

## Holy Cross Day—14<sup>th</sup> September

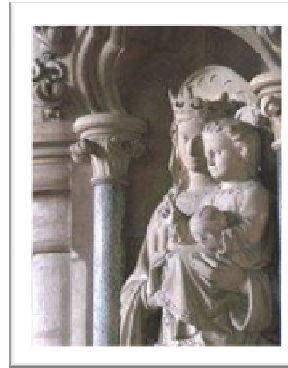
*We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in who is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.*  
*Cf Gal 6:14*

**THE FEAST** of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and his Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. It is called in Greek Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ ('Raising Aloft of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross') and in Latin *Exaltatio Sanctae Crucis*. Anglicans and Lutherans sometimes refer to the observance as **Holy Cross Day**.

The feast celebrates two historical events: the discovery of part of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320, under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It was a two-day festival: the consecration of the church was on 13<sup>th</sup> September (the date still kept by the Armenians for the feast) and the relic of the Cross was brought outside the church on 14<sup>th</sup> September so that the clergy and faithful could pray before it and come forward to venerate it.

The basilica, called the *Martyrium*, and the shrine, called the *Calvarium*, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. They carried away the relic of the True Cross and it remained missing until it was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628. Initially taken to Constantinople, the relic of the True Cross was returned to the Church in Jerusalem the following year. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

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<b>Sunday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SUNDAY 23 PER ANNUM</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	<b>Year B: Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 3</b> [GREEN] Private Intention Pro populo
<b>Monday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Of Week 23 Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
<b>Tuesday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Of Week 23 Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green] FM Edward Monk 1966
<b>Wednesday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> September	The Most Holy Name of Mary Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white] Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
<b>Thursday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> September	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Rev. Michael Mabon 1999
<b>Friday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House	[white] Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady of Sorrows No Mass at St Mary's	[white]
<b>Sunday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SUNDAY 24 PER ANNUM</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	<b>Psalter Week 4</b> [GREEN] Pro populo
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### SECOND TUESDAY GROUP

The Second Tuesday Group will be meeting at Cozens Farm at 7.30pm on **Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> September)**. The Group is a follow-on from Adult Confirmation.

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted, **17 September**. £649.00 per person sharing (includes flight, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening). All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Please see poster in church.

### WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOUR IN NEED

Two free Caritas events to find out what community sponsorship is and how communities can help resettle refugees. Please see poster in church, if interested sign up at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

### CELEBRATING FAMILY LIFE

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* there will be a workshop for families on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** from 10am to 4 pm at Our Lady of Peace in Reading. Topics include issues of faith and married life and natural family planning With speakers from Catholic voices as well as experts in natural family planning. Crèche available. The workshop will conclude with Holy Mass at 3pm. Please see poster in church

### 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)

### A DAY WITH MARY

On **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at Portsmouth Cathedral. This is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic church or shrine. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day.

### 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).

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

### 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.

## 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: *Georgina Atkinson, Agnes Ford, Eddie Kelly, Vincenzo Fosella, Michael Higgins, Wilfrid Mulford, James Davies, George Castle, John Henry Savile, Helen Harper and Bob Ryan.*

**HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION - Universal – Young People in Africa** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

On Home Mission Sunday the second collection will give us the opportunity to support the spread of the Gospel. The money from this collection does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales to share their faith

### PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

- All affected by sexual, domestic and emotional abuse.
- Peace in the world; for Archbishop Cornelius and the clergy and people of our twin diocese of Bamenda, for an end to the troubles there.
- Vocations to all states of life and ministry in the Church, especially to the Sacred Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life.
- All our students currently in formation for ordination and those responsible for their formation in the various seminaries in which they are based.
- All clergy preparing to move to new assignments in the autumn.

### APF RED BOXES

It is time again to bring in the boxes so that the keen promoters can empty them for the last time this year. I know that our generous new box holders may not know their promoters name yet, but it will be sorted out. Just bring them in and I will give them to the appropriate person. Thank you all in advance for a quick response.

Best wishes Margaret Maytham 01235850126.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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).

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