

## Giving Sunday

AT THE end of one Church Year and the beginning of another, it is time for us all to review our financial giving. The Bible asks the People of God for ten per cent, the famous 'tithe'. That remains a very good yard-stick for our generosity. There are some who could not afford that much and there are good causes, apart from the Church, that rightly demand our attention. For this reason, we do not suggest giving ten per cent to the Church, but five per cent, the 'half tithe'. There are other good causes too. And, of course, we are talking about net income and not gross income. (We get to a gross figure thanks to the Gift Aid scheme.) The Hendred Finance and Buildings Council also has the 'half tithe' in mind. We ensure that, year by year, at least five per cent of parish income is given away to the good causes which present themselves for our attention, mainly as 'second collections'.

Along with Prayer and Fasting, Giving is one of the three principal tasks for the Christian. It is easy to escape, since no one else knows our business. But one of the signs of a thriving Church is that it has plenty of resources, not only to support its own work, but for use in the service of the Kingdom, the wider community. The presentation by the Chairman of the Hendred Finance and Buildings Council, Chris Harrison, and our Treasurer, Anne Dalton, give us the nuts and bolts of what we spend and what we need. I am very proud to be parish priest of communities which, in the last few years, have built the St Michael's Room at St Patrick's, and restored and refurbished the Sacristy and Holy Family Chapel at St Mary's. When I arrived, neither church had a loo: now both churches do. That is one measure of success. Another is that no longer is the social life of St Patrick's entirely subject to the weather. A third is that the Junior Church at St Mary's now meets weekly in school term and nowadays within the footprint of the building. That said, I long to see the Parish Rooms at St Mary's brought up to the kind of minimal standards that all of us demand in our own homes.

On Giving Sunday I thank you all for your continuing generosity and for thinking about your giving once more: how much to give, and how to do it. May God richly bless you.

*Fr Andrew*



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| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup><br/>November</b>        | <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Year A: Psalter Week 2</b></span><br><i>[WHITE]</i><br><b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> <i>Pro populo</i><br><b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b> <i>Pro populo</i> |
| <b>Monday<br/>27<sup>th</sup><br/>November</b>    | <i>Of Week 34</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>[green]</i></span><br>Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <span style="float: right;"><i>FM Henry Lester Louis Morris 1963</i></span>  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>28<sup>th</sup><br/>November</b>   | <i>Of Week 34</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>[green]</i></span><br>Mass: 9.15am St Mary's  |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>29<sup>th</sup><br/>November</b> | <i>Of Week 34</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>[green]</i></span><br>Adoration: 11.15am St Mary's<br>Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's   |
| <b>Thursday<br/>30<sup>th</sup><br/>November</b>  | <b>St Andrew, Apostle</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>[red]</i></span><br>Mass: 9.15am St Mary's  |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup><br/>December</b>         | <i>St Edmund Campion, Martyr</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>[red]</i></span><br>Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i><br><i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>  |
| <b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup><br/>December</b>       | <i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>[white]</i></span><br>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's  |
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup><br/>December</b>         | <b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Year B: Psalter Week 1</b></span><br><i>[PURPLE]</i><br><b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> <i>Pro populo</i><br><b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b> <i>Pro populo</i>  |
|   | <b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b><br><a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>  |

## TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

### GIVING SUNDAY: ANNUAL REVIEW

Today is 'Giving Sunday', and opportunity for people to review their planned giving, or to join our scheme. It will also be an opportunity to think about moving from envelopes to making a Standing Order or claiming Gift Aid. The Treasurer, Anne Dalton, has prepared a copy of the accounts for everyone to see and the Chairman, Chris Harrison, is preparing a leaflet, setting out what we hope to achieve in the coming year.

### YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT DATES

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at St Edmund's from 2-4.30pm - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Monsignor Andrew Burnham

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at Holy Rood Catholic Church - 9-11am - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Brother Isaac Maria Wharton OP.'

### A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sung by the Newman Consort on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm** at Holy Rood Catholic Church, Abingdon Road, Oxford. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### THE HENDRED CHRISTMAS BAZAR

There are still some raffles tickets left, if you can please take some home, sell and return them to church by **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. If you can provide any raffle prizes please leave them in the box at the back of St Mary's. Thank you.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

At our next meeting on Tuesday **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, we shall continue the second book of Samuel, chapters 9 to 12 but will concentrate on chapters 11 and 12. We read, discuss and pray together; come and join us. The meeting after that will be on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### ADVENT VIGIL AT ST PATRICK'S

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** there will be Adoration and quiet reflection from 7pm followed by vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 7.30pm.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £1060.94 of which 81% was Gift Aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mill Hill Appeal: 11<sup>th</sup> February; Clergy Assistance Fund: 11<sup>th</sup> March

**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: *Mary Wiley, Paul McCarthy, William Flanagan, Albert Castle, Teresa Brown, Christine Buck, and Denis Buckley.*

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF FAITH

Thanks to your kindness and compassion in the last year, we were able to offer the hope of Christ's love to our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Will you make an extra special gift of faith this Christmas in support of the suffering church? £10 will get 10 ACN child's bibles, £25 will provide Christmas parcels for displaced children, £35 will provide a hot meal at Christmas for a needy family. For more information please see the leaflet in church or go to [www.acnuk.org/giftsoffait](http://www.acnuk.org/giftsoffait) or call 020 8642 8668.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't plan your own Christmas hospitality until you have planned a gift to those less fortunate. A good local charity is Crisis at Christmas. For £22.29 you can reserve a place for a homeless person this Christmas. For online gifts go to [www.crisis.org.uk/redbauble](http://www.crisis.org.uk/redbauble).

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

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