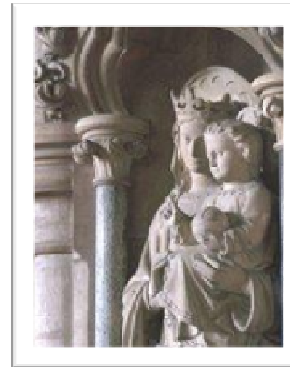


## The Offertory of the Mass

**FOLLOWING** the **Introit** and the **Gradual** is the third of ‘the Minor Propers’, the **Offertorium** or **Offertory**. This chant is found in the chant book (‘the Graduale’) and is used at Masses in the Extraordinary Form, and in the Ordinary Form in cathedrals and monasteries. The **Offertorium** is seldom used in parishes because the texts have not been included in the popular missals (or, maybe they have not been included in the popular missals because the **Offertorium** is seldom used!) It has been replaced, at sung masses, usually by a hymn and more occasionally by a motet or organ voluntary.

The text for the **Offertorium** is two or three verses of Scripture, often from the psalms and quite often not from elsewhere in the Bible. The **Offertorium** goes back to very early times: St Augustine of Hippo (354 –430) mentions its use at Mass. Originally it was a whole psalm, with an antiphon sung before and afterwards. It would therefore have covered the liturgical Offertory quite comfortably.

The liturgical Offertory nowadays is simply the preparing of the Oblations – the bread and wine that are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ – and the taking up of a collection. In former times the Offertory would have included other stuff: food and drink for the poor. We see traces of this practice in our annual Harvest giving and the weekly help we give, not only through collections of money but through the collection of gifts for the Didcot Foodbank.



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### EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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<b>Sunday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Year B: Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 3</b> <b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING [SUNDAY 27]</b> [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm Milton Manor <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Of Week 27</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
<b>Tuesday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Blessed John Henry Newman, Religious</i> [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>St Paulinus of York, Bishop</i> [white] Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s
<b>Thursday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>St John XXIII, Pope</i> [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM Andrew Shanahan 1999</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Of Week 27</i> [green] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>St Edward the Confessor, King</i> [white] No Mass at St Mary’s. Mass 9.30 at English Martyrs, Didcot
<b>Sunday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Psalter Week 4</b> <b>SUNDAY 28</b> [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s <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

### WELCOME

Children from St Amand's at St Mary's this morning (7<sup>th</sup> October) will be ushering and bringing up the gifts, including taking the collection. A warm welcome to them.

### HARVEST COLLECTION

The Harvest Collection this year is for Aid to the Church in Need, a marvellous charity which is trying to help Christians in the war-torn Middle East to rebuild their lives and their ruined churches. Please give generously.

### FINANCE & BUILDINGS COUNCIL

Next meeting is on **Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> October)**, 8pm at the Holy Family room.

### CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY TEAM (CYFT) RETREATS 2018

On **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10:30-14:30** at the Rosary room, Yarnells Hill, Oxford, OX2 9BD. Everyone working with children, young people and their families is invited to attend **one** retreat day this autumn. Sign up [tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### SUNDAY EXTRA

On **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, and approximately monthly thereafter, there will be coffee, doughnuts, and a 30 minute talk at 11am in St Mary's Parish Rooms, with a few minutes for questions afterwards. Designed especially for First Communion Parents, it will be of general interest as a refresher course. Come and give it a try.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. For more information please contact Gillian Groeger at [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### PART TIME POSITION AT ST AMAND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors are looking to recruit a part-time EYFS/Yr1 teacher for two days a week (0.4) from **29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. More information can be found on St Amand's website: [www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk) along with the CES application form or please contact Mrs Ellery: 01235 833342

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection raised a total of £1099.95 of which 90% was Gift aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**21<sup>st</sup> October:** World Missions; **4<sup>th</sup> November:** Bamenda

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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 and Angus Clark.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Edward Dearlove, Mary Langley, Denis Murphy, Brian Marshall, Charles Elphick, Ethel Brown, George Dearlove, Damian McRandall and Joseph Logie.*

### HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION - Evangelization – *The Mission of Religious.*

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

### DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of "spiritual turbulence." **TODAY** we will be praying the Holy Rosary at 3pm in St Mary's. All are welcome.

### SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, 10 am – 4 pm at The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. Bookings at [www.portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk)

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. St Mary's Parish Rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits beforehand; finish 8.30-9.00pm. All welcome. Contact Denis 01235 765564; [djbm.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:djbm.smith@ntlworld.com)

### CHANGING LIVES

On Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10am to 2.30pm, for a trial period the 'Step by Step' programme of 'Changing Lives' will be meeting in the St Mary's Parish Rooms. It's good that we can welcome those who are anxious, or lonely, or old to use our premises. Some of the people who come are from Didcot and Wantage and some are from Hendred. We offer our prayers and support to Chloe and Colin who are running this.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

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