

**DEANERY OF ST EDMUND CAMPION
ENGLISH MARTYRS—
VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE PASTORAL AREA**

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East Hendred Catholic Parish

Easter Octave

9th- 16th April 2023



Reflection – *Christ is Risen*

We are an Easter people, Alleluia is our song. St Augustine of Hippo

THE RESURRECTION of Christ is not about the resuscitation of a corpse. Such events inevitably would be scarce and we would be looking for some so far elusive scientific explanation. Christ's Resurrection is not only about him but ushers in a new order, a new way of understanding the world. His Resurrection, as St Paul makes clear, is a resurrection in which all can share: 'For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile' (1 Cor. 15:16f).

The great divide between the scientific materialistic view and the eyes of faith is that, for the former, nothing which is not concrete, observable, and provable can command recognition. The eyes of faith see that, as well as the animal, vegetable, and mineral world, the observable cosmos, billions of years old and billions of light years in size, there is the world of the spirit. As the biochemist and theologian, Arthur Peacocke, put it a generation ago, humans are at an evolutionary stage, on a cusp, where we can reject or embrace the life of the spirit. If we fully accept it – Christians would say 'put our belief and trust in it' – then we continue to grow in the spirit. Death is simply the sloughing off of our natural body and our spirit is then raised to live with Christ, eventually to be freshly clothed as part of the new creation.

The two conflicting world views must live alongside one another for the time being and we should not be bamboozled or disheartened by the materialists' use of the word 'Enlightenment'. The true enlightenment, as the Easter liturgy puts it, is the light of Christ which rising in glory dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds. The life of the Spirit has sustained millions of faithful souls throughout the ages, many of them giving heroic witness, others losing their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

May God fill you with the joy of the Resurrection.

Fr Andrew

EASTER WEEK

9th- 16th April 2023

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

Church open from 9am each day

EASTER SUNDAY			<i>[Gold]</i>
9th April	9.30am	Solemn Mass	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's	
	Evening	No Mass	
Monday	<i>Monday in Easter Week</i>		<i>[White]</i>
10th April	9.15am	Easter Mass	<i>FM Canon Raab 1945</i>
Tuesday	<i>Tuesday in Easter Week</i>		<i>[White]</i>
11th April	9.15am	Holy Mass	<i>FM Dolly Boyce 1999</i>
Wednesday	<i>Wednesday in Easter Week</i>		<i>[White]</i>
12th April	9.15am	Holy Mass	<i>FM Millie Charlton 1999</i>
Thursday	<i>Thursday in Easter Week</i>		<i>[White]</i>
13th April	9.15am	Holy Mass	<i>FM Eddie Reevey 1999</i>
Friday	<i>Friday in Easter Week</i>		<i>[White]</i>
14th April	8.30am	Holy Mass	<i>FM Helen Goodfriend 1999</i>
Saturday	<i>Saturday in Easter Week</i>		<i>[White]</i>
15th April	9.15am	Holy Mass	
SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE ('DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY')			<i>[White]</i>
16th April	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's	
	12.30pm	Holy Baptism (Henry Kirby)	
	6pm	Holy Mass	

Contact Details

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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



[Bishop's Office: An invitation to join Bishop Philip Egan's online Lent Reflection webinars](#)

You are invited to join Bishop Philip Egan during Lent, on three online Lent Reflections on Thursdays 2nd, 9th and 16th March at 7.30 pm, each lasting about 40 minutes. In each Reflection, he will share his personal thoughts on one of the three ...

GIVING

COLLECTIONS

The Easter Collection is given to the Parish Priest and forms a significant part of his annual remuneration. Thankyou very much for your generosity.

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 APRIL

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 9 th	For an ever-deeper confidence in the power of Christ and his Resurrection
Monday 10 th	The newly-baptised
Tuesday 11 th	Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust
Wednesday 12 th	De la Salle Brothers in the Diocese
Thursday 13 th	All Pastoral Area Pastoral Councils
Friday 14 th	Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child
Saturday 15 th	Parish Finance Councils

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 9th - 15th April 2023: Jack Linton, Winifred Mary Sykes, Frances Castle, Michael Watts, John Stibbs, Frank Morgan

NOTICEBOARD

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. We shall have chance to meet him when he visits the parish on 23rd April. Please pray for him and for Suzie his wife and for their children Ambrose (4), Frances (3), and Perpetua (1).

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

Starting in the Summer Term! Open to **years 7-13 (11-18yr olds)**, we will meet fortnightly 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 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.

To kick things off we will have a fun social with snacks, drinks and games, and information for parents on **Tuesday 18th April** in the Parish Rooms.

If you have any questions, please reach out to David or Gemma Guest on davegem2022@gmail.com or 07717417835. Please support our young people and group in your prayers.

CHURCH PARKING

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

CHURCH HEATING

We are doing our best with the Burning Fiery Furnace ('the BFF' see Daniel 3:11) to pre-heat the church before Sunday Mass. We continue to advise people to wrap up warm. Extensive work, led by Chris Harrison, is happening to try to remedy the situation (see the scaffolding on St Mary's Cottage!). Very grateful to Chris.

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday 2nd April, 76 people looked in on 45 machines. 33 stayed long enough to take part in Mass. 25 of machines were from the UK and 20 from elsewhere in the world.