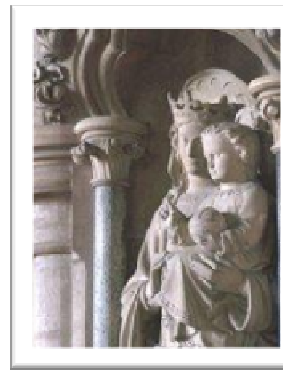


PASSIONTIDE begins on Sunday 18th March. In former times it was more clearly a mini-season within Lent. It began on Passion Sunday and ran for two weeks, the second of which was Holy Week. Very dramatically the rood screen was veiled, and all crosses and statues removed or veiled. Various modifications were prescribed for Passiontide: for example, ‘Glory be &c’ was not said at the end of Psalms in the Office. There were seasonal antiphons, prayers, readings, and hymns, as one would expect.

Most of this remains in the modern liturgy. We no longer omit ‘Glory be &c’, and the title ‘Passiontide’ tends not to be used, but the veiling of crosses and statues is still encouraged, and the antiphons, prayers, readings, and hymns remain ‘on topic’. What is happening? We are being thoroughly prepared to walk the Way of the Cross in Holy Week and to discover once more the power of the risen Christ at Easter. Holy Week is the second and active week – where, like children, we learn by doing. We experience the washing of feet and share in the Last Supper. We keep watch in Gethsemane, approaching the Cross in penitence. We experience the desolation and loss of Christ in a Church stripped of furnishings, stripped of His Presence. We greet the new light of Easter and, standing beside the Empty Tomb, renew the Creed of our Baptism.

All of that is Holy Week. But to take part in all that fully, and in a way which challenges and changes our lives, we have a preparatory week, thinking about the great themes of the Passion. Christ dying for us, the Perfect Sacrifice to take away our sins. Christ, by His Cross, showing us the example of complete obedience to the Will of the Father. Christ, by uniting within Himself divinity and humanity, bringing about the Atonement – the At-one-ment – of God and Man.

May the Way of the Cross be the Way of Life and Peace.



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Sunday 11th March	Sundays: Year B FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT [<i>MOTHERING SUNDAY</i>] [Rose] Confessions: 8.45am St Mary’s Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s <i>Pro populo</i> Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 12th March	<i>Fourth Week of Lent</i> [purple] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Tuesday 13th March	<i>Fourth Week of Lent</i> [purple] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Wednesday 14th March	<i>Fourth Week of Lent</i> [purple] Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s
Thursday 15th March	<i>Fourth Week of Lent</i> [purple] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM John Joseph Eyston 1915</i>
Friday 16th March	<i>Fourth Week of Lent</i> [purple] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Adoration: 3pm at Hendred House</i> Stations of the Cross: 5.30pm St Mary’s
Saturday 17th March	St Patrick, Bishop [white] QUIET MORNING Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Adoration with Spiritual Conference and Confession: 10am-12 noon
Sunday 18th March	<i>VEILING OF CROSSES & IMAGES</i> Divine Office: Week 1 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT [<i>PASSION SUNDAY</i>] [Purple] Confessions: 8.45am St Mary’s Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s <i>Pro populo</i> Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s <i>Pro populo</i>
	Confessions: as advertised or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

There will be a Second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

TUESDAY LENTEN LUNCHESES!

Soup, bread and interesting conversation at Monks Hollow, Newbury Road East Hendred, on March 13th and 20th at 12.30 to 2pm. If you'd like to come, please call Mary Harrison on 01235 833584 for catering purposes. **All welcome.**

QUIET MORNING

There will be a Quiet Morning at St Mary's on **Saturday 17th March.** Mass at 9.30am will be followed by Adoration (10am to 12 noon). During Adoration there will be a short address and an opportunity for Confession. Coffee &c will be available.

YOUTH GROUP SPONSERED WALK - SATURDAY 17TH MARCH

The Youth Group are once again taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for CAFOD. We will be celebrating St Patrick's day by hiking along the Ridgeway and would greatly appreciate it if you would sponsor us. We are hoping to raise about £300 for CAFOD, so any donation would be great. You can give at our justgiving website at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmarysyouthgroup2. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Pastoral Area is once again running a bus to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday 27th March.** Please call Didcot parish office to book a place on 01235 812338, or didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. All bookings must be received by **19th March.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING

Please help us to clean, dust and polish the church on **Saturday 31st March** (time tbc).

VOLUNTEER FOR NEW DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

We are required by law to have a Data Protector Co-ordinator. It is not a very complex job and training is provided by the diocese. If you are interested in helping out in this way, have a word either with Fr Andrew or Maria. Simple IT skills and utter trustworthiness are the main requirements.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you have recently joined our parish, please complete the registration form (yellow or green sheets at the back of the church).

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Holy Places: Good Friday; 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: *Julia Swanson, Mary Teresa Eyston, John Colfer, William Mooney, Mary Dainty, Thomas Patrick Rivers, Thomas Dearlove, William Dearlove, Pietro Melotti, Beatrice Burgess, Martin Power and Jane Frances Dunn.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Evangelization: ***Formation in Spiritual Discernment.*** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

NEW MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Last Saturday Pope Francis decreed that the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Mother of the Church, be inserted into the Roman Calendar. The liturgical celebration, *Beata Mariae Virginis, Ecclesiae Matris*, is to be celebrated annually, as a Memorial. From this year, all parishes will celebrate this Feast the Monday following Pentecost.

APF RED BOXES

It is time again to hand your boxes to your promoters. Doesn't time whip along! Thank you in advance for all your contributions and also a big thank you to the new Red Box holders. I will be in contact with you all soon and give you a box if you have not got one yet. Thank you. Margaret Maytham

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS 1-1 INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE!

This year 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*—outlining the Church's teaching on the transmission of human life. One of the fruits of this encyclical was the development of natural methods of family planning and fertility awareness designed to help people (women of reproductive age, engaged and married couples) to discover more about the innate dignity of their bodies and the gift of fertility. The Creighton Model FertilityCare system is a method of Natural Fertility Awareness and Family Planning which is very effective in achieving or avoiding pregnancy using standardised observations seen during a woman's monthly cycle. For more information, or to book 1-1 NFP instruction, please contact Amanda on 07546 382 538 or email info@whollynaturalfertility.com

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish rooms after Mass. All donations go to a good charity - eye camps.