



EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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2nd WEEK OF CHRISTMASTIDE

31st December 2023 – 6th January 2024

SUNDAY	THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
31 st Dec.	9.30am Parish Mass <i>PRO POPULO</i> 11.15am Holy Mass (St. Patrick's) 6pm Holy Mass
Monday	MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
1 st Jan.	9am Holy Mass
Tuesday	SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors
2 nd Jan.	9am Holy Mass
Wednesday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
3 rd Jan.	9am Holy Mass
Thursday	<i>Christmas Feria</i>
4 th Jan.	9am Holy Mass
Friday	<i>Christmas Feria</i>
5 th Jan.	8.30am Holy Mass (Hendred House Chapel) 3pm-4pm Adoration (Hendred House Chapel)
Saturday	<i>Christmas Feria</i> THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
6 th Jan.	9am Holy Mass 10am-11am Adoration & Confessions 6pm Epiphany Lessons & Carols

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JANUARY - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

January is traditionally the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus, the titular feast of which devotion is celebrated on Wednesday this week. After weekday masses during the month, the beautiful Litany of the Holy Name will be recited. The better to understand the petitions, the following short meditations are offered: to be continued in coming weeks!

WHAT'S IN NAME?

“And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phillipians 2:5-11

Catholics honour the Name of Jesus because it is the Name by which we are saved, the human name of the Incarnate Son. It means ‘God saves’, and although a common name at the time of the Incarnation, takes on a new and unlooked-for poignancy when borne by the One Who was to save us, God made Man.

“[...] there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

It is for this reason that we honour the Name of Jesus by bowing our heads when it is mentioned (in church you will notice the priest removing his biretta at the Sacred Name), and why we do not dishonour it by using it in vain (and especially not to curse with). It is why we inscribe so many things in the church with the Sacred Monogram HIS, being the first three letters of the Holy Name of Jesus in Greek, ΙΗΣΥ.

1. JESU, FILI DEI VIVI | JESUS, SON OF THE LIVING GOD

This is the foundational truth about Our Lord: He is the Second Person of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, the Son of the Living God, a title used throughout the Old Testament for the god of Israel (cf. e.g, Josh. 3:10, Jer. 10:10, Dan. 14). This title emphasises the continuity of the Old and New Testaments, and the reality of *our* God, as opposed to the false gods of the pagans.

2. JESU, SPLENDOR PATRIS | JESUS, SPLENDOR OF THE FATHER

Splendour is brilliance, radiance. It has to do with light. Jesus is the Light of the World: by this title we glorify Him as the *Father's* brightness. In assuming human form, Jesus 'emptied himself', which seems opposed to splendour. But in three ways it is an apt name for the Name: first, because Jesus, being a man, is the only Person of the Trinity to have a visible form; second, because by His perfect obedience to the Father's will, Jesus shows forth in splendour the Father's desire to save us; and thirdly, because now Jesus reigns in majesty in heaven.

3. JESU, CANDOR LUCIS ÆTERNÆ | JESUS, BRIGHTNESS OF ETERNAL LIGHT

The Psalmist says "*For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see light.*" (Ps. 35:10[36:9]) In Christ, uncreated light takes human form, allowing us to glimpse "*the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see.*" (1 Tim. 6:15-16). 'Candor Lucis' is also reminiscent of the credal phrase 'Light from Light', expressing the Father's begetting of the Son, and their cooperation in Creation, which begins "*Let there be Light*" (Gen. 1:3).

4. JESU, REX GLORIÆ | JESUS, KING OF GLORY

Another reference to the Psalms, here Ps. 23[24]: "*Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!*" Originally a song accompanying the Ark as it enters the Temple in Jerusalem, the Church reads this Psalm as referring to Jesus entering the Temple of the Blessed Virgin's Womb, and His Ascension, where His humanity sits at the right hand of God the Father in glory.

5. JESU, SOL IUSTITIÆ | JESUS, SUN OF JUSTICE

From the Prophet Malachi: "*for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.*" (Mal. 4:2). Familiar to us from 'Hark! The herald angels sing' ('Hail the hav'n-born Prince of Peace/Hail the Sun of righteousness!/Light and life to all He brings/ris'n with healing in His wings'), this title identifies Jesus as the Messiah prophesied by the Hebrew Prophets, the One to bring renewal and healing to a devastated world.

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).

+ **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP** meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the parish rooms during Term time. Years 7-13 (11-18 year-olds).

+ **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. Please note: no evening confessions this week.

+ **CONFIRMATION** class resumes on January 14th.

+ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** classes resume on January 13th.

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

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NEWS

+ **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** to one and all! Many thanks for all the season's greetings, kind cards, and generous gifts. May God bless you in this new calendar year, and may we all be thankful for the year that is gone. ~*Fr. Topham*.

+ There will be a service of **EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS** on Saturday 6th January, at 6pm. Come and sing some glorious hymns to mark this oft-overlooked feast, older than Christmas!

+ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** restarts on Jan. 7th.

+ **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:** Peggy Bray, Cyril Charlton, Mary Wallington, Isaac Ellaway, Alfred Dixey, Bertha Northcote, Agnes Mary Wester, Minnie Curran, Joseph Bray, William Dearlove, Janice Biles Denis Murphy, Lady Sarah Cumming-Bruce. **R·I·P·**