

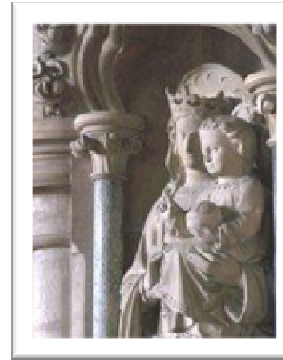
## The Daily Canticles

**THE PSALMS** are the backbone of the Daily Office but we encounter a good selection of them also at Mass. Canticles, by contrast, are less often experienced by mass-goers. The exception to this is *Gloria in excelsis* (or major doxology) which, apart from 'purple Sundays' occurs throughout the year. Those who recite the Liturgy of the Hours have a much richer diet of canticles. Every day they recite at Morning Prayer the Canticle of Zechariah (*Benedictus*) and at Evening Prayer the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin (*Magnificat*). As they prepare for bed they recite the Canticle of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*). All three of these come from the first two chapters of St Luke's Gospel and function as a daily invariable Gospel of the Incarnation at the climax of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer, respectively.

On more or less the same basis as the *Gloria in excelsis* is used at Mass, *Te Deum laudamus* is used in the Office of Readings. There is additionally a whole catena of biblical canticles – Old Testament at Morning Prayer and the New Testament at Evening Prayer – which complement the psalmody. As the name suggests – think 'cantata' or 'chant' – a 'canticle' is something meant to be sung, even if it is more often said. There are probably about fifty of them in common use, almost all of which are derived from the Bible. There are two or three which are not from the Bible: *Te Deum laudamus* and *Gloria in excelsis* are obvious examples but possibly in this category comes *Phos hilaron*, a hymn celebrating the light of Christ as the natural light fails in the evening. All of these were composed no later than the fourth century, *Te Deum* being composed in the West, *Gloria in excelsis* and *Phos hilaron* in the East.

Given that regular mass-goers encounter plenty of Scripture and a modest portion of daily psalmody, it may well be that it is these canticles, especially the Gospel Canticles and *Te Deum*, that are most obviously missing from the diet. Nothing, moreover, is more beautiful than *Phos hilaron*, sung at *Lucernarium*, the evening lighting of the lamps and offering of incense, whether in Greek or in translation as John Keble's *Hail gladdening light* or Robert Bridges' *O gladsome light*.

*Fr Andrew*



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<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SUNDAY 11 PER ANNUM</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass 11.15am St Patrick's	<b>Year B: Week 3</b> [GREEN] Pro populo RIP Dinah Tison
<b>Monday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Of Week 11</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green] FM Rachel Hunt 1884
<b>Tuesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Of Week 11</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green] FM Sir William Weston 1937
<b>Wednesday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St Alban, Martyr Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[red]
<b>Thursday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
<b>Friday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More, Martyrs</b> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[red] FM Thomas More Eyston 2012
<b>Saturday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> No Mass at St Mary's. Mass at 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot	[white]
<b>Sunday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass 11.15am St Patrick's	<b>Year B: Week 4</b> [WHITE] Pro populo Pro populo
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### DAY FOR LIFE - SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (18<sup>th</sup> June)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. For more information please contact Gillian Groeger at [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will meet again on **Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> June)**, 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish rooms. For more information, please contact Veronica at [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com)

### FULFILLED IN LOVE

A Saturday retreat for married couples on **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018** 10 am-4 pm Led by Fr Liam Finnerty, OCD and Angelika Capp. For more information please visit [www.carmeliteprioryoxford.com](http://www.carmeliteprioryoxford.com), to book please email [retreat@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:retreat@carmelite.org.uk)

### SUMMER EVENTS IN THE PARISH - KEEP THIS DATE!

**1<sup>st</sup> July** St Patrick's BBQ.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be Tuesday **3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Parish Rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits beforehand; finish 8.30 – 9.00.

### CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For more information visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT ST MARY'S

If you would like your children to join the First Holy Communion classes, please email Maria at [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). A meeting with parents will take place in September after the 9.30am Sunday Mass (date to be confirmed). Classes will start in October 2018.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> July:** Peter's Pence

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**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by **Wednesday 10 am**

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS



### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Andrew Gunn.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently especially *Eithne Naughton* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Cuthbert Wheeler, Lawrence Castle and Anna Hogan.*

**HOLY FATHER'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION** - *Social Networks* - That social networks may work towards inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

### TEACHER'S NEEDED AT ST AMAND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

A full time KS2 teacher required from September 2018. A part-time (0.4) teacher to teach EYFS/Year 1 class from September. Full details can be found on St Amand's school website at [www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk). Please contact the office to make an appointment to meet Mrs Ellery and view the school.

### DAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at St Edmund's in Abingdon. From 10am to 3pm. Please bring packed lunch. Mass included.

### FAITH AND SEXUALITY

When it comes to Catholic teaching on sexual morality, all sorts of confusion abounds as to what the Church's vision actually means. Earlier this year the internationally renowned speaker Fr Philip Bochanski, the Executive Director of Courage International, an apostolate supporting those with same sex attraction, gave a talk in Holy Family parish Southampton in collaboration with the Catholic Academies and Schools Office. Fr Philip gave an uplifting presentation on how human sexuality, properly understood and cherished as derived from God's beautiful plan for the joy and fulfilment of every human person is a life-giving truth for all of us but especially those struggling to live in a wholesome way, in a world where sex is cheapened and commodified. [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/courage.php](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/courage.php)

### FLAME 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2019

Bookings are now open! This is a highlight national event for Catholic young people in Wembley Arena, featuring inspirational international speakers, award winning music and celebrating faith and the young Church. Ages 14 - 25. Please speak to Fr Andrew to register.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after Mass. All donations go to a very good charity - Eye Camps.