



EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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2ND WEEK PER ANNUM

14th – 20th January 2024

SUNDAY	2 ND PER ANNUM		
14 th 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	<i>Feria</i>		
15 th Jan.		<i>No public Mass</i>	
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>		
16 th Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday	S. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot & Confessor		
17 th Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	
Thursday	<i>Feria - Votive Mass of S. Peter</i>		
18 th Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	
Friday	S. Wulstan, Bishop & Confessor		
19 th Jan.	8.30am	Holy Mass (Hendred House Chapel)	
Saturday	S. Sebastian, Martyr		
20 th Jan.	9am	Holy Mass	
	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, POTENTISSIME | JESUS, MOST POWERFUL

Omnipotence – all-might – is one of the attributes of God. By this title, we confess that Jesus Christ is fully divine: He has not been given ‘some of’ the Father’s power, but rather, sharing the Divine Essence, He possesses substantially that power of God whereby the heavens and the earth are made. St Paul styles Jesus “Christ the power of God” (1 Cor 1:24), which he applies specifically to “Christ Crucified” (v.23). There is an inversion of values here: to the world the Cross is a sign of folly and weakness, but “to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (v.18). As Paul says later, “the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (v.25). Jesus is the God Who, paradoxically, shows His strength in weakness, and His wisdom in folly, Who brings life by His death. We should take the lesson from this, that, with St. Paul, “when I am weak, then am I strong” (2 Cor 12:10) for God has said “my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9): we trust not in ourselves, but in Jesus, the power of God.

JESU, PATIENTISSIME | JESUS, MOST PATIENT

“God is love,” (1 John 4:8) and “Love is patient” (1 Cor. 13:4). From the Old Testament: “The Lord is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Numbers 14:18). Consider the patience God shows towards the city of Nineveh (Jonah, *passim*), and recall that He shows similar patience towards us poor sinners. This patience is not a sign of lack of interest, or carelessness, but a proof of His love: “The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). The human nature of Jesus too was rich in patience, suffering the waywardness of His disciples (cf. Matt 26:40) and the agonies of His Passion, knowing that men would be forgetful of His mercy.

JESU, OBEDIENTISSIME | JESUS, MOST OBEDIENT

Jesus consents to die on the Cross in obedience to His Father’s will: “And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.” (Phil. 2:8). In the garden at Gethsemane, knowing the suffering which awaits Him, He prays: “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I

will, but as thou wilt” (Matt 26:39). For Christians, obedience is not a weakness or a sign of lack of character, but a virtue, helping us to overcome the pride of our wills and to order ourselves and our lives, not as we want, but as God wants. For God’s sake, too, we should be obedient to our lawful superiors.

JESU, MITIS & HUMILIS CORDE | JESUS, MEEK & HUMBLE OF HEART

Jesus says: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matt 11:29-30). Jesus came to us, not as a proud and domineering tyrant, like Herod, nor in the pomp of overt majesty, as He will come at the end of time (*cf.* Matt 25:31), but in gentleness and lowliness. If we would be where He is, we must be like Him at heart, not arrogant, nor puffed up, but gentle, humbling ourselves.

JESU, AMATOR CASTITATIS | JESUS, LOVER OF CHASTITY

S. Paul gives us the rationale for Christian virginity: “The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided.” (1 Cor. 7:32-33). For Christians, virginity is not to be prized *except* insofar as it leaves one free to devote oneself wholly to God. But chastity is also a virtue required by the married: it is the virtue which rightly orders our reproductive powers, and promotes self-control. Jesus is the lover of the chaste because the chaste alone are freed from distraction by the flesh, to return His love more perfectly.

JESU, AMATOR NOSTER | JESUS, OUR LOVER

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16). One of the hardest dogmas of the Church truly to believe is this: that God loves *us*. Not merely the perfect, not merely those who shine with evident sanctity, but *all of us*. Even those He knows to be destined to reprobation, He nevertheless loves. There is something almost scandalous in the idea that the infinite God might love the decidedly less-than-infinite me or you. And yet it is so. Take this Most Holy Name on your lips precisely as the Name of your lover, the lover of your soul, Who loved you so much as to die for you, even upon a Cross.

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

+ **THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** begins on the 18th, in the Old Rite the feast of S. Peter's Chair at Rome, and concludes on the 25th, the feast of the Conversion of S. Paul. Pray that all Christians will come into unity with the Catholic 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

+ **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP** is on hiatus until later in the year, whilst we discern its future. Comments welcome.

+ **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:** George Victor Daughlish, Catherine Masey, Louis McCoy, Roger Tomlin, John Michel von Pflugl, Winifred Day, Thomas McDonagh, Fr Sean Murphy, Brian Mulford, Edmond Joseph Mockler, Tamsie Mary Tonnor. **R·I·P·**