

Our Lady of Fatima

ST MARY, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children (“The Three Seers”) near the town of Fatima, Portugal between 13th May and 13th October, 1917. The Blessed Virgin told them that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, she promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were obeyed.

“If My requests are granted ... there will be peace Our Lady of Fatima explained to the children that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to his will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God's Mother prophesied that Russia would be God's chosen “instrument of chastisement,” spreading the “errors” of atheism and materialism across the earth, fomenting wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere.

If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much and various nations will be annihilated. In all her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. To prevent the terrible chastisement at the hands of Russia and to convert “that poor nation”, Our Lady requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world. She also asked that the Faithful practise a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months (“The Five First Saturdays”). The heart of Our Lady's Message to the world is contained in what has come to be called the “Secret” which she confided to the three child seers in July 1917. The second part of the Secret specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and contained the Mother of God's solemn request for the Consecration of Russia as a condition for world peace. It also predicted the inevitable triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia's consecration and the conversion “of that poor nation” to the Catholic Faith. The last part of the Secret (often called the “Third Secret”) has not yet been made public, but was written down by Lucy Dos Santos, the last living Fatima seer, in 1944 and has been in the possession of the Holy See since 1957. Most informed sources speculate that this portion of the Secret concerns chaos in the Catholic Church, predicting widespread apostasy and a loss of faith beginning in the seventh decade of the 20th Century, the 1960s....



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Sunday 12 th May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year C: Week 4 [white] Pro populo Pro populo
Monday 13 th May	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Albert Austin Dearlove 1924
Tuesday 14 th May	St Matthias, Apostle Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red] In Thanksgiving [Julie Lazarus]
Wednesday 15 th May	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Ida Mary Stafford-Northcote 1954
Thursday 16 th May	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white] FM Col. S V Daughlish 1925
Friday 17 th May	<i>St Dunstan, Bishop</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white] Holy Souls
Saturday 18 th May	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> No Mass. Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot: 9.30am	[white]
Sunday 19 th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year C: Week 1 [white] Pro populo Pro populo
	Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by request after a weekday mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

We remember the traditional association of the month of May by reciting the Rosary after the weekday Masses. Please stay and join in as you are able.

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

And world day of prayer for Vocations. There is today a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund, please be as generous as you can to support the training of our seminarians. See poster in church with all of our Portsmouth seminarians.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Hendred Building & Finance Committee will be on **Wednesday 15th May**, 8pm, St Michael's Room in St Patrick's Church.

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (20th May)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers. For more information, please contact Gillian at gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

ASCENSION DAY IS ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY.

Ascension Day ranks equally with Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, and Pentecost as one of the four great solemnities of the year.

Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics and there will be two masses at St Mary's: one at 12.15pm and the other at 7.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JACK EYSTON

To anyone who would like to attend a memorial service for Jack Eyston, it will be held at 11am on **Friday 31st May** at the Oratory School in Woodcote, Reading RG8 0PJ. All very welcome to attend and afterwards are cordially invited to Maple Durham House.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

On **Saturday 1st June** at St Edmund's Church, Radley Road, Abingdon. One session on Child Protection from 10.00am – 12.30pm and a Refresher Training from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Bookings by email at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION

Last two Sunday's collections raised a total of £2,157.77 of which 88% was Gift aided. We raised £268.96 for the Comboni Fathers.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

World Communications: 2nd June

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NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko and Angus Clark.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Alberta Dearlove, Harold Davis and Frances Smith.*

HOLY FATHER'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION - May the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

DISCOVERING JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

There will be a series of evening talks during May and June at the Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy on different aspects of the life of Blessed John Henry Newman. For details on talks please see poster in church.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS—PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES

- **Sunday 23rd June:** First Holy Communion at 11am, at St Mary's.
- **Sunday 30th June:** BBQ at Snells Hall from 12-4pm
- **Sunday 14th July:** BBQ at St Patrick's
- **Sunday 18th August:** St Mary's Foundation Celebrations. The Wheatsheaf.

GIFT AID

Laurie Strike, the Gift Aid Officer for East Hendred Catholic Parish, reports that total donations which benefit from Gift Aid amount, for the tax year 208-2019, to £47310.73 which means we receive an addition in tax refunds amounting to £11827.68.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP WITH CHURCH FLOWERS

We desperately need more people to join the church flower rota. It will only take a couple of hours of your time less than once a month. You don't need to be an expert just willing to help decorate the church. Please contact Jacqui on 01235 831139, family.orourke@btinternet.com

CONFESSIONS

Every Catholic in good standing is asked to make his or her Confession at least once a year, sometime around Easter. There is no obligation to do this in one's own parish or with a priest whom one knows. The Easter period of grace extends until Pentecost.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after every Sunday Mass and at St Michael's Room on the first Sunday of the month.