

January Saints

12 January St Ælred, Abbot

Born in 110 and son of a priest, **Ælred** was educated at Durham and in the household of King David of Scotland. In 1134 he became a monk and later the abbot in the newly-founded Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx. A **Cistercian** is a member of the **Cistercian Order**, sometimes called the **Bernardines** (after the highly influential St. Bernard of Clairvaux), or the **White Monks**, in reference to the colour of the ‘cuccula’ or white choir robe worn by the Cistercians over their habits, as opposed to the black cuccula worn by Benedictine monks. The original emphasis of Cistercian life was on manual labour and self-sufficiency, and many abbeys have traditionally supported themselves through activities such as agriculture and brewing ales. In time, however, education and academic pursuits came to dominate the life of their monasteries.

St **Ælred** is remembered for his gift of friendship, for his sensitive and gentle rule, and for his spiritual writings which remain popular and relevant. His writing on friendship is particularly important. He died in 1167.

13 January St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hilary was born in Poitiers at the beginning of the fourth century and was elected bishop of the city in the year 350. He combated the Arians fiercely—Christians who did not believe in the full divinity of Christ or the teaching on the Trinity—and, making himself unpopular, was exiled by the Emperor Constantine. For the purpose of strengthening the Catholic faith and interpreting Sacred Scripture he published works which are outstanding in their wisdom and learning. Hence he was declared a Doctor (that is ‘teacher’) of the Church. In Oxford the term between Christmas and Easter is called ‘Hilary Term’ because it starts at about this time.



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Sunday 7 th January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [white] Confessions: 8.45am St Mary’s Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s, East Hendred Pro populo Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s, East Ilsley
Monday 8 th January	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s, East Hendred
Tuesday 9 th January	<i>Of Week 1 Sundays Year B Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 1</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s [green]
Wednesday 10 th January	<i>Of Week 1</i> [green] Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s
Thursday 11 th January	<i>Of Week 1</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Friday 12 th January	<i>St Ælred, Abbot</i> [white] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Holy Souls <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>
Saturday 13 th January	<i>St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> [white] <i>No Mass: Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>
Sunday 14 th January	<i>Sundays Year B Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 1</i> [green] SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Confessions: 8.45am St Mary’s Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s, East Hendred Pro populo Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s, East Ilsley
	Confessions: As advertised or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

COFFEE AT ST PATRICK'S

As it is the first Sunday of the month, there will be coffee (or tea) and cake in the St Michael's Room after the 11.15am Mass at St Patrick's **TODAY** (7th Jan). Everyone is welcome. It is an opportunity to meet up for a chat with other parishioners. Hope you can join us.

GATHERING IN CHRIST

We are coming to the end of our study of 2 Samuel. The gathering will be on **Tuesday (9th January)** in St Mary's Parish rooms; 7.15pm tea/coffee and biscuits for a 7.30pm start. Please read chapters 13-20 and bring along any thoughts for discussion that you might have. On Tuesday 6th February we will complete our study of Samuel with a look at chapter 21.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. Support will be given for those needing sponsorship and fundraising.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday 20th January 2018, at Our Lady and St Edmund's Parish centre. Creating a Safe Environment Training 10am-12.30pm. Safe Guarding Refresher Training* - 1.30-4pm. A Refresher Training is for volunteers who haven't attended a SG training session since 2015 or before. If interested, please email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course is starting again at St. Edmund's Catholic Church, Abingdon on **Sunday 21st January**, between 6pm and 8.30pm. The course is fantastic for both those curious about the Christian faith, and those who have been Catholics for many years and want to develop their relationship with the Lord. It covers subjects such as "why did Jesus die for us", "who is the Holy Spirit", "how do I read the bible". Why not come and see for the first week - you will receive a warm welcome! Please ring Clare 01235 847804

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £1154.30 of which 78% was Gift Aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mill Hill Appeal: 11th February; Clergy Assistance Fund: 11th March

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at 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

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 especially *Kathleen Doyle* and those with anniversaries at this time: *John Joseph O'Hara, Harriet Champ, Robert Purcell, Helen Horgan, Alice Harper, Margaret Dubig, Charlotte Hunt, Joseph Anns, Joseph Michael Anns and George Daughish*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - *Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia*

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The work of all Evangelisation Strategy Teams across our Diocese and the Holy Spirit's guidance on the formation of the new Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Those entering the "Called and Gifted" process and for the work of the Called & Gifted Team.

The work of our Marriage and Family Life Team.

Vocations to all states of life and ministry in the Church, especially to the Sacred Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life, for all our students currently in formation for ordination.

The Canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of our Youth.

All the sick clergy and people in our Diocese who are in need of our prayers.

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD? They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP.. To find out more about our work please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings on 27th Jan from 10am to 12pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Ford-bridge, or 30th Jan from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham, or 3rd Feb from 10:30am to 1pm at St Bede's Church Basingstoke, or 8th Feb from 7:15pm to 9pm at English Martyrs Church Reading. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

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). The information you provide is strictly confidential and of great help for Fr Andrew's ministry.