

## Upside-Down Times

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I WAS walking along one January day at the March for Life with a couple of families I know, singing the *Salve Regina* in Gregorian chant with the nine year olds. We passed a group of young people with the banner of a Catholic college; they were singing Renaissance polyphony. Then our paths crossed with a sister, perhaps in her sixties or seventies. She was strumming a guitar and singing a nearly 50-year old song written by a former priest.

Things are awfully upside-down. Sometimes it seems that the closer a person is to old age, the more they like what at first glance seems to be a “contemporary” style of liturgy--but with closer inspection the ideals are from a generation or two ago. Currently banners seem to be making a comeback, and “creative” phrasing of the prayers of the Mass.

What is troubling about this is it is people in their late middle age who tend to be in positions of responsibility, and, often without sufficient consultation, have the authority to make decisions about art and Church programming that will purportedly “appeal to young people.”

For myself, I was taught to love the sacred primarily by people younger than myself. Very frequently I have been challenged to reverence in prayer and liturgy by young people, whose heads were bowed lower, attentions more focused, lives quieter and more honest, than my own. By virtue of being older and having some skills, I've been privileged to bring them forward sometimes in their capacities to serve the liturgy. But it is they who have instructed me in its reverence. There have been movements over the last decades to “meet the kids where they're at.” I hope we old-timers can rise to that challenge.



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<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>SUNDAY 31A PER ANNUM</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Year A: Psalter Week 3</b></span> <span style="float:right">[GREEN]</span> <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <i>HM The Queen and the High Court of Parliament</i> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b> <span style="float:right"><i>Pro Populo</i></span>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<i>Of Week 31</i> <span style="float:right">[green]</span> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <span style="float:right"><i>FM Cecilia Anne Dearlove 1942</i></span>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<i>Of Week 31</i> <span style="float:right">[green]</span> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <span style="float:right"><i>FM Agnes Gardner 1945</i></span>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<i>Of Week 31</i> <span style="float:right">[green]</span> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> <span style="float:right">[white]</span> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church <span style="float:right">[white]</span> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <span style="float:right"><i>FM Charles Eyston 1863</i></span> <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Martin of Tours, Bishop <span style="float:right">[white]</span> <i>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass at 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>SUNDAY 32A PER ANNUM</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Year A: Psalter Week 4</b></span> <b>Requiem Mass and Parade:</b> <b>9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> Remembrance Sunday Service: 11am War Memorial <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b> <span style="float:right"><i>Pro populo</i></span>
	<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <b>www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</b>

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### BAMENDA SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in our twinned diocese in Cameroon. For details of our joint ventures please take your copy of the Bamenda Newsletter at the back of the church.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

After the 9.30am Mass TODAY (5<sup>th</sup> November), if the weather is clement, there will be the Blessing of Graves in the St Mary's Churchyard.

### 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 TODAY (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.

### 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. There are leaflets at the back of church.

### 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, finishing at 8.30.

### CONFIRMATION

This coming year is one in which we would normally expect to present candidates for Confirmation by the Bishop. Are there any young people who are not yet confirmed but who would like to be? Please speak urgently to Fr Andrew.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £ 978.41 of which 85% was Gift Aided.

**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**



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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, Angus Clark and Ann McCarthy.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently *Lucy Kelly* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Charles Eyston, Emma Castle, Elizabeth Mary Hunt, Charles Castle and Teresa Barry.*

### HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER INTENTION - *Christians in Asia*

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

## 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.

### ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

It is not too late to book your place on the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training on **Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> November)** 10.00am - 12.30pm at The Rosary Room, Oxford OX2 9BD. Please talk to Maria after Mass or email asap [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Remembrance Sunday (**12<sup>th</sup> November**) the Scouts & c will be on parade at St Mary's this year. (Nowadays St Augustine's and St Mary's alternate the privilege of hosting the parade). After Mass we shall be going to the War Memorial (outside Champs Chapel) for the short ecumenical act of worship that takes place there each year.

### A MAGNIFICAT PRESENT FOR CHRISTMAS

"Magnificat is a pocket size worship aid. It can be used to follow the daily Mass and can also be read at home for personal or family prayer". A yearly subscription costs £42. If interested please go to [www.catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/)

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

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