

INDULGENCES (I/II)

What is an indulgence?

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” “An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.” (Paul VI’s apostolic constitution, *Indulgentiarum doctrina*.) Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

The punishments of sin

1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the “eternal punishment” of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the “temporal punishment” of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain. (*Council of Trent*)

1473 The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the “old man” and to put on the “new man.” (*see Eph 4:22, 24.*)

In the Communion of Saints

1474 The Christian who seeks to purify himself of his sin and to become holy with the help of God’s grace is not alone. “The life of each of God’s children is joined in Christ and through Christ in a wonderful way to the life of all the other Christian brethren in the supernatural unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, as in a single mystical person.” **Part II next**



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| Sunday 15th October | SUNDAY 28A PER ANNUM Year A: Psalter Week 4 [GREEN] <i>Pro Populo</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s |
| Monday 16th October | <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious</i> [white] School Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM Minnie Rafferty 1945</i> |
| Tuesday 17th October | St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr [red] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>Isabelle Langley [Annie Furlong]</i> |
| Wednesday 18th October | St Luke, Evangelist [red] Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s <i>Ulick O’Sullivan [Denis Smith]</i> |
| Thursday 19th October | <i>Of Week 28</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>Holy Souls [Julie Lazarus]</i> |
| Friday 20th October | <i>Of Week 28</i> [green] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i> |
| Saturday 21st October | <i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> [white] <i>No Mass at St Mary’s. Mass at 9.30am at English Martyrs’, Didcot</i> |
| Sunday 22nd October | SUNDAY 29A PER ANNUM Year A: Psalter Week 1 [GREEN] <i>Pro Populo</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s |
| | Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk |

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

MUMS ON THE RUN

Join us on **Monday (16th 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. Contact Gillian Groeger for more information gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

WATER & CONFLICT

Everyone is welcome to hear the Catholic journalist Ellen Teague speaking on this subject on **Tuesday (17th October)**. Ellen writes and campaigns on justice, peace and environmental issues. She is a regular contributor to the Tablet, the Universe and other Catholic media. The meeting is at the **Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd at 8pm**.

DAY OF REFLECTION AT THE CARMELITE PRIORY, BOARS HILL

On **Wednesday (18th October)** from 10.30am to 4.00pm, or as much as you can manage. There will be Mass at 9.30am. No booking required, just come. Soup lunch provided. The topic of the day will be "The Sacrament of Confession—its meaning and relevance for the Christian of today". Led by Fr Liam Finnerty OCD.

PASTORAL RESPONSES TO SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

Father Philip Bochanski is the Executive Director of Courage International, an apostolate of the Catholic Church that ministers to persons with same-sex attractions. He will speak about "Welcoming our Brothers and Sisters Experiencing Same-Sex Attractions." **Where?** Holy Family Catholic Church, Redbridge Hill, Southampton SO16 4PL **When?** Monday 23rd October at 8pm. It is a very rare privilege for the diocese to be hosting such an internationally renowned expert and speaker on such urgent and sensitive topics - he is well worth making the effort to come and hear.

MARYFIELD CONVENT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

The Dominican Sisters of Malta have been providing quality care and comfort to the elderly at Maryfield for over 50 years. Mass is celebrated daily in convent chapel. We are small, eighteen single rooms, presently we have a vacancy. Fees are very competitive. To arrange a visit or if you would like further information, please call: **01256 762394**, speak to Trish Davies.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £1107.37 of which 75% was Gift Aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

ACN: TODAY; World Missions: 22nd October



NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadhya Adasko and Angus Clark. Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently *Len Burton and Helen Walker* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Dorothy Mary Eyston, Henry Atkinson, Mgr O'Connor, Robert Ayles, Leslie Langley, David Durham and Kathleen Teakle.*

HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER INTENTION - Workers and the unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

PARISH GROUPS

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Meets on the first **Tuesday** of the month at St Mary's Parish rooms. Starting at 7.15pm (coffee)

MUMS ON THE RUN

Meets at 8.15pm on the third **Monday** of the month at St Mary's Holy Family room.

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

As advertised.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

At our next meeting on **Tuesday November 7th**, we continue our study of the story of David in the Old Testament and will be using chapters 6, 7 and 8 of the second book of Samuel to help us discuss and pray together. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Do you take communion to the sick and housebound? If you do, please note that there will be a training on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults on **Saturday 11 November** 10.00am - 12.30pm at The Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill, Botley, Oxford OX2 9BD. To book your place please email Soraya at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DRESSING FOR THE FEAST

This is an online resource from the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Each week Dr Scott Hahn founder of the centre, theologian and best-selling author, offers a wonderful reflection on the readings for the coming Sunday. You can read this Sunday's reflection and sign up to receive them by e-mail by going to www.stpaulcenter.com/dressing-for-the-feast-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-twenty-eighth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/