

# February Saints

## 6 February St Amand (584-675)

**Amandus** was a bishop of Tongeren-Maastricht and missionary in Flanders (Belgium).. The *Vita Sancti Amandi*, an eighth-century text attributed to Beaudemon, was expanded by Philippe, abbot of Aumône. According to this biography, Amand was born in Lower Poitou. Of noble birth, at the age of twenty he became a monk against the wishes of his family. From there he went to Bourges and became a pupil of bishop Austregisilus., living in solitude in a cell for 15years, on bread and water. After a pilgrimage to Rome, he was made a missionary bishop in France in 628, without a fixed diocese. He evangelized the pagan inhabitants of Ghent, later extending his mission to all Flanders. Initially he had little success, suffering persecution and undergoing great hardships. However, after performing a miracle (bringing back to life a hanged criminal) the attitude of the people changed and he made many converts. He founded a monastery at Elnon where he was abbot for four years. Returning to France in 630, he angered Dagobert I by attempting to have the king amend his life. Amand was expelled from the kingdom. Later Dagobert asked him to return and tutor the heir to the throne. Amand however declined. In 633, Amand founded two monasteries in Ghent. His next missionary task was among the Slavs of the Danube valley in present-day Slovakia but this was unsuccessful. After reporting to the Pope in Rome and while returning to France, he is said to have calmed a storm at sea. In 639, he built an abbey near Tournay. From 647 till 650, Amand briefly served as Bishop of Maastricht. The Pope warned him about the Monothelite heresy, at that time prevalent in the East and he was commissioned to organize church councils in Neustra and Austrasia in order to pass on decrees from Rome. He resigned the see to resume his missionary work. Around this time, Amand helped establish the famous monastery of Nivelles. At the same time, he was now 70 years old, the inhabitants of the Basque country asked him to return to their country to evangelize, although 30 years earlier he had preached there in vain. Returning home, he founded several more monasteries in present-day Belgium with the help of king Dagobert. Amand died in Elnone Abbey (later Saint-Amand Abbey, in Saint-Amand-les-Eaux, near Tournai) at the age of ninety. His feast day is 6 February. Although mostly revered in Flanders and Picardy, the private chapel at East Hendred and the local school are dedicated to him.



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<b>Sunday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	<i>Sundays Year B Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 1</i> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> [green] Confessions: 8.45am St Mary's <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr [red] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>RIP Valinder Wallace</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	St Amand [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's Mass: 10.45am St Amand's School ( <i>not public but open to parents</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	<i>Of Week 5</i> [green] Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm
<b>Thursday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	<i>St Josephine Bakhita, Religious</i> [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>Victims of Human Trafficking</i>
<b>Friday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	<i>Of Week 5</i> [green] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Holy Souls</i> Wedding: 1pm St Mary's <i>Anthony Holmes &amp; Natalie Gaunt</i> <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	St Scholastica, Virgin <i>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass at 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>February</b>	<i>Sundays Year B Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 2</i> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> [green] Confessions: 8.45am St Mary's <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Confessions: As advertised or by appointment</b> <b>www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</b>	

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### GATHERING IN CHRIST

We are coming to the end of our study of 2 Samuel. The next gathering will be on **Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> February)** in St. Mary's rooms; 7.15 pm. tea coffee and biscuits for a 7.30 pm start. Please read chapters 21 to the end and bring along any thoughts for discussion that you might have. Please give some thought and prayer to what we might look at next.

### LENTEN LUNCHES!

Soup, bread and interesting conversation at Monks Hollow, East Hendred, for 5 Tuesdays of Lent starting on **February 20<sup>th</sup>** 12.30 to 2pm. All welcome. If you'd like to come, please call Mary Harrison on 01235 833584 to be sure there's enough soup!

### ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS DURING LENT

The Formation for Mission Team is offering 5 sessions of essential training for everyone involved in Catechesis and faith formation, sacramental preparation of children and adults, and Children's Liturgy of the Word. These 5 sessions will take place during Lent in Wantage, St John Vianney Church hall (OX12 8ER), every Friday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm, starting on Friday **23<sup>rd</sup> February** and finishing on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY

Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed.

### HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED BUT NOT CONFIRMED?

Lent is a marvellous opportunity to make the journey from one sacrament to the next. Whether you are regular but not officially Catholic or a Catholic who was never confirmed, this is your chance! Send an e-mail, or speak, to Fr Andrew.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last two Sunday's collections were £853.92 and £1095.7; 89% and 83% was Gift Aided.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Join us for coffee after Mass in St Mary's Parish rooms.



### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mill Hill Appeal: 11<sup>th</sup> February; Clergy Assistance Fund: 11<sup>th</sup> March

**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**

Find us on 

## 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 and Ann McCarthy.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Thomas Hogan, James Goodball, William Howard, Elizabeth Ellamery, James Stanley Hogan, James Herd, Tamsie Castle and Peter Mulford.*

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Universal: Say "No" to Corruption** That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### KEEPING LENT

During Lent there is daily Mass, including Saturdays, with a short homily. This is a chance to add a weekday Mass to your schedule. Which day works? Mon., Tues. or Thurs. at 9.15am? Weds. at 12.15pm? Fri. at 8.30am or Sat. at 9.30am?

### DIALOGUE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND FAITH

An online course directed at individuals seeking the truth like you, who wish to justify faith in our culture, a culture so influenced by science. If you carry out a formative role within the Catholic Church (teacher, catechist, priest, deacon, religious...etc.), then this course is for you. The course is under the Patronage of the Pontifical Council for Culture at the Vatican. For more information visit [www.scienceandfaithbcn.com/en/course/the-course/59](http://www.scienceandfaithbcn.com/en/course/the-course/59)

### A BRIEF AND INSPIRING LIFE

At the age of 7 Carlo Acutis decided to go to Mass and pray the Rosary every day. He loved computers and later decided to undertake a project to put online all Eucharistic Miracles that the Church has authenticated. Shortly after completing this project, he became ill with what seemed to be a virus, but which in fact was a virulent form of leukaemia. He died just one week later in 2006, at the age of 15. Moves are currently afoot to have Carlo Acutis recognised as a saint, and as a Patron Saint of the Internet. Carlo is a great friend in heaven for all, and especially for the young. If interested please visit [www.miracolieucaistici.org](http://www.miracolieucaistici.org)

### A TOUCH OF HEAVEN

Spiritual holidays on St John's Holy Island of Patmos. The café will be leading regular trips to this centre of historical & spiritual beauty. A spiritual holiday in a safe, sun-soaked, sacred place. Ideal for parishes, prayer groups & individuals. For more information please see leaflet in the porch or contact [pilgrims@faithcafe.org](mailto:pilgrims@faithcafe.org)