

St Edmund Campion

Our deanery is named in honour of St Edmund Campion, whose feast day falls on 1st December and this year is displaced by Advent Sunday.

BIOGRAPHY b. 1540 in London, a graduate of Oxford, made deacon in the Church of England in 1564. In 1571 he fled to Douai, where he was reconciled to the Church, and shortly thereafter ordained sub-deacon. He joined the Jesuits, and was ordained priest in 1578. The Jesuit mission to England began in 1580. Campion was betrayed and arrested at Lyford Grange in July 1581 and taken to the Tower of London, where he was tortured on the rack then hung, drawn, and quartered. Following sentence, Campion and his companions sang the *Te Deum*. He was *beatified* in 1886 and canonised in 1970.

EXTRACT from *The Life and Martyrdom of Father Edmund Campion* I.24

He said that his commission was to preach the gospel of Christ Jesus freely and without all earthly interest, to administer the sacraments of the Catholic Church, to instruct the unlearned in the true ancient religion, to exhort the wicked from their sinful ways, to convince errors and heresies, to strengthen and confirm the good, and in one word to sound the sacred trumpet of spiritual and ghostly war against the tyranny of foul vice and proud ignorance wherewith a number of his dear countrymen were oppressed. Turning his speech to the Councillors themselves, he besought them as men of great wisdom and experience in worldly affairs to consider deeply this matter that so much concerned their souls and the salvation of infinite others that depended of them; that they should weigh with what love, zeal, and piety men of their own nation came hence from beyond the seas to teach and maintain this faith not respecting the danger of persecution and death, but holding up their hands daily to God for their good and salvation, and that it is impossible by temporal torments to extinguish this zealous offspring which every day increased and would by God's help continue to the end; and that his Order of religious had fully purposed by the help of Jesus Christ to prosecute this most heavenly enterprise of doing good to England so long as they should have subjects to employ in the same, which no doubt would never cease, and that the account of this was already made, seeing the fine thereof was but paying of blood - which would always be ready if the Queen and Council continued their persecution. He concluded that if all these protestations, offers, and reasons would not serve to procure him grace nor grateful audience with them, then would he turn himself only to Almighty God that knew his thoughts and desires, and would beseech Him to take his cause and labours in protection, and would extend His mercy to their honours until the last universal and great accounting day, at what time they should well perceive with what integrity of mind and perfect love towards them, his prince, and country he had spoken then, and then there should be no memory of hatred nor suspicion of enmity between them.

h/ t Fr Daniel Lloyd and Hinksey Catholic Parish



St Edmund Campion Deanery, Old Berkshire-
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Sunday 1 st December	ADVENT SUNDAY Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Mass: 6pm St Mary's	YEAR A: Psalter Week 1 [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i> FM Louisa Goddard 1967
Monday 2 nd December	<i>Feria: Of Advent Week 1</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple] FM Edward Woods 1937
Tuesday 3 rd December	St Francis Xavier, Priest Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] FM Bridget Woods 1937
Wednesday 4 th December	<i>St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i> Morning Prayer: St Mary's [Ecumenical] Mass: 9.15pm St Mary's	[white] FM Nancy Farrelly 1999
Thursday 5 th December	<i>St Birinus, Bishop</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white] FM Fanny Gorton 1937
Friday 6 th December	<i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine's [Ecumenical]	[white] Holy Souls
Saturday 7 th December	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass at English Martyrs', Didcot and St John Vianney Wantage	[white]
Sunday 8 th December	ADVENT 2 Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Mass: 6pm St Mary's	Psalter Week 2 [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i> FM Charles Gorton 1937
Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or after any weekday Mass or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS—YEAR OF THE WORD 2020

We are being asked by the Catholic Church to look closely in the coming year at the Bible. The scheme is called **The God who Speaks - Year of the Word 2020**.

Today, on Advent Sunday, 1st December, we are going to begin this by celebrating Evening Prayer in simple fashion at 5.30pm at St Mary's, before the 6pm Mass.

I am then inviting people who are free to come to meet as a small study group in the Holy Family Room in St Mary's on the three Fridays in Advent. The session, with coffee and mince pies, will begin at 9.15am and continue until about 10.30am. The three topics are:

Matthew 1:1-17 The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus Christ

John 1:1-18 The Word became Flesh

The topics and the coffee will be hot, the room and the conversation warm, and we shall keep to time. The Scriptural text will be RSV and will be available as a print out. Please let me know if you are free to come. It isn't a commitment but it helps with preparation to have a rough idea of how many to expect. Fr Andrew

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, December 3rd**, and we shall be looking at chapter 12 of John's gospel to help us get to know better the God who speaks. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30 pm, begin with coffee and biscuits and finish between 8.30 and 9.00. For more information, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

THE ACADEMY OF THE ANUNCIATION

Bournemouth Oratory-in formation opens in December with 4 study days on The Blessed Virgin Mary in Sacred Scriptures starting on **December 4th**. For more details please see poster in the Church's Porch or visit www.aoa-edu.com/new-advent-study-days-announced or email enquiries@aoa-edu.com or 07742 150006.

YOUCAT BIBLE

The YOUCAT BIBLE, designed for young people, is a shorter, illustrated version, using the RSV (the version we use in Church). We are giving it to our confirmation candidates to introduce to them the habit of private bible reading.

Visit our website hendredcatholicparish.org.uk
advancing slowly with more information.

Find us on  

PARISH COLLECTION

Sundays 17th and 24th Nov. collections raised £2,004,38 of which 89% was Gift aided.

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**. Please see the noticeboards at St Mary's for changes of service times made since the Newsletter went to press.

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, Jadvyga Adaske, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Katherine Eyston, Antonia Breakspear.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Albert Castle, Teresa Brown, Christine Buck, Mary Wiley, Denis Buckley, Rebecca Smith, Thomas Champ, Winifred Elpbick, Kathleen Ellaway and Francis Leo Stibbs.*

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION - May every country take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

GIVING TREE

We have a 'giving tree' in the church to give Christmas presents to 'Little People' with Christmas tags labelled with a particular item. If you can help then please choose a tag from the tree and wrap the item and put the tag on and leave the present under the tree. For vouchers please put money in an envelope marked 'Little people voucher money' and leave with one of the ushers after Mass – we will then use the money to buy vouchers. The tree will be in the church until **December 15th**. Thanks for your generosity.

MORE THAN A CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Don't plan your own Christmas hospitality until you have planned a gift to those less fortunate. For £28.18 you can give a homeless person a warm welcome and good company, three nutritious hot meals including a delicious Christmas dinner, a bed for the night if needed, a chance to shower, freshen up and get clean clothes, a health check plus expert help with mental health and addiction problems as well as advice on housing/employment. To donate online please go to www.crisis.org.uk

PILGRIMAGES

LOURDES ✘ Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Philip from **15 -19 July 2020**. Cost £695 per person sharing. Call Sue on 07780 221686 or email her at lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Volunteer should also contact Sue, a Youth pilgrim is £545 pp and rooms are shared with three others.

SOUTHERN ITALY & PADRE PIO ✘ Father Des Connolly, will be leading a pilgrimage to Southern Italy from **Sunday 16 - Friday 21 August 2020**. For more information please call Gill from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms. Please note there is No coffee after Mass at St Patrick's.