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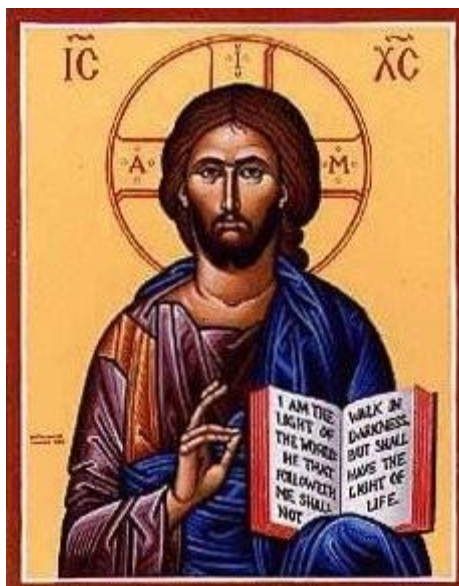
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East Hendred Catholic Parish

Fifth Week of Easter

7th - 14th May 2023



The Way, the Truth, and the Life

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All masses live-streamed www.churchservices.tv/easthendred

Church open from 9am each day

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE		[White]
7th May	9.15am	Children's Church <i>in the Parish Rooms</i>
	9.30am	Parish Mass <i>Pro populo</i>
	11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's
	6pm	Holy Mass <i>FM Mary Jane Eyston 1917</i>
Monday		<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> [White]
8th May	9.15am	Holy Mass <i>Claire King</i>
Tuesday		<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> [White]
9th May	9.15am	Holy Mass <i>RIP Alex and Breda Smith</i>
Wednesday		<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> [White]
10th May	No Mass	
Thursday		<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> [White]
11th May	<u>2.15pm</u>	School Mass
Friday		<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> [White]
12th May	8.30am	Holy Mass
Saturday		<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> [White]
13th May	<i>No Mass</i>	
SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE		[White]
14th May	9.15am	Children's Church <i>in the Parish Rooms</i>
	9.30am	Parish Mass <i>Pro populo</i>
	11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's
	6pm	Holy Mass <i>FM Mary Jane Eyston 1917</i>

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Fr Andrew is usually available to speak to after Mass.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other meetings are most conveniently made by e-mail.

Ma Lluïsa Jarne: office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk
or Sunday mass or on Mondays, 6pm-8pm, on 07983045824.

Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

ON 1st February 2023. 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

Reflection – *I and the Father are one. John 10:30*

IN EXODUS chapter 3, as Moses is keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, God reveals himself to Moses 'in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush'. God says to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he says to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you",' (v. 14). We need to keep in our minds several things here. For one thing, Moses is serving as a shepherd. For another, God reveals himself in a burning bush, a bush not consumed by the fire – a present moment, not a moment where something starts and finishes. Third, God tells Moses his Name: I AM WHO I AM. God is entirely in the present. He has no history, no beginning. He has no future, no ending. He is the Eternal Present. Fourth, God reveals himself to send Moses on a mission: 'Say this to the people of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you".'

If we are going to begin to understand the significance of this incident, we have to remember all these four things. Let's put them in a slightly different order. God chooses to reveal himself. There is no need for him to do so. The whole universe could function without us ever discovering anything about God, who he is and what he does. And, in fact, some people do think that the whole thing happens without God. Second, God reveals himself as the Eternal Present, I AM WHO I AM. That is the Name he gives himself. It is the Sacred Name, not for reading aloud. It is a Name which is forbidden to utter aloud in Hebrew and Catholic worship. In fact, in the Hebrew Bible, the vowels used are those of another word, so that whenever the Sacred Name appears in the scrolls, the reader says *Adonai* instead. The Sacred Name has four consonants – Yod, He, Waw and He, or, as we would say, Y, H, W, H. This *tetragrammaton* – these four letters – are translated as LORD in the English Bible and Lectionary, and, to indicate the *tetragrammaton*, the word LORD is given with the four capital letters.

We need to understand all that if we are going to understand the significance of what Jesus says about himself in St John's Gospel. On Good Shepherd Sunday (8th May) - and, remember, God revealed himself to Moses whilst he was watching over the sheep, and, for that matter, the angels of Bethlehem announced the coming of Jesus 'while shepherds watched their flocks by night' – we thought of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. As the Alleluia verse put it, 'I AM the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know

my own sheep and my own know me'. But the mention of shepherds and sheep should not distract us from the most important thing in the sentence. Jesus says, 'I AM'. We are encountering God himself. It is God himself who is speaking. Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us. The Risen Lord, in our midst, is God himself in our midst.

And it is in St John's Gospel that we discover most not only about Jesus but about God. This is clear from the verse we began with (*John 10:30*): 'I and the Father are one', says Jesus. This is not the first time we come across this. There are a several places in St John's Gospel where Jesus tells us this in other words. For example, (*John 8:58*) Jesus says this to the Jewish leaders: 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM'. Calling himself by the Divine Name was blasphemy, in their view, and the religious authorities 'took up stones to throw at him', to stone him to death but he hid himself. And then (*John 14*), answering the very modern-sounding religious doubts of Philip – 'Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied' – Jesus says, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, "Show us the Father?" Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

And, of course, we discover exactly who Jesus is in the very first verse of St John's Gospel: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' And so it should not be too much of a surprise to discover Jesus calling himself 'I AM'. Some scholars go further and suggest that whenever we meet God in the Old Testament – Moses at the Burning Bush for example – the One whom we meet is Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity. God the Father is One whom we never meet, except through Jesus. Cardinal Schönborn has described him as '*The Human Face of God*'.

In Hebrew thought, seven is the perfect number – and so it is no surprise to discover in St John's Gospel that there are seven discourses in which Jesus describes himself as 'I AM'. 'I AM the bread of life' *John 6:35*. 'I AM the light of the world' *John 8:12*. 'I AM the door [of the sheepfold]' *John 10:9*. 'I AM the good shepherd' *John 10:11*. 'I AM the resurrection and the life' *John 11:25*. 'I AM the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me' *John 14:6*. 'I AM the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser' *John 15:1*.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we focused on the image of the Shepherd, on pastoral work (the work of the shepherd), on vocations to the priesthood, and on how ideas of the shepherd and his sheep and the flock gathering for pasture (the congregation), permeate the Bible. And all that is important. Most important of all, though, is for us to understand that Jesus the Risen Lord is the Eternal Word, the Eternal Present, and that, in him, we encounter God Himself, for as Jesus himself says, *I and the Father are one*. That is Whom we meet, the One who condescends to be consumed, in the Blessed Sacrament, in Holy Communion.

Fr Andrew

GIVING

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals have launched a 'Pray in May' campaign, in support of their work, feeding more than 2.4 million little ones in 18 of the world's poorest countries. They invite you not only to pray but to give as well, this coming month. There will be a Second Collection next Sunday, 14th May.

DIDCOT

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

GIVING TO THE PARISH *(NB some changes here w.e.f. 1st January)*

BY REGULAR STANDING ORDER OR GIFT

BANK DETAILS: CDP East Hendred, St Mary

Sort Code: 309304 Account Number: 00877183

Please note: though the Bank Account Name has changed, the Sort Code and Account Number have not changed. New arrangements need to specify 'CDP East Hendred, St Mary': the prefix PRCDT has been superseded.

To arrange Gift Aid, contact : office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

Please let us know (if you are a UK Taxpayer) if you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid. At the start of the tax year we need anybody in Gift Aid to let us know if they are no longer taxpayers. In that case we should not make a claim.

Donations to the parish: www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

The Donate button links to 'Give as you Live'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 7 th	Parish of St Joseph, Tilehurst
Monday 8 th	Parish of Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon
Tuesday 9 th	<i>(National:)</i> Survivors of Sexual Abuse <i>(Diocesan:)</i> All who decorate our churches
Wednesday 10 th	Community of Our Lady, Fleet
Thursday 11 th	Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
Friday 12 th	All New Religious Movements
Saturday 13 th	Portuguese Chaplaincies

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Jonathan Simm, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 7th- 13th May 2023: Rosino Vettraino, Ida Mary Northcote, Mary Flannery, Alberta Dearlove.

NOTICEBOARD

MASSES THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY (FR ANDREW IS AT A CONFERENCE) AND THE THURSDAY SCHOOL MASS WILL BE AT 2.15PM.

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP IS LIVE!

Open to **years 7-13 (11-18yr olds)**, we will meet every **2nd and 4th Tuesday** from **7.30pm to 9pm** in the **Parish Rooms**. For the Summer Term we welcome those in year 6 who will be moving up to secondary school in September. We invite the young people to a space where they can chill out from exams, have a bit of fun with people their own age, and explore their faith.

Upcoming dates are **9th May** and **23rd May** - we are looking forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer please reach out to David or Gemma Guest on davegem2022@gmail.com or 07717417835.

Please support our young people and group in your prayers.

FR MATTHEW TOPHAM

On Sunday 23rd April we welcomed Fr Matthew Topham. At present a Catholic deacon, Fr Matthew will be ordained priest on 15th July and will serve as Priest in Charge of Hendred Catholic Parish from the beginning of September. Please pray for him and for Suzie his wife and for their children Ambrose (4), Frances (3), and Perpetua (1).

CHURCH PARKING

Local residents have raised concerns about Parking in Driveways. Please make sure that you do not park in or block driveways.

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday 30th April, 1,025 people (again much larger than normal Sunday viewing figures) looked in on 37 machines. 57 stayed long enough to take part in Mass. 14 machines were from the UK, 18 from the USA, three from Russia, and two from Ireland.

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)

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

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

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

The Five Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

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

The Five Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

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

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.

East Hendred Catholic Parish



**Fifth Sunday of
Easter (A)
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance. alleluia.

Cantate Domino

Ps 98:1-2

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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

Acts 6:1-7(RSV)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch'orus, and Nica'nor, and Timon, and Par'menas, and Nicola'us, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. ⁷And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.



Ps 33:1, 12, 18-20, 22 R/ 22

R/ *May your merciful love be upon us O Lord |*
as we hope in you, O Lord.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O *you* just;
 for praise is fitting *for* the upright.
 Bless-ed the nation whose God is *the* Lord,
 the people he has chosen as *his* he-ri-tage. *R/*

The Lord's eyes are on those who *fear* him,
 who hope in his *mer-ciful* love,
 to rescue their souls *from* death,
 to keep them *a-live* in famine. *R/*

Our soul is waiting for *the* Lord.
 He is our *help* and our shield.
 May your merciful love be u-*pon* us,
 as we hope *in* you, O Lord. *R/*

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9 (RSV)

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; ⁵and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Gospel Acclamation

O filii et filiae



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said: 'I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
No one can come to the Father except through me.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1-12 (RSV)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I AM the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

(De Christo sacerdote et victima)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. By the oblation of his Body, he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfilment in the reality of the Cross, and, by commending himself to you for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise, and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim: Holy, holy, holy *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

Ego sum vitis vera

I AM the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading (Easter Week 5)

Monday	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21	John 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

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