

## POPE BENEDICT XVI

### Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* 2005

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| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup><br/>April</b>        | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's<br>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's  | <b>Year A: Week 2</b><br>[gold]<br>Pro populo<br>Pro populo  |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b>        | <b>ST GEORGE, Patron of England</b><br>Mass: 9.15am St Mary's   | [red]  |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b>       | <b>St Mark , Apostle</b><br>Mass: 9.15am St Mary's  | [red]  |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>26<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b> | <i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i><br>Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's<br>Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's  | [white]  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>27<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b>  | <i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i><br>Mass: 9.15am St Mary's   | [white]<br>FM Alphonse & Rosalie Bays 1954                   |
| <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b>        | <i>Of the Second Week of Easter</i><br>Mass: 8.30am Hendred House<br>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House   | [white]<br>Holy Souls  |
| <b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b>      | <b>St Catherine of Siena, Religious, Doctor of the Church,<br/>Patron of Europe</b><br>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am English Martyrs, Didcot | [white]  |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup><br/>April</b>        | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's<br>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's<br>Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary's                               | <b>Year A: Week 3</b><br>[white]<br>Pro populo<br>Pro populo |
| <b>Confessions: by appointment</b>             |   |  |
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### MANY THANKS

Fr Andrew warmly thanks the congregations at St Mary's and St Patrick's for their generous giving at Easter. The parish has responded superbly to the challenge and task of funding its own parish priest and our prayer is that this will secure the future importance of the parish. We are all greatly indebted to the people who worked tirelessly to prepare the churches for Easter. Many hours works were thus devoted to the glory of God.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm** 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 at [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### DEPUTY HEAD VACANCY - ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABINGDON

Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017, following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. Further details are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, for an application pack (01235 521558 or [bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)). Closing date for applications is **27<sup>th</sup> April 2017**.

### EAST HENDRED YOUTH GROUP -SPONSORED WALK FOR CAFOD

The St Mary's Youth Group will be doing their annual 5K sponsored walk along the Ridgeway, to raise money for CAFOD on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 7-9pm**. All young people from the pastoral area (Yr 4 and above) are welcome to join them! The walk is always great fun and there will be marshmallows and hot chocolate to finish! Don't forget to bring a torch and wear comfortable clothes for walking. **RSVP by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. For more information email Veronica at [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com)**

### HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION - YOUNG PEOPLE.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Sundays collections on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April raised £865.15 and £664.82 of which 79% and 88% were Gift Aided. We raised a total of £251.9 for Aid to the Church in Need.

**Please remember to collect your box of envelopes from the back of the church even if you have a Direct Debit or Standing Order.**

### FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund: 4 May  
World Communications: 28 May



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



### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

We remember in our prayers *Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Diana Tuson, Mary Wallace, Des McNicol, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jenny Ayres and Jadyga Adasko*. Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Sarah Hunt, Fr Jose Antonio, Louisa Goddard, Joseph Goddard, George Richard Barr, Frank Mullen, Peter Crozier, Henry Hunt, Sarah Hatto and Matthew Lineham*.

### GATHERING IN CHRIST

At our next meeting on **Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will be focussing on chapters 20, 21 and 22 of the first book of Samuel. We discuss and pray together. All are welcome to join us and we start with coffee and biscuits in the Parish rooms at about 7.15pm for a 7.30pm. start; the normal finishing time is about 8.30 - 45pm.

### HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP FILM CLUB

**Sunday 7 May**, featuring *'Suffragette'* or *'Swallows and Amazons'* 2:30pm start in the Rosary Room. Mass at 4:15pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, OX2 9BD.

### DAY OF REFLECTION

Fr Phil Carroll is organising a day of reflection on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** for Eucharistic ministers which is open to the pastoral area for those interested. The venue will be at Stonehill House OX14 4AA (off Drayton Road) from 10am till 4pm. For those who might be interested please confirm your attendance by email to Fr Phil at [pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### FREEDOG IN JUNE

There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at **1pm**. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around **£12** including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack. For more information email Melanie at [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 2017 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (18-25 August)

Participants must be 14-17 by 18 August, places can be secured with £100 deposit which contributes to a total cost of £625. Practical details to follow directly after reservation. Please see promotional cards at the back of the church.

### COFFEE ANYONE?

At St Mary's, every Sunday after Mass in the Parish Rooms