



# EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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## TRINITY

26<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### SUNDAY

26<sup>th</sup> May

### TRINITY SUNDAY

9.15am Children's Liturgy (Parish Rooms)

9.30am Parish Mass *PRO POPULO*

11.15am Holy Mass (St. Patrick's)

*Relatives & Friends of Martha & Graham Block*

6pm Holy Mass

### Monday

27<sup>th</sup> May

### S. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop & Confessor

*No public Mass*

### Tuesday

28<sup>th</sup> May

### Bl. Margaret Pole

9am Holy Mass *Bridget Woods, RIP*

### Wednesday

29<sup>th</sup> May

### *Feria*

9am Holy Mass *Edward Woods, RIP*

### Thursday

30<sup>th</sup> May

### [CORPUS CHRISTI] (Votive of the Holy Eucharist)

9am School Mass *PRO POPULO*

### Friday

31<sup>st</sup> May

### THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am Holy Mass (Hendred House Chapel)

3pm-4pm Adoration (Hendred House Chapel)

### Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> June

### S. Justin (Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist)

9am Holy Mass *Eithne Naughton, RIP*

10-11am Adoration & Confessions

5-6pm Adoration & Confessions

*Priest:*

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Reflections on **The Litany of Loreto** concluded.

### **Regina Sanctorum Omnium | Queen of All Saints**

Clustered at the close of the Litany of Loreto are a sequence of titles which hail Mary as ‘Queen’. This reminds us, principally, that Mary is the Mother of the Great King, which makes her a Queen Mother, a position which, in the ancient world, was one of power and influence. Consider the influence Bathsheba exercises over Solomon, her son (*1 Kings 2:18ff*): a ministry of intercession, precisely as Mary Our Queen exercises now.

‘Queen of All Saints’ concludes a list-within-a-list in which Mary is named as Queen of each ‘category’ of holiness: angels, patriarchs, prophets, Apostles, martyrs, confessors, and virgins. The idea here is that Mary encapsulates the virtues of all of these orders of holiness. Angelic in her purity, offspring and finest fruit of the Patriarchs, prophetic in her Magnificat (*Luke 1:46ff*), an apostle in her Mission to the Church, more-than-martyr in her sufferings at the Cross, a confessor of the faith, and first among virgins, Mary is the crown and summit, truly the Queen of All Saints.

### **Regina sine Labe Originale Concepta | Queen Conceived without Original Sin**

At the very end of the Litany we have a series of ‘doctrinal’ titles for our Lady, which represent the flowering of the Church’s Mariology. In 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, that is, that Mary was conceived without inheriting the stain of Original Sin, unique among all mankind save for her divine and human Son. Freed from this taint bequeathed by our first parents, Mary’s will is the freer to cleave to the Will of God, ultimately enabling her to consent to God’s plan in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

### **Regina in Coelum Assumpta | Queen Assumed into Heaven**

Solemnly defined in 1950, almost a century after Pius IX’s definition above, the Assumption of Our Lady is another mediæval teaching which was almost universal before it was solemnly defined as a doctrine which all Catholics must believe. The Assumption is the taking up of Mary, body and soul, into heaven at the conclusion of her earthly life. It’s still a point of contention whether or not she died first. Why? On the one hand, we are told in the Scriptures that “the wages of sin are death” (*Rom. 6:23*): Our Lady committed no sin, and therefore, the argument goes, she

deserved not to die. On the other hand, the counter-argument runs, her Son embraced death on our behalf, and surely her solidarity with Him would require her, too, to enter into the grave (even though she, like Him, overcomes it through the power of God). Either way, the Assumption demonstrates the victory over the grave won by Jesus, and the persistence of the power of His Resurrection in those united to Him by baptism.

### **Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii | Queen of the Most Holy Rosary**

Superficially a curious title – what, precisely, does I mean to be the queen of a rosary? – but once we accept that it is about Our Lady’s most easily-recognisable ‘accessory’ we can accept it as a kind of metonymy, in which the rosary stands for all those graces won by pious recitation of the rosary, by Mary’s prayers to her divine Son. We mentioned a few of the more spectacular victories of the rosary under “Help of Christians,” but the no-less-important effects of the rosary lie in the quiet sanctification of everyday life: initially a way for the unlettered layman or -woman to join in the prayer of the church, with 150 *Aves* to match the 150 Psalms recited by the clergy in the Divine Office, the rosary rapidly developed a spirituality of its own, concentrating on the key moments in Christ’s life through the medium of prayer to His blessed Mother.

### **Regina Pacis | Queen of Peace**

We will have peace only in heaven, where God will be all-in-all, and so ‘Queen of Peace’ is something like a variation on ‘Queen of Heaven,’ which doesn’t appear in the Litany of Loreto, familiar to us from the antiphon *Regina Cali* sung in Eastertide. In this world, as we know all too well, peace is fleeting and always imperfect, but can be had in measure by union with God in this life. For this, the prayers of the blessed in heaven, who already enjoy peace, are important: chief among them the prayers of Mary, who bore in her Body the “prince of peace” (*Is. 9:6*) and who was thereby filled with peace. The Blessed Virgin has always been implored for help in time of war, as the many dedications to Our Lady, Queen of Peace testify. Chief among these is perhaps *Santa Maria della Pace* in Rome, rededicated in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. A yearning for heavenly peace is expressed as a desire for its closest substitute in this life: “Blessed are the Peacemakers” says Our Lord, since their hearts are set on “that peace which the world cannot give” (*from the Collect for Peace, Roman Rite*), “the peace of God, which passes all understanding” (*Phil. 4:7*).

# NOTICES

## STANDING

- ✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting.
- ✠ **CONFESSIONS** are heard in S. Mary's on Saturdays, 10-11am, 5-6pm. Confessions can be heard at S. Patrick's after the Sunday Mass.
- ✠ Spend some time with the Lord in **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**, in S. Mary's on Saturdays 10-11am, 5-6pm, concluding with **BENEDICTION**.
- ✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are also needed for the Flower Rota – no experience necessary – please speak to Jacqui if you can help.
- ✠ Diocesan **VACANCIES**:  
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>
- ✠ **GIFT AID**: if you give online, by standing order, or via contactless, have you filled in a gift aid declaration? Please do: it's a significant part of our income.
- ✠ **GIVING TO THE PARISH** by standing order or online:  
**CDP East Hendred, St Mary**  
**Acc. No. 00877183**  
**Sort Code: 30-93-04**  
Or via the **DONA MACHINE** by the door.

## NEWS

- ✠ **PLEASE PRAY** for those making their First Holy Communions next Sunday, of Corpus Christi: Logan, Méabh, and Matthew.
- ✠ **NEXT SUNDAY** we celebrate Corpus Christi with a Procession and Benediction after Mass.
- ✠ **SAVE THE DATE! 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE** will see the return of the popular **S. Patrick's Barbecue**, after 11:15 Mass at S. Patrick's, East Ilsley.
- ✠ **THIS WEDNESDAY (29<sup>TH</sup> MAY)** is our second 'Parish Conversation' in the Parish Rooms at 7pm. Topic: **'How can we better enter into the Liturgy?'**
- ✠ **ST. AMAND'S** is looking for a part time teacher and a part-time Teaching Assistant. Please see: [st-amands.oxon.sch.uk/vacancies](http://st-amands.oxon.sch.uk/vacancies).
- ✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**: Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener, Roy Kemp, Agnes Hickey, Rose Millet.
- ✠ **YEAR'S MINDS**: Diana Tuson, Charles John Mulford, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Edward Murphy, Thomas More Eyston, Margaret Rose Raab, David Rogers **R·I·P·**