

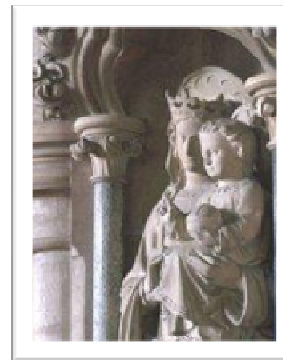
## Solemnities, Feasts, Memorials, Fasts

**E**VERYONE would accept that not all anniversaries are of equal importance. A Golden Wedding is more significant than a fourth wedding anniversary. Christmas is more significant than, say, the annual celebration of St Patrick, or even St John the Baptist. Before the modern revision of the Calendar, feasts were divided into 'doubles' (no one quite knows what a 'double' is) of first, second, or third class. Nowadays these classifications are 'solemnity', 'feast', and 'memorial'. All are 'feasts' – times for extra food on the table when rations are tight – but big feasts (for example, Christmas, the Assumption, All Saints) are 'solemnities' and most feasts (last week St Margaret Mary Alacoque, this week SS Chad & Cedd) are simply 'memorials' (that is times to remember).

The odd ones out are the 'feria' and the 'fast'. The 'feria' is the ordinary weekday, without a particular celebration. There are lots of these and, on our weekly Calendar, they are shown by the week in which they happen (for example *Of Week 28*). The 'fast' is the day of mourning or repentance. Nowadays there are two examples: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. What remains of the 'fast' during the rest of the year is the requirement of 'abstinence' – abstaining from meat on most Fridays – one of the traditions characteristic of Catholics.

Before the Calendar reforms, most Sundays ranked as 'feasts'. Saints' days which co-incided with 'green Sundays' would be celebrated instead. Nowadays Sundays rank with 'solemnities', though 'green Sundays' give way to 'white' days (e.g. Corpus Christi, SS Peter & Paul).

Thanks to Calendars, we can all look all of this up, without having to work it out. But it is probably a bit clearer now why we have special readings on Sundays, solemnities and feasts but not memorials; the Creed on Sundays and solemnities; the *Gloria* on Sundays, solemnities and feasts. We also distinguish celebrations by typeface: Sundays and solemnities in bold capitals, feasts in bold, memorials in plain type, optional memorials and the details of ferias in italics.



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### EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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<b>Year B: Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 1</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>SUNDAY 29</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <span style="float: right;">[GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i></span>
<b>Monday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<i>St John Paul II, Pope</i> School Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <span style="float: right;">[white] <i>FM Minnie Rafferty 1945</i></span>
<b>Tuesday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<i>Of Week 29</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>Day of Penance and Reparation for Abortion</i> <span style="float: right;">[green]</span>
<b>Wednesday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Of Week 29</i> Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's <i>FM Edwin &amp; Ethel Brown 2011</i> <span style="float: right;">[green]</span>
<b>Thursday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Of Week 29</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>FM Louise Goddard 1967</i> <span style="float: right;">[green]</span>
<b>Friday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> October	SS Chad & Cedd, Bishops Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i> <span style="float: right;">[white] <i>Holy Souls</i></span>
<b>Saturday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <i>No Mass at St Mary's.</i> <span style="float: right;">[white]</span>
<b>Sunday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SUNDAY 30</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <span style="float: right;">[GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i></span>
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

## TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

### TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is your opportunity to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

### THE NEWMAN COLLOQUIUM

This is a new monthly initiative in which prominent Catholics discuss interesting areas of the Faith with one another. It is open to all Catholics who might be interested in the topics.

#### *Humanae Vitae* at 50

**Saturday (27 October)** from 15:45 - 17:45

**Dr Joseph Shaw** (*Senior Research Fellow, St Benet's Hall, Oxford*) and **Mr Michael Wee** (*Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford*).

**Where?** Catholic Church of Ss Gregory and Augustine, Oxford. Please see poster in church.

### NIGHT OF LIGHT

Children and Young People are invited to come dressed as a favourite saint to the Night of Light Event at English Martyrs, Didcot, 4.30pm-6.30pm on **31st October**. Come along and celebrate Hallowe'en the Christian way. Nothing to do with ghosts and spooks but a celebration of the saints who have crossed over from darkness to light.

**Thursday 1st November ALL SAINTS** Holyday of Obligation

Masses at **11.15am** (school attending) and **8pm**.

**Friday 2nd November ALL SOULS** Masses at **8.30am** (Hendred House) and **6pm**

**Sunday 4th November** Blessing of the Graveyard after **9.30am** Mass.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **November 6th** and December 4th. At our meeting in November we shall be using chapters 12 and 13 of Paul's letter to the Romans to help us discuss and pray; parish rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits beforehand; finish 8.30 – 9.00. All welcome. Denis Smith; 01235 765564; [djbm.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:djbm.smith@ntlworld.com).

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection raised a total of £1073.97 of which 87% was Gift aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**4th November:** Bamenda; **18th November:** Survive Mia

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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: *Leslie Langley, David Durham, Kathleen Teakle, Winnifred Reeley, Thomas Couling, James Delaney, Nora Lodge, Canon Morris and Barbara Rogers.*

### 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.

### SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM

On **Saturday 3rd 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)

### REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

Advance notice that because of the service at the War Memorial at 11am on Sunday 11th November, Mass at St Patrick's will be at 6pm on Saturday 10th November. This will be a said Mass and may well be convenient for people who have duties on Sunday 11th November.

### SUNDAY EXTRA

The next meeting for First Communion Parents and members of the congregation is on **Sunday 18th November** at 11am. Meanwhile First Communion classes for children continue on Thursday evenings at 4.30pm

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A TEACHER

The Catholic Teaching Schools Alliance are running a series of Open teacher training days from **9-12** at a variety of hub schools. **Thursday 8th November** at St Bede's Primary School, Basinstoke; **Friday 16th November**, St Walburga's, Bournemouth and **Thursday 22nd November**, St Paul's Catholic Primary, Tilehurst, Reading. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.

### 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.