

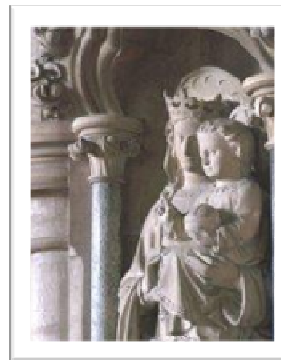
## Eucharistic Prayers

**HOW** is the Eucharistic Prayer chosen? Apart from a few others for special occasions in an appendix, there are four Eucharistic Prayers in the Roman Missal. The first, the Roman Canon, has been handed down to us from antiquity and, until the Second Vatican Council, was the invariable Eucharistic Prayer in the Roman Rite. It sets out a very clear understanding of the Sacrifice of the Mass, in which we are conjoined with Christ's sacrifice. This is the main Eucharistic Prayer and is used especially on Sundays and solemnities. A particularly rich feature of this prayer is that it includes two lists of saints, lists which take us back to the time of the apostles and of the earliest martyrs of the Roman Church. An emphasis of the Roman Canon is that by speaking the words of Christ over the bread and wine they become his Body and Blood, as he promised. The same is true of the other Eucharistic Prayers too but, drawing from the wider tradition of the East, they also emphasise the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing about this consecration.

A modern Eucharistic Prayer, constructed in the 1960s, and very suitable for Sundays and feasts is Eucharistic Prayer III. In this prayer there is a particular emphasis on the gathering of a people from all parts of the world 'so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to [God's] name'. Eucharistic Prayer III is beautifully constructed and gives us the opportunity to include the saint of a feast. It also has a very rich section, which can be inserted, allowing commemoration of the faithful departed at Masses for the Dead.

The other two Eucharistic Prayers – II and IV – are very different from each other. In many Catholic churches Eucharistic Prayer II is nearly always used, not least because it is the shortest. We use it on ordinary weekdays: though it is doctrinally rather under-stated, one can take the view that the weekday communicant will be especially familiar with the depths of the Church's eucharistic teaching about sacrifice and the presence of the Lord in the form of the sacrament. Eucharistic Prayer II is sometimes attributed to Hippolytus, who lived in the third century. Nowadays this is increasingly doubted and it seems that the prayer, in its present form, owes more to a conversation between liturgists round the table of a Roman *trattoria* rather more recently! Eucharistic Prayer IV has an invariable Preface, is very long, and is densely scriptural in its phrasing. Though similarly constructed after the Second Vatican Council, it is essentially based on an ancient Coptic form of the Eucharistic Prayer (so-called 'Coptic Basil'), and picks up the rich biblical themes and emphasis on the dynamic action of the Holy Spirit which are integral to the Eucharistic Prayers of the Eastern tradition. We use Eucharistic Prayer IV fairly rarely but with great devotional reward.

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	Year B: Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 1
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>SUNDAY 21 PER ANNUM</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <i>[GREEN]</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> August	St Monica Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>[white]</i> <i>FM Frances Eyston 1862</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> August	St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>[white]</i> <i>FM Matilda Dearlove 1952</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> August	The Passion of St John the Baptist Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's <i>[red]</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> August	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, & Margaret Ward, Martyrs Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>[red]</i>
<b>Friday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> August	<i>St Aidan, Bishop, &amp; All Saints of Lindisfarne</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>[white]</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <u>No Mass</u> <i>[white]</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>SUNDAY 22 PER ANNUM</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Mass: 6pm Milton Manor <b>Psalter Week 2</b> <i>[GREEN]</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
	<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### THANKS

The celebration lunch of the feast of Dedication of the parish was a great success, thanks to Jacqui O'Rourke, Bill & Carmel, and the staff of the Wheatsheaf. At the Mass, earlier that morning, we had splendid music, thanks to the Newman Consort. Particular thanks to those who adjusted cheerfully to the changes of time at St Patrick's and at St Mary's. It is a pity that these festivities, tied to the Assumption and to the original celebrations of 1865, are in holiday time.

### NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

If you haven't already contributed to the Second Collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, there is a further opportunity today. There is a major initiative afoot, under the Rector, Mgr Armitage, to re-establish the importance of Walsingham in the national Catholic consciousness. Please help.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **September 4<sup>th</sup>** and **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. In September we shall be reading chapter 8 of Paul's letter to the Romans. We reflect on Paul's words, discuss and pray. Parish rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits beforehand; finish 8.30 – 9.00. All welcome, for more information contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; [djbm.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:djbm.smith@ntlworld.com).

### UPCOMING SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**, 10-12.30 at Holy Rood Church in Oxford  
Please see lists in the porch with additional training dates for Child Protection Awareness and Vulnerable Adult awareness and combined refreshers.

### RIDE & STRIDE

On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**; sponsorships forms and more information closer to the date of this event.

### ADOREMUS

We pray for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, Adoremus, (Liverpool 7-9<sup>th</sup> September) and for the two delegates from this parish, Chris and Mary Harrison.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after Mass. All donations go to a very good charity - Eye Camps.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**16<sup>th</sup> September**: Home Mission Sunday

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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, Andrew Gunn and Geoff Bailey.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Matilda Dearlove, Charles Thomas Western, Gertrude Murphy, Percy Barry and Fr Abban Quinn.*

**HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION - Universal - The treasure of Families.** That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

### KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate: [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember in your prayers our sisters and brothers in Kerala.

### PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED

Please continue to offer your prayers and give whatever you can afford to help us support pregnant women so they don't feel pushed to consider abortion. To donate please go to [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

### ANNUAL DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Annual Day for Altar Servers on **Saturday 13 October**, 10am-4pm at Christ the King Church in Reading, RG2 8NR. To register please go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

### SAVE THE DATE - FOR SCIENCE OR RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** 10am-4pm in Winchester. With two key speakers: Professor Brian Cox and Dr Andrew Pinsent. Details at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews).

### YOUTH SUNDAY WITH BISHOP PHILIP (16-35 ONLY)

On **Sunday 25 November** at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, from 5 to 9pm. If interested please register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)