

# Solemnities, Feasts, Ferias, Fasts, Memorials...

**EVERYONE** would accept that not all anniversaries are of equal importance. A Golden Wedding is more significant than a fourth wedding anniversary. Christmas is more significant than, say, the annual celebration of St Patrick, or even St John the Baptist. Before the modern revision of the Calendar, feasts were divided into ‘doubles’ (no one quite knows what a ‘double’ is) of first, second, or third class. Nowadays these classifications are ‘solemnity’, ‘feast’, and ‘memorial’. All are ‘feasts’ – times for extra food on the table when rations are tight – but big feasts (for example, Christmas, the Assumption, All Saints) are ‘solemnities’ and most feasts (last week St Margaret Mary Alacoque, this week SS Chad & Cedd) are simply ‘memorials’ (that is times to remember).

The odd ones out are the ‘feria’ and the ‘fast’. The ‘feria’ is the ordinary weekday, without a particular celebration. There are lots of these and, on our weekly Calendar, they are shown by the week in which they happen (for example *Of Week 30*). The ‘fast’ is the day of mourning or repentance. Nowadays there are two examples: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. What remains of the ‘fast’ during the rest of the year is the requirement of ‘abstinence’ – abstaining from meat on most Fridays – one of the traditions characteristic of Catholics.

Before the Calendar reforms, most Sundays ranked as ‘feasts’. Saints’ days which co-incided with ‘green Sundays’ would be celebrated instead. Nowadays Sundays rank with ‘solemnities’, though ‘green Sundays’ give way to ‘white’ days (e.g. Corpus Christi, SS Peter & Paul).

Thanks to Calendars, we can all look all of this up, without having to work it out. But it is probably a bit clearer now why we have special readings on Sundays, solemnities and feasts but not memorials; the Creed on Sundays and solemnities; the *Gloria* on Sundays, solemnities and feasts. We also distinguish celebrations by typeface: Sundays and solemnities in bold capitals, feasts in bold, memorials in plain type, optional memorials and the details of ferias in italics.



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<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>SUNDAY 30A PER ANNUM</b>  <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b>	<b>Year A: Psalter Week 2</b> <i>[GREEN]</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>Of Week 30</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	<i>[green]</i> <i>The Naughton Family</i>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<i>Of Week 30</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	<i>[green]</i> <i>FM Leslie Leonard &amp; Mary Agnes Langley 1998</i>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> School Mass: 11.15am St Mary’s Mass: 8pm St Mary’s	<i>[GREEN]</i>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>ALL SOULS</b> Requiem Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s Requiem Mass: 8pm St Mary’s	<i>[BLACK]</i>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<i>Of Week 30</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	<i>[green]</i> <i>RIP Lady Agnes Eyston</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop Mass: 9.30am ( <i>Latin</i> )	<i>[white]</i>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>SUNDAY 31A PER ANNUM</b>  <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b>	<b>Year A: Psalter Week 3</b> <i>[GREEN]</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>		

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

On All Saints' Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November, Mass will be at 11.15am, with the school present, and in the evening at 8pm.

On All Souls' Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, there will be an evening Requiem Mass at 8pm in addition to the Requiem Mass at 9.15am.

You are invited to put names of the Faithful Departed on the list in the porch. These names will be read out at Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### 'WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH PENANCE AND PENITENTIAL SEASONS?'

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - All pastoral area youth groups are invited! **11-16 yr olds**. From 9:30-11am - at Holy Rood R.C. Church (38 Abingdon Rd. Oxford OX1 4LD). A frank discussion with Fr. Daniel Lloyd. Mass follows at 11:15am.

### YOUTH GROUP - LASER KOMBAT

The next youth group event will be a Laser Kombat game in Oxford on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This event needs to be booked in advance, so please would you let Veronica know by **5<sup>th</sup> November** (at the latest) if you wish to take part in this event. The cost is £5.95 per person and must be paid in advance. For more details, please contact Veronica on [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com)

### JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Unlocking the secrets of the Last Supper. **Where:** St Edmund's Parish Church, Abingdon. **When:** Saturdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November from 2-3.45pm. Free study guides. Refreshments provided. All welcome! For more details please see poster in church or call 01235 528528.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

At our next meeting on **Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>**, we continue our study of the story of David in the Old Testament and will be using chapters 6, 7 and 8 of the second book of Samuel to help us discuss and pray together. All are welcome. We start with coffee and biscuits in the parish rooms at about 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start; the normal finishing time is about 8.30 - 45.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised £914.77 of which 89% was Gift Aided. We raised £189.45 for World Missions.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Bamenda: 5<sup>th</sup> November



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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, Jadhya Adasko and Angus Clark.* Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently *Lucy Kelly* and those with anniversaries at this time *Lilian Latham, Charlotte Colt, Henry Hunt, Marjorie Jones, Cecilia Dearlove, Maria Jones, Mrs Chris Sheehan, Peter Howard, Francis Connolly and Charles Eyston.*

### HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER INTENTION - Workers and the unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

## 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)

### MUMS ON THE RUN

Meets at 8.15pm on the third **Monday** of the month at St Mary's Holy Family room.

### ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

As advertised.

### CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November

'Legacy income', writes Bishop Philip, 'is vital for the future of our parishes and dioceses and we believe it is important to take positive steps now, to inform and encourage our parishioners to think about leaving gifts in their Wills for the long term benefit of the Catholic community'. East Hendred Catholic Parish and School owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Eyston family who built and equipped St Mary's and gave us the school, and continue to help sustain Catholic life here. In addition there have been a number of generous benefactors whose bequests continue to make a contribution. This is a worthy matter for all drawing up a Will to consider. More next week.

### VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING IN OXFORD

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

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

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