



EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

S. MARY'S, EAST HENDRED
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27th April – 4th May 2025

SUNDAY	LOW SUNDAY (<i>DOMINICA IN ALBIS</i>)
27 th Apr.	9.30am Parish Mass <i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am Low Mass (S. Patrick's) <i>Liz Carpenter</i>
	6pm Low Mass <i>Pro Pace</i>
Monday	S. GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND (transferred)
28 th Apr.	<i>No public Mass</i>
Tuesday	S. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctrix
29 th Apr.	<i>No public Mass</i>
Wednesday	S. Pius V, Pope & Confessor
30 th Apr.	<i>No public Mass</i>
Thursday	Easter Feria
1 st May	<i>No public Mass</i>
Friday	S. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
2 nd May	<i>No public Mass</i>
	<i>No Adoration today</i>
Saturday	SS. PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles
3 rd May	<i>No public Mass</i>
	<i>No Confessions or Adoration today</i>
SUNDAY	EASTER III
4 th May	9.30am Parish Mass <i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am Low Mass (S. Patrick's)
	6pm Low Mass <i>Pro Pace</i>

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~~~~~**LITURGY CORNER**~~~~~

~An occasional item explaining details of the liturgy to the unfamiliar~

VIII  
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I-di aquam \*

**The  
Asperges  
In Paschaltide**

**What is it?** The ‘Asperges’ is a ceremony which precedes the principal Mass on Sundays, in which the celebrant sprinkles – *aspergere* is Latin for ‘to sprinkle’ – holy water over the church and congregation. The Antiphon and verse for most of the year are taken from *Psalm 50*, the *Miserere*. In Eastertide, however, the antiphon changes to ‘*Vidi Aquam*’ (“I saw water”) based on *Ezekiel 47:1*, with a verse of *Psalm 117*.

**What for?** The ceremony is a recollection of our baptisms, and a sign of the cleansing of sins by God’s grace. To render both the building and the worshippers – bodies and souls – fit for divine service, in the same manner that the *confiteor* (‘I confess to God...’) prepares our minds and souls to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**How do I engage with this?** It’s customary to make the sign of the cross as the water falls on you, both as a blessing and a reminder of your baptism, in water by the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Should I sing along?** Yes! It’s usual to allow the celebrant to intone “*Vidi aquam*” until the asterisk (\*), and then join in. It’s a memorable tune, albeit more complicated than the *Asperges*, and one of the Church’s treasures.

## Glossary:

**Aspergillum** | The sprinkler. Often of metal, sometimes made like a large brush, and sometimes (as below) made of plants such as hyssop (cf. Ps. 50(51):7).

**Aspersorium** | The holy water bucket.

**Lustral Water** | Another name for Holy Water, from *lustrare*, ‘to purify.’

**The Cope** | The cloak-like garment – in Latin a *pluviale* (i.e. raincoat) or *cappa* – worn by the clergy on various occasions, as here at the *Asperges*, but also for processions, for solemn offices, baptisms, funerals, weddings, and for Benediction. For Mass, the cope is replaced by the **Chasuble** – *casula* or ‘little house’ – familiar to us. He also dons the **Maniple** – *mappula*, originally something rather like a napkin – which is a garment proper only to Mass, worn on the left arm.



*A bishop  
Asperging.  
Note the  
bundle of  
hyssop as  
aspergillum,  
and the server  
holding the  
Aspersorium.*

# NOTICES

## STANDING

✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting. Join us for coffee after Mass in the Parish Rooms: under the bridge, first right.

✠ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** returns at the 9.30 Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

✠ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** classes return May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our candidates!

✠ **S. MARY'S PRAYER GROUP** meets at 5.15pm on Fridays via Zoom to pray the Rosary for the Parish. Use the link below to join: <https://shorturl.at/24Ds6>.

✠ **GIFT AID:** If you haven't filled out a Gift Aid form, or last filled one out before 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023, please would you fill out and return one? It's a really significant part of the parish's income. Forms are available at the back of church.

✠ **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

✠ **THIS WEEK** there will be no public Masses, adoration, or confession during the week: Fr. Matthew is on annual leave. He is still available in emergencies on the usual numbers. Normal service resumes next week.

✠ **THE HOLY FATHER** died on Easter Monday. Do pray for the repose of his soul, and for a holy Pope to succeed him. Masses for his soul, and for the election of his successor, will be said in the weeks to come.

✠ **FLOWER ARRANGERS:** As we form new groups to support our faith community do consider joining the flower arrangers. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger just willing to put a few flowers in vases a few times a year. For more information, contact Jacqueline O'Rourke, [family.orourke@btinternet.com](mailto:family.orourke@btinternet.com).

✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Annie Furlong, Helen Lewis, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener, Roy Kemp, Rose Millet, Liz Carpenter.

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** Sarah Hatto, Cecil Ann Jones, Matthew Lineham, Pauline Ann O'Rourke, Phil Smith, Lilian Smith, Peter Frearson, James Caven, John Lineham. **R·I·P·**