



EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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5th – 12th April 2026

SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
5 th Apr.	9.30am Parish Mass <i>PRO POPULO</i> 11.15am Low Mass (S. Patrick's) <i>Liz Carpenter</i> 6pm Low Mass
Monday	EASTER MONDAY
6 th Apr.	<i>No public Mass</i>
Tuesday	EASTER TUESDAY
7 th Apr.	9am Low Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday	EASTER WEDNESDAY
8 th Apr.	9am Low Mass <i>Canon Raab, RIP</i>
Thursday	EASTER THURSDAY
9 th Apr.	9am Low Mass
Friday	EASTER FRIDAY
10 th Apr.	8.30am Low Mass (Hendred House Chapel) 3-4pm Adoration (Hendred House Chapel)
Saturday	EASTER SATURDAY 'in Albis'
11 th Apr.	<i>No public Mass</i> <i>No Adoration or Confessions</i>
SUNDAY	LOW SUNDAY 'in Albis'
12 th Apr.	9.30am Parish Mass <i>PRO POPULO</i> 11.15am Low Mass (S. Patrick's) <i>Liz Carpenter</i> 6pm Low Mass

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HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Friends,

A very blessed Easter to you all! Time now to celebrate, after the long penance of Holy Lent. I always think it a mark of Holy Church's *joie de vivre* that, whilst Lent lasts 40 days, Easter lasts for 50. The scale is weighted on the side of joy for us, death having died. So we enjoy our festivities, as is right and proper. But we should take something from our Lenten observances: some improvement of temper or routine, a prayer made familiar or a bad habit brought under control. A little Lenten lily, to add to all the Easter ones... Our life as Christians isn't meant to be a yo-yo, back and forth between doing well and doing not-so-well, but a spiral, upwards to the Lord.

April is traditionally the month of the Holy Ghost, appropriately enough as we look forward to Pentecost, which (with its Octave) closes the 50 days of Paschaltide. Why not say a prayer to Him help in your upward spiral, Who appeared in rushing wind and upward-leaping flame to the Apostles that first Pentecost?

A blessed Easter, a festive Eastertide, and happy spiralling,

Fr. Matthew



EASTER LILLIES

Sponsored by/ for:

The Wilkins Family

Valerie & Peter Plunkett

Joe & Anne McDonald RIP

Douglas Pointon, RIP

Barbara Harrold, RIP

The Bird Family

The Partner Family

The Stringer Family

The Wells Family

The Banks Family

In Thanksgiving

Tony Cox, RIP

The Durrant Family

The Gatchalian Family

Mercedes

Jenny Parker

Angela Lyons & Family

The Eckold Children: Matthew, David, Clare & Rosie

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** resume on Saturday 18th April.

✠ **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** resume on Sunday 19th April.

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

✠ **S. JOHN VIANNEY** in Wantage is looking for a Parish Administrator: Details available on request.

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

✠ **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

✠ **HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!** A joyful and blessed Eastertide to you all. We now enjoy 50 days of feasting! Join us after the 9.30 Mass for a glass of fizz to get started.

✠ **THE EASTER COLLECTION**, at all services of Easter Sunday, including donations via the Dona machine to the 'Easter Collection', but not including regular standing orders, go to support Fr. Matthew.

✠ **FRIDAY ABSTINENCE** from meat does **not** apply this Friday: you are *obliged* to feast!

✠ **SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday 12th July for the **S. Patrick's Barbecue**, after the 11.15 Mass.

✠ **SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday 9th May for **May Devotions** to Our Lady: join us in Hendred for Procession and Lunch.

✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Annie Furlong, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Madeline Brand, Graham Titchener, Rose Millet, Liz Carpenter, Meg Clark, Canon Peter Turbitt, Laurie Strike, Evie McKie.

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** Isobel Rivers, Ellen Champ, Florence Mary Eyston, Hilda Poyne, Lavinia Howard Biles, Isaac Castle, William Rivers, Lewis Northcote, Canon Raab, William Anns, Jack Linton, Winifred Mary Sykes, Frances Castle . **R·I·P·**