

Lammas Day

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NIV)

LAMMAS DAY (Anglo-Saxon *blaf-mas*, “loaf-mass”), is a holiday celebrated in Britain and Ireland between 1st August and 1st September. It celebrates the annual wheat harvest and is the first of the year’s harvest festivals. On Lammas Day in the Middle Ages, it was customary to bring to church a loaf made from the new crop, which was being harvested at Lammastide, which falls at the halfway point between the summer solstice and the autumn equinox. The loaf was blessed, and in Anglo-Saxon times employed afterwards to work magic. A book of Anglo-Saxon charms directed that the Lammas bread be broken into four bits, which were to be placed at the four corners of the barn, to protect the garnered grain.

In many parts of the country, tenants were required to present freshly harvested wheat to their landlords on or before the first day of August. In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, where there are many references, it is called “the feast of first fruits”. The blessing of the first fruits was performed annually in both Eastern Orthodoxy and Western Catholicism. In the West it would take place either on 1st August or on 6th August (the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord). One of the miracles of nature, which we easily take for granted, is how the grain and the ear are transformed – transfigured – into the loaf of bread. The Lammas loaf not only reminds us of the Bread of the Eucharist but also, like the bread brought to the altar at the Offertory, of the mysterious change whereby the host through consecration becomes the Body of Christ. By extension, communicants together become the Body of Christ.

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Sunday 4 th August	SUNDAY XVIII PER ANNUM Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm Milton Manor	Year C: Week 2 [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 5 th August	Week 18 per annum [Year 1] <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
Tuesday 6 th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
Wednesday 7 th August	<i>Feria: Of Week 18</i> Morning Prayer: 8.30am St Mary’s [Ecumenical] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s <i>FM Angela Mary Stillwell, relative and friends 1951</i>	[green]
Thursday 8 th August	St Dominic, Founder Mass: 9.15am Wedding: 1.30pm <i>Alexander Holden and Emily Mulford</i>	[white]
Friday 9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein], Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Heather & Neil Terry Golden Wedding Anniversary</i> <i>Exposition: 3pm Hendred House</i> Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine’s [Ecumenical]	[red]
Saturday 10 th August	St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr <i>No Mass; Mass 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>	[red]
Sunday 11 th August	SUNDAY XIX PER ANNUM Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	Year C: Week 3 [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by after any weekday Mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST ARRANGEMENTS

During August there will be Ecumenical Morning Prayer at St Mary's on Wednesdays at 9.30am and Ecumenical Evening Prayer at St Augustine's on Fridays at 5pm. The pattern on Thursday will also change for the month to accommodate a Thursday wedding and the solemnity of the Assumption. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for details. There is also a weekend change. On **Saturday 17th August**, there will be Mass at St Patrick's at 6pm, and on **Sunday 18th August** just the one Mass, at St Mary's at 11am.

PARISH CENSUS

Thank you to the many who have already completed. An urgent request to those who haven't, to fill in the forms as soon as possible. No one is too well-known or too marginal. We want to include everyone.

CAR PARKING

Please do not use residents' parking. During the resurfacing of the school car park, please feel free to park on Sundays on the Poplars Field (entrance at the bottom of the Eystons' drive). Many thanks to Edward and Ali.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on **Tuesdays, August 6th** and September 3rd. In August we will read of Jesus' revelation in the Temple that he perfects the Law given to Moses as he is the Light of the World. This deepens the dispute between him and the Jewish authorities. All welcome; Parish rooms at 7.30 pm and finish between 8.30 and 9.00pm. Please contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

ST MARY'S FOUNDATION CELEBRATIONS

On **Sunday 18th August** at St Mary's there will be a sung mass at 11:00 am. This will be followed by lunch at The Wheatsheaf. Depending on the weather this will either be a barbecue in the garden or roast if wet. There will be a vegetarian option. The cost is £10 per adult. Children go free. Please bring a pudding to share. Please sing up using the sheet in the porch. Let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

FANING THE FLAME - SUMMER CAMP

An amazing adventure summer camp from the **19-23 August** in Sway, New Forest. For ages 10-25. Please see poster and booking form at the back of the church.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

Home Mission Sunday: **15th September**
Our Lady of Walsingham: **29th September**

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NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to 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, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary McNichol and Catherine Eyston.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Monica Wheeler, Francis Marshall, Charles Lafferty, Angela Stilwell, George Hunt, Elizabeth Boyle and Janet Robson.*

HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION - That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

CONFIRMATION (ADULTS)

Any Adults (16+) who have not been received into the Catholic Church, or who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, please speak to Fr Andrew. We run a fireside group during the winter months during which further consideration is given to these matters and whether to proceed formally.

CONFIRMATION (CHILDREN)

We are contacting parents of children aged 11 or over who may want to join our Confirmation Programme in the autumn. Have a word with Maria or Fr Andrew.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS AND CHILDREN LITURGY LEADERS

On **Saturday 19th October** from 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, lunch provided. A day to celebrate and give thanks for our Mission. A day to form our understanding of this mission, at the service of Jesus Christ. A day to discover how to foster intimacy with Jesus Christ. Book your place at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists

PILGRIMAGES

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES & SPECIAL SAINTS OF ITALY ✳ **16-26 September**, with Fr Marcin Drabik, cost £980pp includes airfares, shared accommodation, all meals and transport to sites. See stswithuns.org.uk/pilgrimage-sep-2019

ROME & ASSISI ✳ **11-21 October**, with Canon Dominic Golding. Please see poster in church or contact E_blessings41@gmail.com

HOLY LAND ✳ **10-17 November 2019**. Cost pp £1,195, includes flights, accommodation, meals and full religious programme. Please see information in the porch. Bookings E_aglowpilgrimages.com or call Jonathan on **0800 6894792**

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after every Sunday Mass and at St Michael's Room on the **first** Sunday of the month.