

## The Peace *(continued)*

### The second of two features on 'The Peace'

**THE KISS OF PEACE** in the Roman Rite, as the extract from St Augustine of Hippo last week showed, has been from ancient times after the Lord's Prayer. The Risen Lord has come amongst us in the Blessed Sacrament, much as he did in the Upper Room after the Resurrection (John 20). As he greeted the apostles, so he (in the person of the priest) greets us and we share his greeting.

Some other liturgies present the Peace differently. The Ambrosian Rite in Milan, the Mozarabic Rite in Toledo, the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom (Orthodox and Greek Catholic), and most modern Anglican eucharistic rites have 'the Peace' before the Eucharistic Prayer. What lies behind this is the teaching in the Gospel:

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *(Matthew 5:23-24)*

In the Eastern Orthodox Liturgy, the Kiss of Peace is even earlier. We must be reconciled with one another before we recite the Creed: 'Let us love one another that we may confess...the Trinity.'

Interestingly, in *Sacramentum caritatis* (2005) Pope Benedict suggested, in a footnote, looking again at the place of the Peace in the Roman Rite. In the event caution amongst the bishops prevailed and no change is foreseen. Nevertheless, the Congregation for Divine Worship is reminding us once more that the Sign of Peace is not compulsory – no one has to join in – and, as a Sign of Christ's Peace rather than mere human bonhomie it should be devotional and discreet.

The practice in East Hendred Catholic Parish is usually not to invite the exchange of the Peace at weekday masses – though people are perfectly entitled to exchange the Peace with one another nonetheless – but to invite this exchange at the Sunday Mass. The sign given at the altar is the stylised embrace, as found in the *Missa solemnis* in the Extraordinary Form. The sign exchanged in the pews is usually the very English handshake.



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<b>Sunday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	<b>SUNDAY 25A PER ANNUM</b> <b>Family Harvest Thanksgiving Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b>	<b>Year A: Psalter Week 1</b> [GREEN]
<b>Monday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	<i>Of Week 25</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
<b>Tuesday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	<i>SS Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red]
<b>Wednesday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	St Vincent de Paul, Founder Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white]
<b>Thursday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	<i>Of Week 25</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
<b>Friday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	<b>The Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, &amp; Raphael</b> <b>[Michaelmas]</b> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white] Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>September</b>	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot	[white]
<b>Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>October</b>	<b>SUNDAY 26A PER ANNUM</b> <b>Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's &amp; St Michael's</b> <b>(Michaelmas: Feast of Title)</b> <b>Mass: 6pm Milton Manor</b>	<b>Year A: Psalter Week 2</b> [GREEN] [white]
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <b>www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</b>		

## TODAY

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today there will be a retiring collection for the Cathedral.

### AFTERNOON TEA

St Mary's Church are inviting the village to afternoon tea in Snells Hall on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham, from 2-4pm.

### ALPHA

Join us this evening from 5.30-8pm at St Amand's school. All welcome!

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### CATHOLIC COUPLES' CAROUSEL

On Wednesday **27<sup>th</sup> September** 8pm at Cozens Farm.

### HFBC MEETING

On Wednesday **11<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm at St Mary's Holy Family Room.

### CREATIVE MINISTRY RETREAT

A weekend of faith inspired music and arts for ages 14 - 18 featuring Worship and creativity, Eucharistic adoration, Exploring the Mass, Art in sacred spaces, Leading liturgical music, Freedom in Worship and Open Mic. On **20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October** at Cold Ash Centre. Cost: £100. For more information please visit the youth website [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING IN OXFORD

**Saturday 11 November** 10.00am - 12.30pm at The Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill, Botley, Oxford OX2 9BD. Please email Soraya at [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### FROM POPE FRANCIS

"I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him"

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

ACN: 15<sup>th</sup> October; World Missions: 22<sup>nd</sup> October



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## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Helen Walker.* Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Fr Anthony Birrer, Jane Curley, Charles Francis Eyston, Ida Stafford Northcote, Bride Hudson and Horace Tuson.*

### HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER INTENTION - PARISHES

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

## PARISH GROUPS

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Meets on the first **Tuesday** of the month at St Mary's Parish rooms. Starting at 7.15pm (coffee) until 8.30-8.45pm.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

Meets on the third **Monday** of the month at St Mary's Holy Family room.

### ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

As advertised.

### ALPHA

Meets on **Sundays** at St Amand's School, as advertised.

### FREE FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Dominican Institute in the USA is offering a free formation programme for young adults. It has been billed as one of the best online Catholic Resources ever. It would be good for any adults, not just the young and is based on YOUCAT. You can get it for free at [www.dominicaninstitute.com/lit/](http://www.dominicaninstitute.com/lit/)

### WHY CATHOLICS LEAVE, WHAT THEY MISS AND HOW THEY MIGHT RETURN

You will remember in 2015, the diocese ran a campaign in connection with St Mary's University called 'Share Your Story'. We received 256 eligible responses, the final report will be produced as a book - which will be published by Paulist Press in 2018.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after Mass.