

The May Magnificat

Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ
(1844–89)

MAY is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;
But the Lady Month, May,
Why fasten that upon her,
With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter
Than the most are must delight
her?

Is it opportunist
And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other
Question: What is Spring?—
Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and
feather,
Grass and greenworld all
together;
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted
Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
Forms and warms the life
within;
And bird and blossom swell
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathising
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.

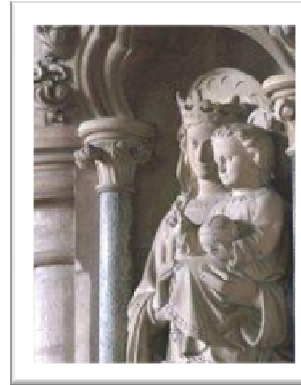
Their magnifying of each its kind
With delight calls to mind
How she did in her stored
Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:
Spring's universal bliss
Much, had much to say
To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-
dapple
Bloom lights the orchard-apple
And thicket and thorp are merry
With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes
Wood banks and brakes wash wet
like lakes
And magic cuckoo-call
Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering
earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God who was her salvation.



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Sunday 29 th April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year B: Week 1 [white] RIP Ann McCarthy Pro populo
Monday 30 th April	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Tuesday 1 st May	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Wednesday 2 nd May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white] RIP Peter Frearson
Thursday 3 rd May	SS Philip & James, Apostles Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red]
Friday 4 th May	English Martyrs Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[red]
Saturday 5 th May	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's (Latin)	[white] FM Mary Jane Eyston 1917
Sunday 6 th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year B: Week 2 [white] Pro populo Pro populo
Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

PRAYING THE ROSARY TODAY

Bishop Philip is encouraging us to take part in the Rosary on the Coast TODAY at 3pm and if you go to their website www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk you can find a Rosary group near you.

THE SILENT MUSIC OF CARMEL - COURSE ON PRAYER

A short course including on prayer on Thursday evenings in May starting the 3rd May, from 7-8.30 pm at the Carmelite Priory. Please see poster in church for more details.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018 IN LONDON

On **Saturday 5th May**. Family, friendly, life-fest starts at 9.30am and ends at 4.15pm. Children Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1pm march to Parliament Square for speakers. This event takes place a week after the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force. Please see poster in church for more information.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **May 8th** and June 5th. We shall be reading chapters 2 and 3 of Paul's letter to the Romans to help us discuss and pray. Parish rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits; finish 8.30 – 9.00.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the Ascension of the Lord should now be celebrated on its proper day, the Thursday forty days after Easter. Accordingly there will be Masses on **10th May** at 9.15am and 7.30pm. Please try to be at one of these masses here or elsewhere.

CONFIRMATIONS

On Pentecost Sunday, the congregations of St Mary's and St Patrick's will come together for a Confirmation Mass at St Mary's. This will be celebrated at 10.30am and will be followed by fizz in the Parish Rooms. We pray for the adults to be confirmed: Ignacio Alvarez, Joy Baker, Catriona Gravatt, Donna Stimpson, George Wilkins.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection was £929.09 of which 85% was Gift Aided. We collected £153.00 for the Clergy Training Fund.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

World Communications: 18th May

Find us on  

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

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, Angus Clark, Ann McCarthy and Eithne Naughton. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently especially *Ann McCarthy* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Matthew Lineham, Pauline Ann O'Rourke, Phil Smith, Lilian Smith, Peter Frearson, James Caven, John Lineham, Kathleen Wells, Nicholas Hardisty, Edith Elsley and Alex Smith.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Evangelization: *The Mission of the Laity.* That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

CONFESSIONS

Every Catholic in good standing is asked to make his or her Confession at least once a year, sometime around Easter. There is no obligation to do this in one's own parish or with a priest whom one knows. The Easter period of grace extends until Pentecost.

MAY AND OUR LADY FATIMA

During May to honour Our Lady in her month, and to celebrate 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.

LENDING LIBRARY IN THE DIOCESE!

There is a new and developing resource in the diocese - a lending library of faith formation materials. There are nearly 50 courses, on DVD and CD, freely available to everyone: small groups, parishes, schools and individuals. These cover most major areas of Catholic faith formation. To borrow a course, more information, or to suggest new material you would like to see added to the library please email parishstudies@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED AT ST AMAND'S

The Governors of St Amand's Catholic Primary School East Hendred are looking to recruit a full-time teaching assistant for a one year fixed term contract to support children with a range of Special Educational Needs from September 2018 (24 hours per week. Salary: Grade 4: 11-13; £15,807- £16,491 pro rata. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment or find out further details: office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

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 - the eye camps.