

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF EAST HENDRED**

**THE VILLAGE** of East Hendred itself has an illustrious history dating back to the early times of 956. There are two Churches documented in the Domesday Book – one located in East Hendred and the other in West Hendred. In medieval times there were five manors in the village, two of the most important were Abbey Manor (owned by Reading Abbey) and the Manor of Arches, which is now known as Hendred House. Hendred House has been home to the Eyston family for nearly 600 years and has one of only three Catholic Chapels in England where Mass has been said since before the Reformation.

The first Roman Catholic movement in the area is documented to have started earlier than 635. At the Reformation, the monasteries were dissolved, their estates confiscated, and a new state Church established where the Mass was replaced by the services of the Book of Common Prayer. Loyal Catholics were then subject to all kinds of penalties as they refused to attend the services of the new Church. Persecution of Catholics then continued for more than two and a half centuries.

The faith was kept alive by country house missions where Priests were

able to say Mass and administer the sacraments. The 1829 Catholic Emancipation Act made things easier for Catholics, but it was not until 1850 that Rome restored the English hierarchy, and it was later still that Hendred acquired a new Catholic Parish Church, thanks to Charles John Eyston.

St Mary's was consecrated on 17th August 1865. Designed by A. C. Buckler and reordered in 1983, the Church has a pleasing architectural unity and several interesting features. The stained glass by Hardmann is much admired and includes a depiction of St Robert of Newminster, while the Hendrie window, depicting the life of St Francis of Assisi, is probably the finest he ever did.

Mass is also celebrated in the Eyston family's Chapel of St Amand and St John the Baptist at Hendred House, as it has been since the thirteenth century. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every Friday. By recent arrangement, and by kind permission of the Rector, Mass is celebrated occasionally at 12.15pm on Wednesday, in the Eyston Chapel of St Augustine's Church, the local Anglican Parish Church, something of an ecumenical milestone.

*Fr Andrew*



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<b>Sunday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>SUNDAY 20A PER ANNUM</b> <i>WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASSUMPTION</i> <b>Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b> <b>Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary's</b>	<b>Year A: Psalter Week 4</b> [WHITE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> August	St Pius X, Pope Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] <i>FM Frances Eyston 1862</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	The Queenship of Mary <i>OCTAVE OF THE ASSUMPTION</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] <i>Safe arrival of a Grandchild:</i> <i>Julie Lazarus' Intention</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	<i>St Rose of Lima</i> Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white]
<b>Thursday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>St Bartholomew, Apostle</b> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red]
<b>Friday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Of Week 20</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[green] <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious</i> <i>No Mass at St Mary's: Mass at 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>	[white]
<b>Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>SUNDAY 21A PER ANNUM</b> <b>Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b>	<b>Year A: Psalter Week 1</b> [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <b>www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</b>		

## THE CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Did you contribute to last week's **retiring second collection** to support the development and works in the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham? According to tradition, the shrine at Walsingham, known as England's Nazareth, dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century, when the Virgin Mary appeared in a vision to the lady of the manor, Richeldis de Faverches, who prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. In response, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham to serve as a perpetual memorial. Pope Francis recently granted the honour of minor Basilica status to the Shrine. It would be good to recover a sense of Walsingham as our National Shrine.

## ALPHA

Encouraged by the Bishop, we shall be running an Alpha Course up at St Amand's School, in the autumn in the early part of Sunday evening. **ALPHA** is the most famous and successful of all the introductory programmes to Christianity and we hope that several parents will come along to be part of the course. It is ideally suited to the non-Catholic partner in a marriage, as a gentle, unthreatening exploration of the Faith. If you are interested in helping or taking part, see Fr Andrew.

## FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL

During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting St John's Cathedral here in Portsmouth from **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

## GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

At our next meeting on Tuesday, **September 5<sup>th</sup>**, we begin the Second Book of Samuel in the Old Testament to read about David's anointing as the king of Judah. We will be using chapters 1 and 2 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; the normal finishing time is about 8.30 - 45.

## SUMMER EVENTS IN THE PARISH - KEEP THE DATE!

**17<sup>th</sup> September** St Patrick's BBQ.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Home Mission Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Cathedral: 24<sup>th</sup> September

## PARISH COLLECTION

Last two Sunday's collection raised a total of £802.73 and £766.47 of which 82% and 84% 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**



## BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

We remember in our prayers *Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadyga Adasko, and Helen Walker.* Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently especially *Jimmy Townley* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Thomas Dearlove, James Kelly, Theodore Little, Sarah Magee, George Dearlove, Alphonsis Hunt, Harriet Hunt and Jabez Booker.*

## !!!MANY THANKS!!!

To all who helped last Sunday, preparing the tables, transporting and serving food, donating delicious wine and clearing afterwards. It was a great occasion and we are very grateful for your help (from Fr Andrew, Bill and Carmel)

## HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST INTENTION - ARTISTS

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth group will meet next on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.** After meeting at the Parish Rooms at 7:15pm we shall travel to the East Hendred vineyards, where we will have a tour, some snacks, and fun and games. We will return to the Parish Rooms for 9pm pick up. Many thanks to Eileen, David, Michael and Naomi Bell for hosting us. For more information please contact Veronica at [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com)

## VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING IN OXFORD

**Saturday 11 November** 10.00am - 12.30pm at The Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill, Botley, Oxford OX2 9BD. Please email Soraya at [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few more volunteers for midweek tasks in church. Please see if you could help. The bins can be very heavy! Other jobs include emptying bins, keeping the votive candle stands fully stocked, sorting leaflets, watering flowers, attending to the candles. Small jobs but our volunteer base is too narrow at present. Please have a word with Fr Andrew.

## AFTERNOON TEA

St Mary's Church are inviting the village to afternoon tea in Snells Hall on Sunday **24<sup>th</sup> September**, in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham, from 2-4pm. More details to follow.

