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**ENGLISH MARTYRS—**

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# **East Hendred Catholic Parish**

**23<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



***SS Simon & Jude (28<sup>th</sup> October)***

# WEEK 30 YEAR 2

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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

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<b>SUNDAY 30C</b>			[Green]
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>	
		(St Mary's Parish Rooms)	
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>	
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass at St Patrick's</b>	
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	

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*WEEK 30 (Year 2)* *Feria (Votive of the Holy Trinity)* [White]  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am Holy Mass FM Edwin & Ethel Brown 2011

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** *Feria (Votive of the Holy Angels)* [White]  
9.15am Holy Mass FM Minnie Rafferty 1945

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** *SS Chad & Cedd* [White]  
9.15am Holy Mass FM Lady Agnes Eyston 1987

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** *Feria (Votive of the Holy Spirit)* [Red]  
9.15am Holy Mass  
FM Leslie Leonard & Mary Agnes Langley 1998

**Friday 28<sup>t</sup>** **SS Simon & Jude, Apostles** [Red]  
8.30am Holy Mass (***in St Mary's***)

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** *Our Lady St Mary on Saturday* [White]  
**No Mass**

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# Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**IN HIS** Pastoral Letter on 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**AS WE** prepare for this Year of Prayer, which will begin on the First Sunday of Advent (27<sup>th</sup> November), I plan for the next five weeks to not only encourage further provision for these 'holy habits' but to look at them in turn. So.....

## **(1) Keeping Sunday special**

Within recent memory, devout Catholics would never miss Sunday Mass. If they were on holiday, or away from home, a priority would be to discover where the local Catholic Church was and what time Mass was celebrated. Something remains of the practice of hearing Mass elsewhere, in that quite often people still go to other parishes for Mass when the time happens to fit what they are doing that weekend. Nowadays fewer Catholics would think of missing Sunday Mass as a mortal sin and, for various reasons, many now come *usually* on a Sunday rather than *always* on Sunday, or they come *sometimes* on a Sunday rather than *usually*.

Sundays nowadays are complex – with the intensity of the working week, the demands of family, the chances for recreation – and it is certainly harder than it used to be to fit in Sunday Mass. Not everyone sees the Mass obligation as the first call on their weekend. Nevertheless, Sunday is the first day of the week – the Day of Resurrection – rather than the second day of the weekend and keeping Sunday special by attending Mass not only honours the Sabbath commandment in the Ten Commandments but also the Lord's command at the Last Supper 'Do this in memory of me'. With the three-year cycle of readings, it is also the best and easiest way to learn about the Christian Faith.

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS



## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### NATIONAL & DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>(National:)</i> Pontifical Mission Societies <i>(Diocesan:)</i> Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Team for Marginalised & Inactive Catholics
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	The work of the Secular Clergy Common & New Common Funds
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parish of Christ the King & St Colman, Bitterne
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Property Managers in the Diocese
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parishes, Communities, & Schools in the Bournemouth Pastoral Area
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parishes, Communities, & Schools in the Petersfield Pastoral Area

### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Martha, Diana France, Helen Lewis, Fr Robin Sanders, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October:* Winifred Reeley, Thomas Couling, James Delaney, Nora Lodge, Canon Morris P.P., Barbara Rogers, Mary Elsie Gresty, Michael Eyston, Francis Dearlove, Albert Alfred Ballard.

# **EAST Hendred Catholic Parish**

## **NOTICEBOARD**

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection is for Foreign Missions on Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> October)

### **HENDRED HOUSE CHAPEL**

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October until further notice, Hendred House Chapel will be closed for building works. Friday Mass and Adoration will take place in St Mary's.

### **GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

Our St Mary's and St Augustine's Bible study and Prayer group will be meeting again on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We shall be using Luke, chapter 21 to help us learn, discuss and pray together. The chapter includes the gospel for the following Sunday.

If you feel like an evening with coffee/tea/hot chocolate, good biscuits, friendship and the opportunity to be together in prayer, you will be very welcome. We begin in the Holy Family Room in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm and finish between 8.30 and 9.00. If you'd like more information, please get in touch with

Geoff Bailey; 01235 762221, [gjbshoes@gmail.com](mailto:gjbshoes@gmail.com), or  
Denis Smith; 01235 765564; [djbm.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:djbm.smith@ntlworld.com)

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 187 people viewed, 58 machines looking only at St Mary's. 31 of these were in the UK, 27 elsewhere in the world. 109 probably stayed on-line long enough to take part in Mass.

### **MISSIONARY COMMUNITIES**

The Bishop unveils a ten-year Mission Plan: *You Shall Be My Witnesses*:  
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

This plan will affect everyone in the diocese. Under the plan, between July 2023 and December 2027 parishes will be reorganised and estate rationalised. Our new 'Missionary Community' or 'Parish' would be an amalgamation of Abingdon, Buckland and Faringdon, Didcot and Wallingford; Hendred, Hinksey, Wantage and Lambourn (i.e. the current Pastoral Area). The Pastoral Area clergy think that there may be administrative and catechetical advantages in organising more things on a Pastoral Area basis. There will be a meeting about this on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at which we shall be represented.



Welcome to the latest edition of the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign Weekly Newsletter.

We are thrilled to announce that Sacred Heart, Waterlooville is the final parish to join Group 3! That means the overall target of the 20 parishes taking part so far is nearly £6 million, with over £4 million raised in these worshipping communities already.

You can read more about Waterlooville's plans [here](#).

Best wishes,

***Closer to Christ*** Campaign Team

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**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, East Hendred pledges, including Gift Aid, totalled £60,900 (over five years). This is 87% of the target we are seeking to raise. The average gift is £2,648 per household, about £45 per month. Thank you for your generosity. There is a pledge form below.**



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# CHILDREN.....

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Have a word with Veronica or Libby if you would like to help. Children's Church is at 9.15am on Sundays in St Mary's Parish Rooms, except school holidays.

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH TRAINING SESSION**

The Dominican Sisters are offering an online **Children's Liturgy Training session** on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**, from 9am to 12noon. We will look at the fundamental principles, model sessions, and share resources. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscemrpzoiEtbsbgOsOqgVj-XCRhUE0sMo>

# .....YOUNG ADULTS

## **DAVE AND GEMMA**

I have asked Dave and Gemma, a couple at St Mary's who are marrying later this year, 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](mailto:davegem2022@gmail.com)

## **FLAME**

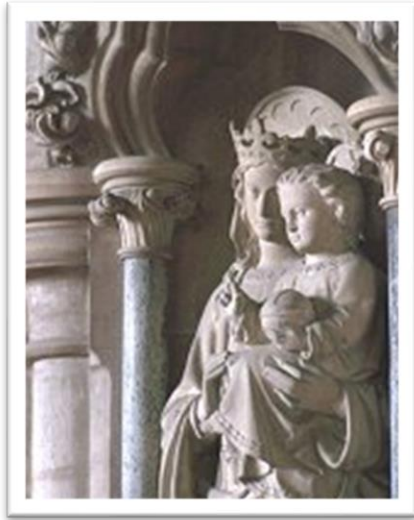
Flame, the largest youth gathering of Catholics, is taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!' All young people, whether from the parish, at school (Year 9 or older), or at university are welcome. Loud music, bright lights, moments of stillness..... Any questions? Contact [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



# East Hendred Catholic Parish



**Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time (C)  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022  
Antiphons,  
Prayers and Readings**

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## **Entrance Antiphon**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

*Lætetur cor*

*cf Ps 105:3-4*

## **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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**

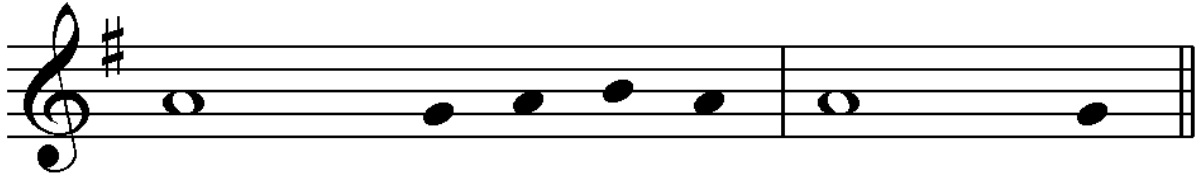
The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the fatherless, nor the widow when she pours out her story. ... He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him, and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. And the Lord will not delay, neither will he be patient with them, till he crushes the loins of the unmerciful and repays vengeance

*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 (RSV)*

on the nations; till he takes away the multitude of the insolent, and breaks the sceptres of the unrighteous; till he repays the man according to his deeds, and the works of men according to their devices; till he judges the case of his people and makes them rejoice in his mercy.

Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 *R/cf 7*

*Tone IV.6*



*R/* ( ) *This poor man called; | the Lord heard him.*

*I will* bless the *Lord* at all times;  
praise of him is always in my *mouth*.  
In the *Lord* my soul *shall* make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be *glad*. *R/*

The *Lord* turns his face *a-against* the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the *earth*.  
When the just cry *out*, the *Lord* hears,  
and rescues them in all their *di-stress*. *R/*

The *Lord* is close to the *bro-ken-hearted*;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will *save*. *R/*

### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (RSV)*

I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ... At my first defence no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation



*Bles-sed* are you, Father, Lord of *heav'n* and earth:  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom *to mere* chil - dren.

## Gospel

*Luke 18:9-14 (RSV)*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: 'Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

## Preface

*(VI De pignore aeterni 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.

## Communion Antiphon

*Lætabimur in salutari tuo*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

*cf Ps 20:6*

## Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

## Salve Regina

*Liturgical Hymns 597*

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 30 Year 2)

Monday	Ephesians 4:32-5:8	Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:21-33	Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday	Ephesians 6:1-9	Luke 13:22-30
Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-20	Luke 13:31-35
Friday	Philippians 1:1-11	Luke 14:1-6
Saturday	Philippians 1:18-26	Luke 14:1, 7-11
<b>Sunday 31C</b>	<b>Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2</b>	
	<b>2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2</b>	<b>Luke 19:1-10</b>

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# FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Week 30[ii]

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## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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### Collect for Week 30

**ALMIGHTY** ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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.

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### Reading

*Ephesians 4:32-5:8*

*Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.*

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **5** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**3** But immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is fitting among saints. **4** Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving. **5** Be sure of this, that no immoral or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not associate with them, **8** for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

## Reflection

**TODAY'S** passage from Ephesians begins with an encouragement to kindness and mutual forbearance. These virtues contrast with the verse before the passage which highlighted bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, slander, and malice as undesirable characteristics of a Christian community. We then hear of further problems. These include immorality, impurity, and covetousness, filthiness, silly talk, and levity. We are reminded of the contrast between what life was like before conversion to Christ and what life should be like amongst the converted, as distinct from those around. We cannot make too many conclusions either about the Christian communities to which the letter is addressed, nor about the social contexts in which they are set, but the notion that immorality and the rest 'must not even be named...as is fitting among saints' rather suggests that then, as now, there were inconsistencies and problems, with many falling short of what was required of them by their Christian profession.

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### Reading

*Ephesians 5:21-33*

### *The Christian Household*

<sup>21</sup> Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. <sup>24</sup> As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, <sup>27</sup> that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two

shall become one flesh.’<sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the church; <sup>33</sup> however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

## **Reflection**

**WHAT** we have here in Ephesians 5 is what could be described as a ‘household code’, a way of seeing how the domestic family fits in with the understanding of the Church and wider society. Here we seem to be more concerned with the Church than with society, though this ordering of life has been massively influential throughout Christian history. There is clearly a godly way of understanding the family as an expression of the relationship between Christ and his Body the Church. The husband represents – and needs to live up to – the role of Christ. The wife – with her children – represent the community of the Church and embody the love and charity which are the life of the Church. This godly understanding is sacramental – husband and wife become one flesh, which accords with the teaching of Christ. Two become one in the unity of marriage. It is easy to see the problems can emerge: there has been plenty of scope for tyrannical patterns of patriarchy in all this, and the place of slaves, later in the discussion, highlights other problems too. In short, this ‘household code’ cannot justly be adopted in our modern context, without careful attention to what is necessary. One thing is the emphasis on the need of the husband to love his wife sacrificially. Another is our understanding of the dignity and rights of women as autonomous human beings, with equal rights and opportunities. It should make us cautious when we look how long this new understanding has taken to emerge, how great inequalities remain, and how, in many parts of the world, ‘household codes’ remain oppressive.

# Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

## Reading

*Ephesians 6:1-9*

*Children and Parents, Slaves and Masters*

**6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** 'Honour your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3** 'that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.' **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**5** Slaves, be obedient to those who are your earthly masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as to Christ; **6** not in the way of eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7** rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to men, **8** knowing that whatever good any one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. **9** Masters, do the same to them, and forbear threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

## Reflection

**YESTERDAY** we were given the first part of a code of conduct for Christian households and we continue with that today. There are two similar versions of today's passage: we find a similar passage in Colossians 3:18-4:1. To our contemporaries, the mention of slaves and masters is a stumbling-block. We need to remember that Christianity has always spread amongst societies whose values are not intrinsically Christian and many of our obligations have taken centuries to understand and discover. The Christian Gospel has always existed amongst – and challenged – non-Christian and sub-Christian social structures.



# Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

## Reading

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

### *The Whole Armour of God*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## Reflection

**I HAVE** to confess that, though, as a child, I lacked military instincts, this passage from Ephesians 6 was a favourite of mine. I think it may even have been the passage read at my confirmation in the Church of England, at the age of 10. It may just be that, for a child, the metaphors used were clear, consistent, and striking. The spiritual armour and weaponry are labelled and the enemies listed are formidable: principalities, powers, the world rulers of this present darkness, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. The readers of this Letter would be as familiar with the sight of the Roman soldier, armed for battle, as we are familiar with the sight of a policeman in uniform. The battle being waged between

the Sons of Disobedience and the Children of Light is a constant theme in Ephesians and today's passage is on continuity with the earlier discussion of the tension between the undesirable characteristics of a Christian community -wrath, anger, clamour, slander, and malice and the rest – that we were hearing about earlier in the week and what the life of the community should be. At the same time, the world rulers of this present darkness, and the various dismal battalions of evil, impact not only – or evenly mainly – on Christian congregations.

## **SS Simon & Jude, Apostles**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

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**St Simon** is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot' rather suggesting that he belonged to the militant Jewish movement called 'the Zealots'. 'Zealots' were first and foremost zealous about the keeping of the Jewish Law but they were prepared to be freedom fighters too, seeking to rid the land of the Roman oppressor.

**St Jude** (or Thaddaeus) has a letter ascribed to him in the New Testament and is popularly invoked as the patron of lost causes.

St Simon's apostolic work was first in Egypt, St Jude's in Mesopotamia. They worked together in Persia (modern Iran) where they were martyred. It was this shared fate, together with there being very little other information, which led to them being paired in the Calendar and in the Roman Canon.

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### **Collect for SS Simon & Jude**

**O GOD**, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name: graciously grant, through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude, that the Church may constantly grow by increase of the peoples who believe in 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.

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## Reading

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

### *No Longer Strangers and Aliens*

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## Reflection

**ONLY** last week we heard today's reading from Ephesians 2. It was then part of our *lectio continua* – our daily reading in course. Today it is set for SS Simon & Jude. Christ is here seen as the cornerstone of the new temple, the dwelling place of God in the Spirit. This is the new reality of the Church, founded on the apostles and prophets, and those who are drawn into membership of the Church are no longer outsiders but 'fellow citizens' – 'aliens' is the word used where we heard 'sojourners'. Here we have a meeting place of both Jews and Gentiles. Gentiles are characterised as 'having no hope and without God in the world'. The barrier between Jews and Gentiles was a physical barrier in the Jerusalem Temple and this barrier has disappeared in the holy temple of the Lord. The holy temple of the Lord itself is no longer seen as a building in Jerusalem but a dwelling place of God in the Spirit, a living temple built with living stones.

# The Rosary

The Rosary has five sets of ten beads each preceded by a separate bead. The Our Father is said on the separate bead, a Hail Mary on each of the ten beads, and a Glory be... whilst holding the chain before proceeding to the next separate bead. It is customary to begin, on the short chain, with the Creed (holding the crucifix), an Our Father, three Hail Marys and a Glory be... At the end of the chaplet (set of five mysteries), hold the medal and say the Hail Holy Queen....

## The Five Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

1	<b>The Annunciation</b>	<b><i>Luke 1:26-38</i></b>
2	<b>The Visitation</b>	<b><i>Luke 1:39-46</i></b>
3	<b>The Nativity</b>	<b><i>Luke 2:1-7</i></b>
4	<b>The Presentation</b>	<b><i>Luke 2:22-32</i></b>
5	<b>The Finding in the Temple</b>	<b><i>Luke 2:42-52</i></b>

## The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

1	<b>The Agony in the Garden</b>	<b><i>Mark 14:32-38</i></b>
2	<b>The Scourging at the Pillar</b>	<b><i>John 18:33 – 19:1</i></b>
3	<b>The Crowning with Thorns</b>	<b><i>Mark 15:16-20</i></b>
4	<b>The Carrying of the Cross</b>	<b><i>Matthew 27:31-34</i></b>
5	<b>The Crucifixion</b>	<b><i>Luke 23:33-48</i></b>

## The Five Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

1	<b>The Baptism in the Jordan</b>	<b><i>Matthew 3:13-17</i></b>
2	<b>The Wedding at Cana</b>	<b><i>John 2:1-12</i></b>
3	<b>The Proclamation of the Kingdom</b>	<b><i>Luke 4:14-21</i></b>
4	<b>The Transfiguration</b>	<b><i>Mark 9:2-8</i></b>
5	<b>The Institution of the Eucharist</b>	<b><i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i></b>

## The Five Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

1	<b>The Resurrection</b>	<b><i>Luke 24:1-6</i></b>
2	<b>The Ascension</b>	<b><i>Luke 24:50-53</i></b>
3	<b>The Gift of the Holy Spirit</b>	<b><i>Acts 2:1-4</i></b>
4	<b>The Assumption of Our Lady</b>	<b><i>1 Corinthians 15:20-26</i></b>
5	<b>The Coronation of Our Lady and the Glory of the Saints</b>	<b><i>Revelation 12:1-6</i></b>

**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 lift 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.