

A Christmas Meditation

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| Mary the Dawn, | Christ the Perfect Day; |
| Mary the Gate, | Christ the Heav'nly Way! |
| Mary the Root, | Christ the Mystic Vine; |
| Mary the Grape, | Christ the Sacred Wine! |
| Mary the Wheat-sheaf, | Christ the Living Bread; |
| Mary the Rose-Tree, | Christ the Rose Blood-red! |
| Mary the Font, | Christ the Cleansing Flood; |
| Mary the Chalice, | Christ the Saving Blood! |
| Mary the Temple, | Christ the Temple's Lord; |
| Mary the Shrine, | Christ the God Adored! |
| Mary the Beacon, | Christ the Haven's Rest; |
| Mary the Mirror, | Christ the Vision Blest! |
| Mary the Mother, | Christ the Mother's Son; |

Both ever blest while endless ages run. Amen.

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| Sunday 24th December | CHRISTMAS EVE [GOLD] Crib Service: 4pm Carols and Christmas Readings and First Mass of Christmas: 8pm |
| Monday 25th December | CHRISTMAS DAY Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's , with carols <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley , with carols |
| Tuesday 26th December | St Stephen, First Martyr [red] Mass: <u>11am</u> St Mary's (<i>Archconfraternity of St Stephen Mass</i>) |
| Wednesday 27th December | St John, Apostle, Evangelist [white] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's |
| Thursday 28th December | Holy Innocents [red] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's |
| Friday 29th December | St Thomas of Canterbury [red] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Saturday 30th December | <i>Sixth Day within the Octave</i> [white] <i>No Mass at St Mary's</i> |
| Sunday 31st December | THE HOLY FAMILY [white] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred <i>Pro populo</i> Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley |
| Monday 1st January 2018 | MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred |
| | Confessions: as advertised or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk |

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Christmas Offering is for the personal use of Fr Andrew, forming part of his income. If you are a tax payer, please use the gift aid envelopes which are at the back of the church.

CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Philip, this parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in an around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP!

Thanks to a generous donor, this Christmas the Bishop wants to give everyone (all adults and children) coming to Mass on Christmas Day a copy of Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, Rediscover Jesus. He hopes you enjoy it. Please make sure you collect your copy on the day!

YOUTH EVENT

There will be an Epiphany Mass at 5pm on **Saturday 6th January** at St Edmund's and Our Lady in Abingdon, followed by a talk by Heather Abel about her pilgrimage along the Camino to Santiago de Compostela from 6 -7:30pm.

GATHERING IN CHRIST

We are coming to the end of our study of 2 Samuel. The gathering will be on **Tuesday 9th January** in St Mary's Parish rooms; 7.15pm tea/coffee and biscuits for a 7.30pm start. Please read chapters 13-20 and bring along any thoughts for discussion that you might have. On Tuesday 6th February we will complete our study of Samuel with a look at chapter 21.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than **15th January**. Support will be given for those needing sponsorship and fundraising.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last two Sunday's collections raised a total of £1727.82 of which 90% was Gift Aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mill Hill Appeal: 11th February;
Clergy Assistance Fund: 11th March



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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

Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadhya Adasko, Angus Clark and Ann McCarthy. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *John Champ, Kathleen Cavan, Sybil Clerk, May Mulford, Mary Throckmorton, Beatrice Scrope, Patrick Rush, Joseph Leahy and Peggy Bray.*

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER INTENTION - The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Please come and join us in St Mary's Parish rooms after the Mass on Christmas Eve for a celebration with drinks and nibbles.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't plan your own Christmas hospitality until you have planned a gift to those less fortunate. A good local charity is Crisis at Christmas. For £22.29 you can reserve a place for a homeless person this Christmas. For online gifts go to www.crisis.org.uk/redbauble.

GIVING SUNDAY

Many thanks to those who have responded already to our 'Giving Sunday'. We are already seeing the benefit. If you missed the Presentation, and would like to modify your planned giving—how you give and what you give— please complete a Gift Aid form and put it in one of the envelopes inside the small box at the back of church.

CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP

The children liturgy will resume after the Christmas school holidays. In the meantime there will be some resources for children available in the Holy family room on Sundays.

DONATIONS FOR O'HANLON HOUSE

During Christmas we think and pray for those who are in need, especially for those who have no place to call home. At the back of St Mary's church there is a box for: sweaters and sweatshirts, t-shirts, tracksuit bottoms, men's and women's underwear, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toothpaste and toothbrushes, single fitted sheets, single duvets, towels and pillowcases. Thank you!