

## POPE FRANCIS

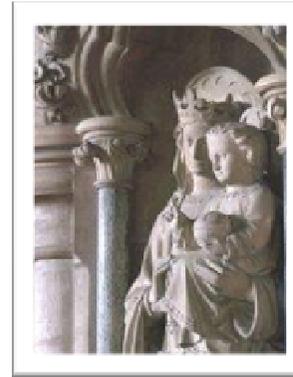
### POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

#### AMORIS LAETITIA 2016

27. Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others (cf. Mt 22:39; Jn 13:34). He did so in stating a principle that fathers and mothers tend to embody in their own lives: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Love also bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. We see this in a particular way in the scene of the woman caught in adultery; in front of the Temple, the woman is surrounded by her accusers, but later, alone with Jesus, she meets not condemnation but the admonition to lead a more worthy life (cf. Jn 8:1-11).

29. With a gaze of faith and love, grace and fidelity, we have contemplated the relationship between human families and the divine Trinity. The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God’s creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells.

30. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod’s implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2:11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family’s challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary’s heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families.



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### EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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<b>Sunday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’s	<b>Year B: Week 3</b> [white] Pro populo Pro populo
<b>Monday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
<b>Tuesday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
<b>Wednesday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[white]
<b>Thursday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
<b>Friday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white]
<b>Saturday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Wedding: 1pm St Mary’s	[white] <i>Anthony Lazarus &amp; Johanna Hughes</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’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

### NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION - GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

The Holy Father writes on the call to Holiness in today's world. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless". This document is free to download from <http://w2.vatican.va>

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** 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)

### ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE

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

### ENCOUNTER THE HOLY SPIRIT

from the WILD GOOSE video series produced by the Franciscan Friars. Saturday afternoons 2-3.30pm at St Edmund's Church Parish Centre, 1 Radley Road, Abingdon OX14 3PL. Starting on **21<sup>st</sup> April** God's Love Poured Out; **28<sup>th</sup> April** The Breath of God; **5<sup>th</sup> May** Baptism in the Spirit & Fire; **12<sup>th</sup> May** Gifts of the Holy Spirit. All welcome, no charge! Refreshments at 1:45 pm. Free study guides. For details phone (01235)528528.

### YOUTH EVENT—HOT POTATO

This session will take place at 3:30pm on **Sunday 22 April**, at Holy Rood Presbytery. This is an opportunity for young people (13-18) to ask Fr. Daniel any 'burning' questions they have about the Church or their faith. All teenagers are welcome! If you are coming please let Melanie know by email at [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 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.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection was £884.69 of which 89% was Gift Aided. Good Friday collection for the Holy Places raised £151.42.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund: 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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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 and especially for *Anthony and Johanna* who are getting married at St Mary's next weekend.

### 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: *Frank Morgan, James Dunn, Marcella Raab, Winifred Norris, Patricia Whiting, Isaac Smith, Charlotte Boyle, Thomas Dearlove and Basil Francis Eyston.*

**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.

### JUNIOR CHURCH AND PRE-SCHOOLERS SESSION

We are pleased that these sessions are so well attended and also thank our volunteers who run the sessions. During the forthcoming Summer term, there are some preschool sessions that do not have a leader. Resources will be left out for parents to use with their children BUT if you feel you could lead a session and would be interested, especially if you are a parent of a preschool child, please speak to one of the current volunteers or contact Libby at [libbyholderness1@aol.com](mailto:libbyholderness1@aol.com). Thank you.

### TEACHING ASSISTANCE AT ST AMAND'S

The Governors of St Amand's Catholic Primary School East Hendred are looking to recruit a full-time teaching assistant for a one year fixed term contract to support children with a range of Special Educational Needs from September 2018 (24 hours per week and 3 general lunchtime duties). Salary: Grade 4: 11-13; £15,807- £16,491 pro rata. Visits to school are encouraged and our Headteacher, Helen Ellery, will be available to meet you. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment or find out further details: [office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk)

### SHARE THE JOURNEY A CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

CAFOD and Caritas are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on the **12<sup>th</sup> May** in St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford. For more information and to register please email [kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)