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# East Hendred Catholic Parish Seventh Week of Easter 21st -28th May 2023



Awaiting Pentecost in the Upper Room

# **Seventh Week of Easter**

# 29th May - 4th June 2022

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

### Church open from 9am each day

| SUNDAY AFTER THE<br>21 <sup>st</sup> May | 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>11am<br>11.15am<br>6pm | Children's Church in the Parish R Parish Mass Pro Holy Mass with First Commun Mass at St Patrick's Holy Mass Luca Chacín (Ramona | populo<br>ions          |
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| Monday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> May           | Of the Seventh We<br>9.15am                | eek of Easter<br>Holy Mass<br>RIP Peter Pyplacz (Christine   | [White]<br>e Duggan)    |
| Tuesday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> May          | Of the Seventh We<br>9.15am                | eek of Easter<br>Holy Mass<br>FM Albert Austen Deard   | [White]<br>love 1942    |
| Wednesday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> May        | Of the Seventh We<br>9.15am                | eek of Easter<br>Holy Mass<br>FM Cecilia Margaret Mary Dear  | [White]<br>love 1942    |
| Thursday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> May         | St Bede the Vener<br>9.15am                | able, Religious, Doctor of the Chui<br>School Mass   | rch                     |
| Friday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> May           | Of the Seventh We<br>8.30am                | eek of Easter<br>Holy Mass FM Col. S V Daugl   | [White]<br>ish 1925     |
| Saturday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> May         | St Augustine of O<br>No Mass               | Canterbury, Bishop   | [White]                 |
| PENTECOST 28 <sup>th</sup> May           | 9.15am <b>9.30am 11.15am 6pm</b>           | Children's Church in the Parish R Parish Mass Pro with Baptism & Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's Holy Mass                     | [Red]<br>ooms<br>populo |

# **Contact Details**

# Fr Andrew is on sabbatical until the first Sunday in August. Sunday Masses will continue at the usual times.

If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Fr David O'Sullivan, Parish Priest of Wantage, on 07554 427063.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other meetings are most conveniently made by e-mail to the Parish Secretary:

Ma Lluïsa Jarne: office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

or after Sunday mass or on Mondays, 6pm-8pm, on 07983045824.

# Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**ON** 1<sup>st</sup> 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** The King's Son's Plan

### The homily preached on Easter 6, 14th May 2023

**IMAGINE** a small country, about the size of Wales. There was a crisis in this country and the King appointed his Son as First Minister. A government based on the highest principles had to be formed, and the King's Son befriended some simple working folk and invited them to be his friends, and to serve alongside him in the government. He gave them much encouragement and instruction and one or two of them wrote down what he said. One became Deputy First Minister and Minister for Internal Affairs. Another became Minister for Overseas Development. The job of the Deputy First Minister, who was Minister for Internal Affairs, was to brief new members of the political movement, people who knew next to nothing about it but who had eagerly joined up. The job of the Minister for Overseas Development was to go abroad on what everybody called his 'missionary journeys' and recruit support wherever he could find it.

My little story sets the stage for our exploration of the readings on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (14<sup>th</sup> May). More than that, I hope, it sets the stage for re-appraising the contribution each of us makes to the work of the King's Son, his ambitious plans for peace and well-being throughout the world and, indeed, the transformation of the whole created order.

The Gospel reading, from John 14, reveals the King's Son's plan. His followers must love him, keep his commandments and trust in the empowerment from above that will soon be theirs. He is setting up his kingdom to be a community of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit the followers of the Son will be drawn into the everlasting love of the Father and the Son. Life for the followers will henceforth be not the life of those who do not know the Spirit of God, the life of death and decay, but the life of God himself, an unending life in which there is neither decay nor death.

The middle reading, from 1 Peter 3, is from Peter, the Deputy First Minister, Minister for Internal Affairs. Here he is briefing new members, people who know next to nothing about it but who have eagerly joined up. These are the adults baptised in Eastertide. Just like the great baptismal sermons preached in the fourth century by Ambrose in Milan, Cyril in Jerusalem and Theodore in Antioch, the first letter of Peter is in part ethical instruction:

You are blessed if you suffer. Don't be intimidated. Be ready to explain your beliefs. Have a clear conscience. Far better to suffer for doing good than for doing harm.

The device I have employed in this homily – the story of the King's Son and his Ministers – helps us to see three different contexts – theological exploration in the Church, catechesis of Christians, and proclamation of the Gospel in an indifferent and sophisticated secular culture. All of these need fresh attention.

First, theological exploration. There are urgent problems here. Christians need to come together in work and witness and we face pressing problems dealing in our generation with complex issues round marriage and family.

Second, catechesis. The first letter of Peter and the baptismal homilies of Ambrose, Cyril and Theodore continue to help us in the work of instructing new Christians. There can't be a confirmation candidate that hasn't learnt that he or she is to be

# a living stone, built into a spiritual house, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (1 Peter 2:5)

and adult catechumens continue to come in. And yet catechesis remains dangerously weak. Some of the collapse of the Christian culture in Western Europe in the last century can be explained by the collapse in Christian instruction. It is only part of the story: the rise and fall of civilizations is too complex to ascribe to any one factor. But, I would say that, after the devastation of war and the meaningless slaughter of millions, the educational collapse comes very high. It is not so much that the well-instructed laity have left the Church as that the children have never joined the Church in significant numbers.

It was estimated in the mid-1980s that only 15% of children in England had any contact at all with the Church. It is now much, much worse. Catechesis, for us, is a challenging and pressing task. All of us, priests and laity, need to make a point of seeing, first, that we ourselves are well-instructed and, second, that proper and imaginative provision is made for others.

Third, proclamation of the Gospel. Philip in the first reading went to proclaim the Gospel in a Samaritan town. It was a work of teaching and healing. St Paul in Athens, later in Acts, spoke to the pagan philosophers of the God in whom we live, move and have our being.

In the Catholic understanding of proclamation, we start with reason and with the natural religious instincts of those to whom we are speaking. We begin by showing people what kind of things happen when Christians become involved. We can point with pride to hospitals, schools, and charitable agencies – nearly all of which began with, or were inspired by the practical work of Christians, the work that Philip did in a Samaritan town.

Despite the secular feel of our materialist culture in Europe, we discover that no end of people are on with a homemade and privatised religion. The little bookshops with Buddhas and New Age junk, aromatherapy oils, and improving tracts about wholeness and healing, show us that this is not an irreligious age but a pagan one. Meditation has become 'mindfulness'. Much valuable work has been done on the phenomenon of 'believing without belonging', expounded by Grace Davie in her book *Religion in Britain since* 1945. The Church has always been a community of belonging, a place where people learn to believe, and not a community of believers, a place where people learn to belong. Though it is a touch simplistic, it might be worth saying that we need to rediscover the power of belonging. We don't need to persuade people to believe so much as to invite them to belong.

During this Easter season, the Church is in an intense relationship with her Risen Lord. For the moment we are fixing our gaze on Christ, Risen from the dead. We are worshipping him, and it is very much a family matter. The stories in the Gospels about the Resurrection are not stories about Christ appearing to the general public, but stories about him appearing to his disciples. St Paul tells us that an appearance to 500 people at once was included, but even that is no more than a good congregation in some of our churches.

Easter is our family time. But not for long. Soon will come Pentecost, a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, and a long period ahead when all our energy and concern must be out there, building the kingdom. We can stay with the King's Son and his Minister for Internal Affairs for now, but soon comes the call to journey to Athens with the Minister for Overseas Affairs.

Fr Andrew

# **GIVING**

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The Second Collection this weekend (21st May) is for Catholic Communications Network.

### 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 was a Second Collection on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Gifts can be made still in the yellow envelopes: mark them 'Mary's Meals'.

### **DIDCOT**

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: <a href="mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com">veronicapaget@hotmail.com</a> or leave suitable food outside her front door.

**GIVING TO THE PARISH** (NB some changes here w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January) BY REGULAR STANDING ORDER OR GIFT

BANK DETAILS: CDP East Hendred, St Mary

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: <a href="www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk">www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk</a>
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.

### **DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Communications Office

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Parish of St Mary, Ryde

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Communidade Cristo de Betânia, Jersey

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Parish of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Farnborough

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Parish of St Joseph, Maidenhead

Community of St Bede, Basingstoke

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> In thanksgiving for the Christian heritage of this country

# BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, & FIRST COMMUNIONS Ascension Day

Baptism: Callie Gibbons, Sophia Gibbons

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: Sophia Gibbons

### **Sunday after the Ascension**

First Holy Communion: Mary Angela Gilson

Maksymilian Hayes

Cullen Maher

Niamh Maher

Kayla Ngufor

Lena Przybylowicz

Connie Roberts

Nikola Wybranska

### **Pentecost**

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

Carrie Brennan

Adult Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

Emma Duffy

### THOSE MARRIED

Rob Bamber and Emma Rockall (at Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon) on 20<sup>th</sup> May

### FR MATTHEW TOPHAM

Fr Matthew will be ordained priest on 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

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

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 21st - 27th May 2023: Sybil Olive Foster, Nora McDonagh.

# **NOTICEBOARD**

### CHEERS!

To toast **Fr Andrew's summer sabbatical**, before he is back in August for some guest appearances and a proper farewell, everyone is welcome to stay for a lemonade after the 6pm Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> May in the Churchyard outside St Mary's Church.

### ST Mary's Youth Group!

Open to **years 7-13 (11-18yr olds)**, we will meet every every **2**<sup>nd</sup> and **4**<sup>th</sup> **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.

It is on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:davegem2022@gmail.com">davegem2022@gmail.com</a> or 07717417835. Please support our young people and group in your prayers.

### **GATHERING IN CHRIST**

This small ecumenical group meets to pray and discuss the Bible. Our current study is the book of Revelation and we are using chapters 12 and 13 as our text for Tuesday June 6th. We meet in the parish room. Tea / coffee and biscuits from 7.20 for a 7.30 start. Usual finish time 8.45 pm. All welcome. Further information:

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### **CHURCH SERVICES**

No figures are available for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, but we know that, this year, so far, people have looked at us from 51 different countries.

### **CAFOD**

- (1) Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love caritas is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to <a href="mailto:cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns">cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns</a>
- (2) Thanks to Christine Duggan who has acted as our CAFOD parish rep for many years. If you would like to take on this rewarding ministry, have a word with Christine or Fr Andrew or see the notice in the porch.

# 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)

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

### The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

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

### The Five Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

The Resurrection

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| 1 | The Baptism in the Jordan     | Matthew 3:13-17            |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 | The Wedding at Cana           | John 2:1-12                |
| 3 | The Proclamation of the King  | dom                        |
|   | _                             | Luke 4:14-21               |
| 4 | The Transfiguration           | Mark 9:2-8                 |
| 5 | The Institution of the Fuchar | ist 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 |

### The Five Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

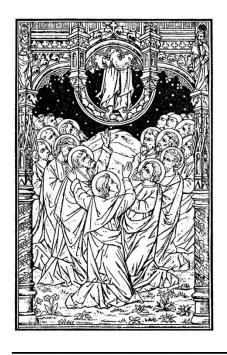
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| 2 | The Ascension                 | Luke 24:50-53              |
| 3 | The Gift of the Holy Spirit   | Acts 2:1-4                 |
| 4 | The Assumption of Our Lady    | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26     |
| 5 | The Coronation of Our Lady an | nd the Glory of the Saints |

Revelation 12:1-6

Luke 24:1-6

**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



The Seventh Sunday of Easter: the Sunday after the Ascension of the Lord (A)

Antiphons,

Prayers and Readings

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Exaudi, Domine

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

cf Ps 27:7-9

### Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his aiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

### First Reading

Acts 1:12-14 (RSV)

When the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; <sup>13</sup> and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Psalm Tone I.2



Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 **R/**13

# **R**/ I be-lieve I shall see the Lord's good-ness | in the land of the <u>li-ving</u>.

The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion;
( ) whom shall <u>I</u> fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
( ) whom should <u>I</u> dread? R/

There is one thing I ask of *the* Lord, only *this* do I <u>seek</u>: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of *my* life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, ~ to inquire *at* his <u>tem-ple</u>. *R*/

O Lord, hear my voice when *I* call; have mercy *and* an-<u>swer me</u>. Of you my heart has *spo*-ken:

( ) ( ) 'Seek <u>his face</u>.' *R*/

### **Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:13-16 (RSV)

Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory [a] and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief-maker; <sup>16</sup> yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

O filii et filiæ



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

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord: I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel

John 17:1-11 (RSV)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; <sup>5</sup> and now, Father, glorify you me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours; <sup>10</sup> all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful, with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord

### **Preface**

(De mysterio Ascensionis)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before. 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 &c.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Rogo, Pater

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Scripture Reading (Easter Week 7)

|               | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23 |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| PENTECOST (A) | Acts 2:1-11                 |               |
| Saturday      | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31        | John 21:20-25 |
| Friday        | Acts 25:13-21               | John 21:15-19 |
| Thursday      | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11         | John 17:20-26 |
| Wednesday     | Acts 20:28-38               | John 17:11-19 |
| Tuesday       | Acts 20:17-27               | John 17:1-11  |
| Monday        | Acts 19:1-8                 | John 16:29-33 |
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