earthly kingdom – otherwise those who are still alive

would precede the dead raised to life – but a new reality symbolised by the language of being caught up together in the clouds. There is striking use of Jewish apocalyptic imagery in this passage – the command, the shout, the trumpet – but ‘in the clouds’ indicates that place between heaven and earth in which the elect gather. What is being impressed on us is that the living and those newly risen from the dead will be taken up together from the earth, there will be a memorable encounter with the living Lord, and all who have served the Lord faithfully will remain for ever with the Lord.

Tuesday in Week 22 [Year 1]

31st August

St Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 (RSV)

Waiting for the Coming of the Lord

But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When people say, ‘There is peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Reflection

THIS passage has clear resonances with the Gospel message of watching alertly for the coming of the Kingdom, which will happen secretly, like a thief in the night (Luke 12:39-40), for we cannot know when that will be. If times and seasons remain unclear, we do know something about what believers are like – children of light and of the day – and how they – we – should behave living expectantly. St Paul is dealing with what we

presume was a certain amount of agitation as regards the Second Coming of Christ. Was this days and weeks away, or months and years? From our vantage point we should add 'decades and centuries' or even millennia. The settled Christian view became – and mostly remains – that, though we cannot know the End Time, the *eschaton*, we do know that everything does come to an end, not least our own lives, and that the crucial thing is to live as if the End were imminent, which is not to say, of course, that it is not imminent.

Wednesday in Week 22 [Year 1]

1st September

Reading

Colossians 1:1-8 (RSV)

Paul thanks God for the Colossians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colos'sae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, **5** because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel **6** which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, **7** as you learned it from Ep'aphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf **8** and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Reflection

THE LETTER to the Colossians may be by St Paul himself, or it may be what is called 'deutero-Pauline', a later work based on the ministry and teaching of St Paul. Interestingly, verses 3-8 – the main part of today's reading – are originally just one very long Greek sentence, sounding to us rather like a flowery opening to a formal letter. Yet the writer is not just politely acknowledging the honour of those to whom he is writing but

making it clear to all and sundry that the Church in Colossae is worthy of public esteem. That sense of honour and esteem was one of the core values of Mediterranean society. One of the reasons why the letter might be later than Paul is that instead of thinking in terms of the present age and the Second Coming, we now have a sense of the spreading of the Gospel onwards and outwards, a longer perspective. Whatever the case, this short introduction – in one long sentence – sets out a whole agenda for the letter: faith, love, the proclamation of the Gospel, the growth in holiness of life of the Church.

Thursday in Week 22 [Year 1]

2nd September

Reading

Colossians 1:9-14 (RSV)

A Life Worthy of the Lord

⁹ And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reflection

CONTINUING the thanksgiving in yesterday's opening to the Letter to the Colossians, today's verses continue in a somewhat liturgical tone, with the kind of phraseology we might come across in formal prayer. A good example is the beautiful phrase 'share in the inheritance of the saints in light'. Clearly the agenda is receiving the grace to grow in holiness and again we this sense of moving forwards in good works and the knowledge of God, the settled life of the Christian community seeking to promote the Gospel. There is a definite sense of a change of identity: Christians once belonged to the dominion of darkness. Now they - we - belong to the Kingdom of the Beloved Son.

St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

Friday 3rd September

Reading

Colossians 1:15-20 (RSV)

The Supremacy of Christ

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Reflection

IT IS generally agreed that the first reading today was an early Christian hymn. This is made evident by its grammatical construction, its use of words unique to these verses, and its lyrical themes. These are technical matters which cannot detain us. We learn that the hymn 'anchors traditions about Divine Wisdom firmly in history by stressing the relationship between the death of Christ and the reconciliation of the universe, and by highlighting the indwelling of Christ in the Church' (Margaret Y MacDonald, *Colossians &c, Sacra Pagina* p.67). We should note also that references to Divine Wisdom introduce feminine imagery. If this beautiful hymn had verses it could be split in more than one way. A two-verse lay-out gives us verses beginning at 15 and 18: 'Christ is the image of the invisible God' and 'He is the head of the body, the Church'. But a three-verse structure is also possible: verses 15-16; 17-18a; 18b-20.





Children's Liturgy resources: Summer 2021

The summer holidays have arrived, and after a challenging few months, I hope you're all getting the opportunity to have a break and enjoy some long sunny days.

Perhaps you're looking for things to do with your family or church? If so, we are excited to be offering some brand-new [prayer activities](#) for families to explore over the summer break.

Included below are the children's liturgy resources you need to take you into September. Obviously, many groups will be gathering in different ways over the summer so please do use them in the way that best suits your circumstances.

We'll also be continuing to stream our [virtual children's liturgy](#) live every Sunday morning over the holiday period.

[Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (29 August)

Jesus tells us that it is not enough to say that we believe in God. We must show that we love God through our actions and by being the best people that we can be.

[Download accompanying illustration](#)

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (5 September)

Jesus helps a man who is deaf to hear and to speak more clearly. We think about how we can listen and speak out.

[Download accompanying illustration](#)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (12 September)

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

[Download accompanying illustration](#)

Wishing you all a fun and faith-filled Summer,

Catherine

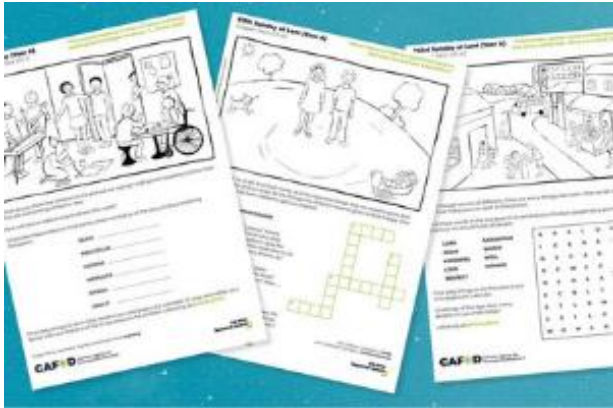
God of love,
open our ears to hear your word
and open our hearts that we may always speak up for what is right.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Family prayer resources

Share these creative prayer ideas and fun activities with your children throughout the school holidays.

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Children's liturgy group

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Family activities

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