



# EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

S. MARY'S, EAST HENDRED  
S. PATRICK'S, EAST ILSLEY

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## 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ADVENT III 'Gaudete'</b>		
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Low Mass (S. Patrick's)	<i>Liz Carpenter</i>
	6pm	Low Mass	<i>Mgr. Burnham</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b><i>Advent FERIA</i></b>		
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<i>No public Mass</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b><i>Advent FERIA</i></b>		
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	9am	Low Mass	<i>Sr. Helen Sheehy, RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><i>Advent FERIA – O Sapientia / O Wisdom</i></b>		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	9am	Low Mass	<i>David Woodley, RIP</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><i>Advent FERIA – O Adonai</i></b>		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	9am	Low Mass	<i>Anne Johns, RIP</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b><i>Advent FERIA – O Radix Jesse / O Root of Jesse</i></b>		
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	8.30am	Low Mass	(Hendred House Chapel)
	3-4pm	Adoration	(Hendred House Chapel)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><i>Advent FERIA – O Clavis David / O Key of David</i></b>		
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	9am	Low Mass	<i>Anne O'Brian, RIP</i>
	10-11am	Adoration & Confessions	5-6pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ADVENT IV</b>		
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec.</b>	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Low Mass (S. Patrick's)	<i>Liz Carpenter</i>
	6pm	Low Mass	<i>Mgr. Burnham</i>

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## THE ‘O’ ANTIPHONS

The end of Advent brings increased urgency of prayer to the Son of God, that He might ‘Come and save us’. The final seven days are marked by special antiphons at the Magnificat at Vespers, each beginning ‘O’ and each invoking the Saviour by a different prophetic title. Reversed, the initials form the acrostic “ERO CRAS”, ‘tomorrow, I will be.’ The day after the final antiphon is: Christmas Day. A count-down-to-Christmas, if you like, drawn from sacred Scripture, reminding us that what we await at Christmas is not presents, or turkey, neither rows nor indigestion, but Jesus. Why not pray these each day as the Sacred Time approaches?

### O SAPIENTIA | O WISDOM

O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

*“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.” Isaiah 11:2*

### O ADONAI | O LORD

O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

*“I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.” Exodus 6:6*

## O RADIX JESSE | O ROOT OF JESSE

O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us.

*“In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.”*  
*Isaiah 11:10*

## O CLAVIS DAVID | O KEY OF DAVID

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

*“And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.”*  
*Isaiah 22:22*

## O ORIENS | O DAYSPRING

O Dayspring, splendour of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

*“through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring will visit us from on high” Luke 1:78*  
*(The ‘Benedictus’)*

# NOTICES

## STANDING

✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting. Do join us for coffee/tea after the 9.30 Mass in the Parish Rooms (under the bridge, first right).

✠ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES** continue after Christmas.

✠ **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** continue this Sunday at 3pm, in the Parish Rooms, and then break for Christmas.

✠ **MORE CONFESSION TIMES** designed to fit around school drop-off & pick-up: Wednesdays 8.30-8.55am, 2:45-3.15pm. Please take this opportunity!

✠ **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>.

✠ **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. Or scan here:



## NEWS

✠ **PARISH LITURGY SURVEY:** [forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kzVmYwcqts](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kzVmYwcqts).

✠ **QUODLIBET: CHANGE OF DATE!** our quarterly Q&A, meets on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm, in the Wheatsheaf.

✠ **BISHOP PHILIP** invites any unmarried man in our Diocese, aged 17+, who would like to know more about being a priest, to meet at the Cathedral on Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan., 3pm-5pm. [tinyurl.com/4kpxh8vj](https://tinyurl.com/4kpxh8vj)

✠ **PASTORAL LETTER**, read today at Mass. Pray for, and encourage, vocations to the priesthood.

✠ **ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA:** Fridays from 7.30-9pm, in W. Hendred. Contact David Guest at: [davegem2022@gmail.com](mailto:davegem2022@gmail.com).

✠ **COULD YOU HELP** to clean the church regularly? Email the office if you can help weekly or monthly.

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

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** Charles Hunt, Margaret Ann Crossman, Christine Juffy, Lawrence Roberts, Patricia Mary Tonge, Isabelle Langley, Mary Thorne, Beatrice Cahill, Kathleen Wood, Antonia Ann Mary Breakspear, Sadie Regan, Kathleen Mary Doyle. **R.I.P.**