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THANKS to you, we are able to support more than 5,000 projects every year, helping the Church's mission. From training seminarians for the priesthood to providing transport to help priests and Sisters reach the remotest communities, or building much-needed chapels, you are helping us to bring Christ to the faithful around the world.

Lent is a time of spiritual challenge, uniting our own sacrifices with Christ's life-giving and eternal Sacrifice.

But whatever we 'give up' this Lent, please... Don't Give Up on Them! With an end to armed conflict on the horizon in Syria and Iraq, it is easy to assume that the worst is over, but for displaced families still living under threat of violence, and unable to return to their homes, the harsh reality is that daily life is still a struggle for survival.

These families have had to give up everything for their faithfulness to Christ, so this Lent we are asking parishes, schools and groups, once again, to support refugee families in Syria and Iraq with Survival Packs – emergency aid to help them until it is safe for them to rebuild their lives and communities.

We ask for prayers for the huge numbers of forgotten Christians in Africa, where growing Islamisation is leaving them vulnerable to targeted attacks and to displacement on a huge scale, such as in Eritrea, Sudan, Nigeria and Central Africa Republic, where Christians rely on the Church for basic essentials and for spiritual support and comfort.



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Sunday 5th March	Sundays: Year A, FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Divine Office: Week 1 [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 6th February	<i>First Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple] <i>Sick & Housebound</i>
Tuesday 7th	<i>First Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple] <i>FM Pupils of St Amand's School 1943</i>
Wednesday 8th March	<i>First Week of Lent</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[purple] <i>RIP Breda Smith (Denis Smith)</i>
Thursday 9th March	<i>First Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple]
Friday 10th February	<i>First Week of Lent</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm at Hendred House Stations of the Cross: 5.30pm St Mary's	[purple] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 11th March	<i>First Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's	[purple]
Sunday 12th March	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Divine Office: Week 2 [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

GATHERING IN CHRIST

We are a small ecumenical lay group that meets monthly to pray and study a piece of the Bible. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday (7th March)** 7.30pm in the parish rooms. This gathering would be a very opportune time to join us in that we are embarking on a new project. We are planning to study the life of David and we will start at 1 Samuel Chap.16. Then work our way through the rest of 1 Samuel and move to 2 Samuel. You will be very welcome and we start with coffee and biscuits at about 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm. start. The normal finishing time is about 8.30 - 8.45pm.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The Novena will take place from **10th -18th March** at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead** and at **Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool**. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and or request a Novena booklet to enable to join in from home. Please see poster at the back of the church and leaflets for sending your petitions during the Novena.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY 10 MARCH

Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago she was only just making enough to feed her family. CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. Now she is able to send her children to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Please find CAFOD envelopes at the back of the church.

DOMESTIC CHURCH: (8)

Holy Images. Most homes have pictures on the wall or family photographs. A Catholic home is likely to include holy pictures, a crucifix, or a statue, something in spaces, personal or shared, to signify our Faith. Perhaps this is a holy spot—a place to say prayers. Perhaps it is a simple reminder—something we pass. Sometimes the holy image has an extra dimension, reminding of us of a visit to a holy place. There are countless possibilities but, as well as the crucifix, recalling the Passion and Death of Jesus, there are images of the Virgin Mother, or of the Sacred Heart, that is the Risen Christ in our midst. In the East, holy pictures are called 'icons' - a word taken over by the computer industry—and the holy icons, very stylised in character, are means by which God blesses us and our homes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MARY'S

On Friday's during Lent at 5.30pm

FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Sunday 26th March: Clergy Assistance Fund



NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at 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, Diana Tuson, Mary Wallace, Des McNicol, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jenny Ayres and Jadryga Adasko.* Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Breda Smith, Thomas Mulford, Ammy Stibbs, George Dunn, Alice Couling, Ellen Cuddiby, Jo Barr, Margaret Brown, John Curley, Julia Swanson, Mary Teresa Eyston and John Colfer.*

CHRISM MASS, ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH – TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2017

The Pastoral Area is once again running a bus to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass this year. The bus will leave Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, returning at around 3pm. The cost of a seat is £12, payment required on booking. Please call Didcot parish office to book a place on 01235 812338, or email didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. All bookings must be received by **Friday 31st March**.

PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW

Adventure with the saints this November visiting Divine Mercy Shrine, Pope JP2 sanctuary, Auschwitz and more. Departing 20 November spend 4 nights in a 5* hotel, flying from Heathrow with BA. Early bird offer £485. To find out more please visit www.aglowpilgrimages.com/krakow-pilgrimages or call 0800 689 4792.

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION - SUPPORT FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

"APF" RED BOXES

Please bring your boxes to church for counting before the end of March. Thank you. Margaret Maytham 01235 850126.

NEEDED ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK

The most urgent items needed at the moment: tinned meat, vegetables, fruit and rice pudding; UHT fruit juice and milk; rice, tea and coffee. Many thanks again for your support of those who are in a situation where they need help with food, and although that is not good from a national perspective, we are where we are, and what you do is much appreciated. If you would like us to talk to your group we should be very pleased to do so.

DIOCESAN INTENTIONS - PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Peace in the world and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly. All those suffering in the world through hunger and disease and natural disaster. Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life and for all currently discerning their vocation.