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3RD WEEK PER ANNUM

21ST – 28TH January 2024

SUNDAY	3 RD PER ANNUM		
21 st Jan.	9.15am	Children's Liturgy	(Parish Rooms)
	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass	(St. Patrick's)
	6pm	Holy Mass	
Monday	S. Vincent		
22 nd Jan.	<i>No public Mass</i>		
Tuesday	Feria Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians		
23 rd Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Unity of Christians</i>
Wednesday	S. Frances De Sales, Bishop, Doctor, & Confessor		
24 th Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Ada Daubenay RIP</i>
Thursday	THE CONVERSION OF S. PAUL		
25 th Jan.	9am	School Mass	<i>Unity of Christians</i>
Friday	SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops		
26 th Jan.	8.30am	Holy Mass (Hendred House Chapel)	
		<i>Hilda Balcombe RIP</i>	
	3pm-4pm	Adoration (Hendred House Chapel)	
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday		
27 th Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Bertha Ida Northcote, RIP</i>
	10am-11am	Adoration & Confessions	
	5pm-6pm	Adoration & Confessions	

Octave of prayer for Christian Unity

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JANUARY - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

JESU, DEUS PACIS | JESUS, GOD OF PEACE

“The God of peace be with you all.” (*Romans 15:33*) seems, at least superficially, to be straightforward and uncontroversial. Yet Christ Himself said “I have *not* come to bring peace, but a sword” (*Matt. 10:34*)! How are we to solve this riddle? The clue lies in the first half that verse of Matthew: “Do not think that I have come to bring peace *on earth*.” The peace of God, which, as S. Paul tells us, “passess all understanding” is not the same as the world’s ideas of peace: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

JESU, AUCTOR VITÆ | JESUS, AUTHOR OF LIFE

In Acts (3:15), Christ is called by this title, “Author of Life,” which is true of Him in two ways: in the order of creation, and in the order of salvation. “[...] all things were made through Him, and without him was ot anyhting made that was made” (*John 1:3*). The Word – “in him all things were created” (*Col. 1:16*) – created the world. But He also *re*-created it, in His death and resurrection: “In Him was Life, and the life was the light of men” (*John 1:4*). In Christ we have eternal life, reversing the sentence of death which Adam earned by his sin: “as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” (*1 Cor. 15:22*).

JESU, EXEMPLAR VITUTUM | JESUS, EXAMPLE OF VIRTUES

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” writes S. Paul (*1 Cor. 11:1*). The Christian life is precisely the struggle to be conformed to Christ (*Rom 8:29*), to follow after Him (*Matt 4:19*), to “put on” Jesus (*Rom 13:14*). He has, in His earthly life, given us an example of perfect virtue, “like us in all things but sin” (*Heb. 4:15*), which by His grace we are capable of imitating.

JESU, ZELATOR ANIMARUM | JESUS, ZEALOUS FOR SOULS

‘Zeal’ these days is not a word in great favour, and ‘zealot’ is hardly a compliemnt. But it was not ever thus. The scriptures describe as ‘zealous’ those with an ardent passion for God and His ordinances. To call Jesus zealous for souls is to express His burning desire that men be saved – “How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!” (*Matt 23:37*).

JESU, DEUS NOSTER | JESUS, OUR GOD

“I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God” (*Exodus 6:7*). This promise, in slightly different forms, is repeated 28 times throughout the Old Testament, and forms the core of The Covenant which God makes with His people, promising them His Presence: “I will make my dwelling among you [...] I will walk among you and be your God” (*Lev. 26:11-12*.)” In Jesus, God made man, this promise is at last brought to absolute perfection: God has indeed walked among us, and “we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father” (*John 1:14*).

JESU, REFUGIUM NOSTRUM | JESUS, OUR REFUGE

‘Refuge’ has two main uses in the Scriptures: first, to describe the ‘cities of refuge’ where man-slayers may flee and escape retribution (*cf. e.g. Num. 35:11*), and in the Psalter, to describe the protection of God. Both are apt to describe Jesus: in Him we find a sure and lasting city (*Heb 13:14*) or dwelling place, where we are spared the just retribution for our sins. To Jesus too do we fly for protection: “God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble” (*Ps. 46:1*) These Psalmic references also serve to reinforce that point which the titles of the Litany are keen to stress: Jesus *is* the LORD, God Himself.

JESU, PATER PAUPERUM | JESUS, FATHER OF THE POOR

Once again we call Jesus, the Son of God, ‘Father’, here to express His paternal and benevolent concern for the ‘poor’. We must be careful not to reduce the ‘poor’ to those without money. The ‘poor’ are chiefly the “poor in spirit” (*Matt 5:3*). Jesus is their Father, both in the sense of begetting them by His own perfect lowliness, and also in the sense of fostering them and having a care for them. We must have a like solicitude for the poor, and this will include those who are materially poor. Job says “I was a father to the poor, and I searched out the cause of him whom I did not know,” (*Job 29:16*) and it is precisely this lack of advocate or protector which moves the heart of Jesus for pity for the poor, and especially for those who voluntarily embrace poverty of spirit for His sake.

NOTICES

STANDING

✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting. Do join us for refreshments are served in the Parish Rooms after the 9.30 Mass (left at the church gate, first right after the bridge).

✠ **COFFEE** after Mass is an **important** part of our common life: more volunteers are needed. Speak to Francia if you can help.

✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for Children's Liturgy. Speak to Veronica or Libby, or email safeguarding@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk.

✠ **CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays, 10-11am, 5-6pm. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** during that time, concluding with **BENEDICTION** of the same.

✠ **CONFIRMATION** class continues on Sundays at 4.30pm.

✠ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** classes continue on Saturdays at 3.30pm.

✠ **GIVING TO THE PARISH** by standing order or online:

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NEWS

✠ **NEXT SUNDAY** we welcome the Rt. Revd. Keith Newton, PA, to celebrate and preach at the 9.30 Mass. Mgr. Newton is the Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Waslingham, of which Fr. Topham and Fr. Andrew are priests.

✠ **THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** concludes on the 25th, on the Conversion of S. Paul. Pray that all Christians will come into unity with the Church.

✠ **ST. AMAND'S** school seeks a teacher to teach Yr 6, two afternoons/week. Contact Mrs Ellery at head.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Meg Clark, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener, Anne-Marie Kershaw.

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** Veronica Lineham, Edwin Harper, John Fisher, William Champ, Elsie Mulford, Gordon Tomlin, Francis Castle, Jack Ibe, Deirdre Griffiths, Albert George Howard. **R·I·P·**