

## Pentecost

**T**HE FIFTY days of Eastertide draw to a close with the feast of Pentecost. In England, Pentecost used to be called Whitsun and the Whit Monday Bank Holiday was one of the landmarks of the year. ‘Whit’, of course, comes from ‘White’, indicating the white veils that girls customarily wore for Confirmation at Pentecost. The Whit Monday walks, well-known in the North of England, were a popular celebration.

Impatient with the moveable feast of Whitsun – moveable because Easter is moveable – the Government introduced the Spring Bank Holiday Monday in 1971. Fixed for the last Monday of May, the Spring Bank Holiday replaced Whit Monday, and people of a certain age continue to ask themselves, year by year, whether swapping a moveable date for a fixed one was a net gain as regards the weather. Whit Monday can fall as early as 16<sup>th</sup> May (2016) or as late as 14<sup>th</sup> June (2038). An early Whit Monday was judged too close to May Day (a Bank Holiday in the UK since 1978).

Losing the national focus on Whitsuntide has been one of the ways that the Christian Faith has become marginalised in the public awareness. All is not lost however. We might have lost Whit Monday and the Whit Monday walks. We might have largely lost the Pentecost Octave, culminating in Trinity Sunday. But we have an increased awareness of the period of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, the original Novena. The disciples waited in the Upper Room for the gift of the Spirit and, as we pray ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, we too pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole Church and amidst a troubled world.

The Pentecost Octave has not been lost irrevocably. Depending on dates, it is possible to have Votive Masses of the Holy Spirit during the week following Pentecost and Trinity Sunday brings the Octave to a fitting end.



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**EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH**

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<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm Milton Manor	<b>Year A: Week 1</b> [RED] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>St Boniface, Religious, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[red]
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[red]
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[red] <i>FM Monica Wheeler 1945</i>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[red]
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[red]
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Of the Holy Spirit</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Confessions: 10am	[red] <i>RIP Carmen Guisado and Manuel Salas</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	<b>Year A: Week 2</b> [WHITE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
	<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <b>www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</b>	

### ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Administrative Secretary to work for Fr Phillip Harris. The post is for 28 hrs per week. Experienced Administrator with excellent secretarial skills, computer literate, skilled in word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets and database management, book-keeping, knowledge of accounts and website management. Deadline for applications Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### 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.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA

War and conflict in Syria has led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands since 2011 and the displacement of millions. Our bishops are encouraging the Catholic community in England and Wales to pray for Syria and its people on the Feast of St Ephrem - 9<sup>th</sup> June. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

### REBUILDING MARRIAGE, EMBRACING THE DIVORCED. BEHIND POPE'S FRANCIS AMORIS LAETITIA

Talk and Q&A with Austin Ivereigh on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at the Church of Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon. Pope Francis's groundbreaking apostolic exhortation. 'The Joy of Love' was released last year following a two-part bishops' synod in 2014 and 2015 that sought a new pastoral response to the collapse of lifelong marriage across the western world. The document is a bold attempt by Pope Francis to put the Church at the forefront of the renewal of marriage.

### DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £912.32 of which 79% was Gift Aided.  
World Communications: £179.04

### FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Day for Life: 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Peter's Pence: 25<sup>th</sup> June



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### 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, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, and Jadryga Adasko*. Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently especially *Dinah Tuson and Jenny Ayres* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Edward Purcell, James George Goodman, Philip Dearlove, John Joseph Eyston, Kitty Connolly, John Dixie and James Higgins*.

### HOLY FATHER'S JUNE INTENTION - NATIONAL LEADERS

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arm trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

This year the First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June** at 11.30am at St Mary's. There will be a vigil Mass at St Patrick's on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at 6.30pm and the usual 9.30am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm** in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. Contact Gillian Groeger for more information [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### ST EDMUND CAMPION PILGRIMAGE

The annual St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage through the Thames Valley starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and ends at Tyburn with a Mass on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** at 4.00pm. The Saint's relic is carried from church to church through the Thames Valley with over 50 Masses celebrated on the journey from Lyford Grange near Wantage, where he was captured, to Tyburn where he was put to death. Further information from John Lynn, KSC Pilgrimage Coordinator (01628-636668)

### ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Five sessions to cover five essential themes in children and adult Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word. A course led and certified by the Diocese of Portsmouth Formation for Mission, starting in September at St Joseph's Church Hall, Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JB. Please register at [aldsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aldsj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). For more details on each of the session see poster in church.

### OLD £1 COINS

The round £1 coin will cease to be legal tender in October, so check your piggy banks and draws. Make sure you use them or donate them to a good cause.