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3rd July 2020 St Thomas the Apostle

Friends

Sunday Mass at 11.15am is now fully booked and you are invited to contact me to book for Sunday 12th July, when we hope to be able to have a 6pm Mass as well as one at 11.15am. I am maintaining the list myself and shall ensure fairness. To get in touch with me, I have a temporary number: 01235 861953. I am also managing to see e-mails once a day: aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk I shall let you know when things are back to normal.

Although Maria and Ma Llouisa are back working, Maria has been affected too by the problem of phone lines and broadband. Also the parish e-mail is at present unavailable. I am afraid that, for obvious reasons, Zoom meetings and Facetime Masses are suspended at present.

A message from the Honorary Treasurer: cash collections are really difficult at the moment – money has to be quarantined - and she asks you seriously to consider starting to give on-line, either by Standing Order or by using the donate button on the website.

Prayers for you all.

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Sunday Mass at St Mary's

Attending Mass in Person

The Bishops have suspended the Mass Obligation, bearing in mind the protection of the vulnerable. They have asked us to continue to live-stream Mass and not to ask anyone in the vulnerable category – those over 70 and/or with medical conditions – to usher &c. There is no prohibition as regards attending Mass and each person, unless they are shielding, will decide what he or she will do. Those over 70 are advised, for the time being, however, not to come to Mass and, because of the age profile of the weekday mass congregation, there are no weekday masses for now.

Re-opening St Mary's for Mass

Here in Hendred we are grateful for the help of Fr Dominic Adeiza with the re-opening of St Mary's for Mass next Sunday at 11.15am. We hope next week or as soon after as possible to restart the 6pm. Those who come to Mass at present need to book to ensure admission: contact me on aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Sunday 5th July is now fully booked and some bookings have been made for the other Sundays in July. We need to have names in advance and to preserve a record for fourteen days in connection with 'Track and Trace'.

I hope most of the changes will be temporary but, during this emergency, there is no singing permitted, no bidding prayers, and the bishops have asked for homilies to be short. There will be no exchange of the Peace and Holy Communion will be administered in one kind, both parties extending their arm, and the communicant receiving the host on the flat of the hand. Stewards will ensure that individuals enter Church spaced at two-metres, and that a short and properly-spaced Communion queue is formed, pew by pew. Hand sanitiser must be used at the entrance and before receiving Holy Communion. If the priest accidentally touches the hand of the communicant, both will use sanitiser immediately after. The congregation will leave with similar spacing. The exception to all this is 'the household', who may sit together and socially space only from others.

Help Page

On Sundays and each day except Saturday there is the Facebook Mass at 9am on the East Hendred Catholic Parish Facebook Page (live and available thereafter as a video) There is a link to the Page on:

www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk.

On Sundays there is also Mass at St Mary's at 11.15am (and in the future) at 6pm for which you need to book by contacting Fr Andrew on 01235 835038 or aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Each Wednesday at 11am there is 'Zoom Coffee'. Please join us with your own cup of coffee(!)

Each Friday there is a Zoom Bible Study ('The God Who Speaks') at 10am

For Zoom Meetings and Services, you may need the link and the password.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4315430307?pwd=cDloZzNnRzM4SUtUM2RsbFZmZ0FRdz09> Meeting ID: 431 543 0307 Password: Hendred

Jacky Mattam jackymattam@btinternet.com does wonderful work locally, helping the needy. Can anyone help? Get in touch directly. At present she has been asked by a family worker, for a paddling pool, small ride on vehicle and other garden toys. These are for an 8 month old boy, so a shallow pool would be needed.

Children Celebrate ('Home-School Children's Liturgy') resources are now on a page of their own. See after the Help Page.

For the CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal see [Coronavirus Appeal](#).

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: veronicapaget@hotmail.com or leave suitable food outside her front door,

Church Collections not being possible, we are pleased that so many give regularly by direct debit. Other ways to donate include using the 'Donate' button on the website. www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk.

To arrange for a mass to be said, please contact Fr Andrew:
aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Children Celebrate

('Home-School Children's Liturgy')

So far we have the following resources for 'Home-School Children's Liturgy'! NB (9) below is new and topical!

- (1) Westminster Diocese resource
<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>
- (2) <https://sermons4kids.com/>
- (3) CAFOD
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
- (4) SDC <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>
- (5) Lots on YouTube including:
<https://youtu.be/7gvwIE5LBjA>
- (6) You can also look up on Youtube the Gospel of the day (by putting the Evangelist, chapter and verses for the day) and you can find some lovely cartoon videos for children explaining the Gospel.
- (7) <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/toddlers.hitm>
- (8) <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/children.html>
- (9) For 29th June onwards:
The Day of Many Colours is based on the five colours of the Mission Rosary. It reminds children that we belong to God's worldwide family. Each day for five days beginning on June 29th, please join us to pray a decade of the Mission Rosary. It's a beautiful way to share a rainbow of love around

See <https://missiontogether.org.uk/prayer-resources/online-mission-rosary/>

Please e-mail additions for this list to Fr Andrew.

Food for the Journey*

Friday 3rd July 2020 St Thomas the Apostle

St Thomas the Apostle was called 'Didymus' (the twin) and, though he is remembered as 'Doubting Thomas' (because he would not believe in the Resurrection until he himself had seen the Risen Christ), he was brave when Jesus and his disciples set out for confrontation in Jerusalem. He made the most profound confession of faith in the New Testament when he exclaimed 'My Lord and my God'. Tradition tells us that St Thomas suffered martyrdom in India, where he preached the faith. More than one Christian communities in India look back to St Thomas as their founder.

SYNAXIS

I ✠ O God, come to our aid.
 O Lord, make haste to help us.

 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

II **Psalm 117**
 Praise the LORD, all nations!
 Extol him, all peoples!

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[Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition \(RSVCE\)](#)

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For great is his steadfast love toward us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.
Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

III Reading

John 20:24-29 (RSV)

Thomas is convinced by the Resurrection

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

IV Reflection

Thomas is convinced by the Resurrection

IN the Rabbinic literature (Tanh. 6:32a), Rabbi Simeon ben Laqish is reported as praising the one who takes on the commitment to the kingdom of God without having seen what happened on Mount Sinai. In much the same way, Jesus says to Thomas, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' In this episode we are possibly dealing with not only Thomas's doubts – his need for physical proof – but the doubts of the early community, and others thereafter. Thomas's doubts could be met with the opportunity to plunge – which is the force of the verb – his hand into the side of the wounded Saviour. There is no indication that Thomas carried out the physical examination. It was surely enough for him to encounter the Risen Lord.

The doubts of the early community, a gathering which would comprise mostly those who were not physical witnesses of Jesus' life, death, and

resurrection, could not be dealt with by the opportunity to test out the evidence for themselves in this way. Similarly, at some historical distance, we too will have our doubts, doubts which cannot be dealt with by raw proof. To all of us, Christ says 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' We are called to choose between *pistos* and *apistos* – nouns found only in the Gospel of St John – between being a 'believer' or being an 'unbeliever'. We notice that so-called 'Doubting Thomas' gives us one of the two strongest statements of faith in Jesus as Son of God. The first statement 'the Word was with God and the Word was God' begins the Fourth Gospel (John 1:1). The second is nearly at the end (John 20:28): 'My Lord and my God'. In the earlier version of the Roman Missal translated into English, we were told that this is what we would say in response to 'the Mystery of Faith'

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EITHER (see Note at the End of the Bulletin)

V Morning Canticle *Benedíctus Dóminus Deus Israel*

✠ **BLESSED** be the Lord, the God of Israel! *
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour *
in the house of David his servant,

As he promised by the lips of holy men, *
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

So his love for our fathers is fulfilled *
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, *
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our
foes,

We might serve him in holiness and justice *
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, *

you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.

You shall go ahead of the Lord *
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation *
through forgiveness of all their sins,

The loving-kindness of the heart of our God *
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, †
those who dwell in the shadow of death, *
and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

OR (see Note at the End of the Bulletin)

VI Evening Canticle[†] *Magnificat anima mea*

✠ **MY SOUL** doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

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Anglican text from the Book of Common Prayer, as used for Ecumenical Evening Prayer on Friday, and by the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for
ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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VII Our Father

VIII Collect

God our Father, you filled Saint Oliver with the spirit of
fortitude, enabling him to feed your people with his word and
to lay down his life for the faith: at his intercession, keep us
strong in that same faith and help us to proclaim it everywhere.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.

IX Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori (18th century)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive
you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself
wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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X Prayer for the Parish Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore. Amen.

cf 2 Corinthians 13:14

XI *Salve Regina*

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our
sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious
advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our
exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O
clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

