

## Our Lady of Fatima

**ST MARY**, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children (“The Three Seers”) near the town of Fatima, Portugal between 13<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1917. The Blessed Virgin told them that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, she promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were obeyed.

**“If My requests are granted ... there will be peace”**

Our Lady of Fatima explained to the children that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to his will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God's Mother prophesied that Russia would be God's chosen “instrument of chastisement,” spreading the “errors” of atheism and materialism across the earth, fomenting wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere.

**If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much and various nations will be annihilated.**

In all her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. To prevent the terrible chastisement at the hands of Russia and to convert “that poor nation”, Our Lady requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world. She also asked that the Faithful practise a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months (“The Five First Saturdays”). The heart of Our Lady's Message to the world is contained in what has come to be called the “Secret” which she confided to the three child seers in July 1917.



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**EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH**

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<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b> <b>Mass: 6pm Milton Manor</b>	<b>Year A: Week 4</b> [white] RIP Alex Smith Pro populo
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Mary Jane Eyston 1917
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white] FM Ida Mary Stafford-Northcote 1954
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Albert Austin Dearlove 1942
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white]
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Our Lady of Fatima (1917)</i> Centenary Mass (Latin): 9.30am St Mary's	[white]
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b> <b>Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary's</b>	<b>Year A: Week 1</b> [white] Pro populo Pro populo
	<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b>  <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

### **HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP FILM CLUB**

**TODAY 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.

### **SPUC TALK AT ST JOHN VIANNEY**

Dr Anthony McCarthy and Mrs Fiorella Nash, members of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be speaking at St John Vianney Catholic Church, Wantage on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting. All are warmly invited to this free event. There will be a voluntary collection for the work of SPUC. If you are able to come, it would be helpful if you could let me know by emailing me, Jacky Mattam [jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:jackymattam@btinternet.com)

### **MINI RETREAT DAY**

All parishioners are invited to a mini Retreat Day on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** 10am – 4pm, organised by St. Edmund's parish in Abingdon. The theme is Discipleship and becoming "good and faithful servants". Suitable for all. It will be led by Geoff and Gina Poulter, experienced retreat-givers in the diocese, and will be held at a venue in North Abingdon. Come and receive some teaching, take part in discussions and have some personal space to reflect and pray. Please register by phoning 847804 or email [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com)

### **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 £700.82 of which 86% was Gift Aided. Today there is an obligatory collection for The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Clergy

### **FUTURE COLLECTIONS**

World Communications: 28<sup>th</sup> 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: *Rosino Vettraino, Ida Mary Northcote and Mary Flannery*.

### **IN THANKSGIVING**

We pray especially for Kathleen Doyle (Brenda Kemp's mother) on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

### **HOLY FATHER'S MAY INTENTION - CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

### **GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

At our next meeting on Tuesday **June 6<sup>th</sup>**, we continue our study of the story of David in the Old Testament and will be using excerpts from chapters 23, 24 and 25 of the first book of Samuel to help us discuss and pray together. All are welcome. We start with coffee and biscuits in the parish rooms at about 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm. start; the normal finishing time is about 8.30 - 45.

### **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.