

POPE ST JOHN PAUL II

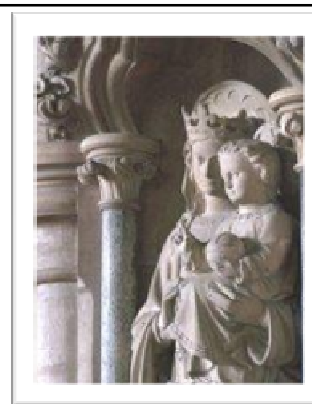
Apostolic Letter, *Mane Nobiscum* (Year of the Eucharist, 2004-2005)

THE EUCHARIST, A MYSTERY OF LIGHT

*“He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself”
(Lk 24:27)*

11. The account of the Risen Jesus appearing to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus helps us to focus on a primary aspect of the Eucharistic mystery, one which should always be present in the devotion of the People of God: *The Eucharist is a mystery of light!* What does this mean, and what are its implications for Christian life and spirituality? Jesus described himself as the “light of the world” (Jn 8:12), and this quality clearly appears at those moments in his life, like the Transfiguration and the Resurrection, in which his divine glory shines forth brightly. Yet in the Eucharist the glory of Christ remains veiled. The Eucharist is pre-eminently a *mysterium fidei*. Through the mystery of his complete hiddenness, Christ becomes a mystery of light, thanks to which believers are led into the depths of the divine life. By a happy intuition, Rublëv's celebrated icon of the Trinity clearly places the Eucharist at the centre of the life of the Trinity.

12. The Eucharist is light above all because at every Mass the liturgy of the Word of God precedes the liturgy of the Eucharist in the unity of the two “tables”, the table of the Word and the table of the Bread. This continuity is expressed in the Eucharistic discourse of Saint John's Gospel, where Jesus begins his teaching by speaking of the mystery of his person and then goes on to draw out its Eucharistic dimension: “My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (Jn 6:55). We know that this was troubling for most of his listeners, which led Peter to express the faith of the other Apostles and of the Church throughout history: “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68). In the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Christ himself intervenes to show, “beginning with Moses and all the prophets”, how “all the Scriptures” point to the mystery of his person (cf. Lk 24:27). His words make the hearts of the disciples “burn” within them, drawing them out of the darkness of sorrow and despair, and awakening in them a desire to remain with him: “Stay with us, Lord” (cf. v. 29).24:27). His words make the hearts of the disciples “burn” within them, drawing them out of the darkness of sorrow and despair, and awakening in them a desire to remain with him: “Stay with us, Lord” (cf. v. 29).



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Sunday 8 th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year B: Week 2 [gold] Pro populo Pro populo
Monday 9 th April	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Tuesday 10 th April	<i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Canon Raab 1945
Wednesday 11 th April	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[red]
Thursday 12 th April	<i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Friday 13 th April	<i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white] Holy Souls
Saturday 14 th April	<i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i> No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am English Martyrs, Didcot	[white]
Sunday 15 th April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary's	Year B: Week 3 [white] Pro populo
	Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

NEXT WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

MANY THANKS

Fr Andrew warmly thanks the congregations at St Mary's and St Patrick's for their generous giving at Easter. The parish has responded superbly to the challenge and task of funding its own parish priest and our prayer is that this will secure the future importance of the parish. We are all greatly indebted to the people who worked tirelessly to prepare the churches for Easter. Many hours' works were thus devoted to the glory of God.

GATHERING IN CHRIST

At our next meeting we begin to look at Paul's letter to the Romans. We will meet on Tuesday, **April 10th**, in the parish rooms beginning with biscuits and coffee at about 7.15pm. We read, discuss and pray together and finish between 8.30 and 9.00pm. All are welcome.

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 16th April at 8.00pm** 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. Contact Gillian Groeger for more information at gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE

The next meeting is on **Tuesday April 17th**, 7.30pm at Cozens Farm.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE SATURDAY 5TH MAY

Please do come and join with others from throughout the Diocese for what promises to be the most awesome day. Admission to the Theatre is FREE, but entry is by ticket only, so do be sure to book yours now by emailing congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 07780221686. Please see poster in church with additional information.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS - A WORKSHOP FOR SINGING THE MASS

On Saturday **12th May** at Holy Family, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, join renowned composer and musician Adam Bartlett to rediscover the Church's rich musical tradition, and learn how it can enhance your parish today. For more details please see poster in church.

PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please collect your new envelopes from the back of the church.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund: 22nd April

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NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at 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 Ann McCarthy. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Canon Raab, William Anns, Jack Linton, Winifred Sykes, Frances Castle, Michael Watts and John Stibbs.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Universal: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

CONFESSIONS

Every Catholic in good standing is asked to make his or her Confession at least once a year, sometime around Easter. There is no obligation to do this in one's own parish or with a priest whom one knows. The Easter period of grace extends until Pentecost.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

A joint CAFOD & CARITAS conference in response to Refugees and Migrants on **Saturday 12 May** at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford from 10am to 4pm. Please see poster in church with further details.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30th June**. Please visit website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries or email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SUMMER CAMP

This summer, **20th -24th August**, the Fanning the Flame Catholic Mission will run their Summer camp for 10-25 year olds in the New Forest. For more information and booking forms please visit www.ftfcmplash.com or email ftfcm1995@gmail.com and see poster in church.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

Please collect your COPY of the diocese's magazine from the back of the church.

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.