

## POPE FRANCIS

### POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

#### AMORIS LAETITIA 2016

27. Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others (cf. Mt 22:39; Jn 13:34). He did so in stating a principle that fathers and mothers tend to embody in their own lives: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Love also bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. We see this in a particular way in the scene of the woman caught in adultery; in front of the Temple, the woman is surrounded by her accusers, but later, alone with Jesus, she meets not condemnation but the admonition to lead a more worthy life (cf. Jn 8:1-11).

29. With a gaze of faith and love, grace and fidelity, we have contemplated the relationship between human families and the divine Trinity. The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God’s creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells.

30. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod’s implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2:11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family’s challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary’s heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families.



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### EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’s	<b>Year A: Week 3</b> <i>[white]</i> RIP Brian Brice Whitaker Pro populo
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	<i>[white]</i> RIP Phil Smith
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	<i>[white]</i> RIP Peter Frearson
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>SS Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	<i>[red]</i>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>English Martyrs</b> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	<i>[white]</i>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	<i>[white]</i> RIP Alex Smith
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s English Martyrs, Didcot	<i>[white]</i>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm Milton Manor	<b>Year A: Week 4</b> <i>[white]</i> RIP Alex Smith Pro populo
	<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MILTON MANOR

There will be Mass at Milton Manor on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. The Mass is at 6pm. All

### DAY TO DISCOVER RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN CATECHESIS

The formation for mission teams is organising a day for catechists and anyone interested in offering on-going faith support and formation for children. The day will include the in-depth discovery of different resources (Godly Play, Come follow me, Messy Church) that can be used in your parish. **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** will start with Mass at 9.30am at Holy Cross Church and then in the parish hall, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF Bring a packed lunch. Please see poster at the back of the church.

### 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) 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. If you are interested please email Melanie at [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £824.83 of which 83% was Gift Aided. We raised £100.10 for Holy Places.

### 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 McNichol, 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: *Phil Smith, Pauline Ann O'Rourke, Peter Frearson, Alex Smith, Lilian Smith, James Caven, John Lineham, Kathleen Wells, Nicholas Hardisty, Edith Eksley, Sybil Hudson and Margaret Mulford*.

### 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.

### MAY AND CENTENARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

During May, to honour Our Lady in her month, and to celebrate the centenary of her apparition to three little shepherds in Fatima, we will be saying the Holy Rosary during the week after Mass at St Mary's. Please do come and join us! There will be plenty of rosary beads.

### 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.

### ST AMAND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to St Amand's on an excellent RE Validation from Portsmouth Diocese, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. "St Amand's is an outstanding example of a Catholic school community where the spirit of the Gospel is lived out in all aspects of the school's life." As part of their Lenten preparation the school community also raised an amazing £500+ for CAFOD. We wish the school continuing success in the term ahead. Visits to the school are always welcome, please contact the school office at [office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk) on call 01235 833342.

### AN UNUSUAL WAY OF GIVING

Has your vehicle reached the end of the road? Vehicles that are ready for the scrapheap can be a headache to dispose of. But, with award-winning company Giveacar, you can not only take care of a problem but also help the suffering Church at the same time. Simply visit [www.giveacar.co.uk](http://www.giveacar.co.uk) or phone Giveacar on 020 7736 4242 quoting Aid to the Church in Need to arrange collection of your old car, motorbike, van, ride-on lawnmower or farm machinery, at no cost to you. Depending on its age and condition, they will recycle it at an Authorised Treatment Facility or send it to auction. Then the money raised will go to ACN.