

**EAST HENDRED  
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Friends

Along with this Sunday bulletin is the leaflet for Sunday Mass. Those who come to either of the masses will receive the Mass leaflet at church. At the time of writing there are still a few spaces at both masses, so do get in touch if you would like to. [aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 01235 835038.

Please have a look at these two links and be proud of what has been done. You may be moved to further generosity!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cportsmouth-Aldershot>

<https://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2020/07/06/72-miles-completed-last-week-on-our-challenge-to-walk-the-length-of-portsmouth-diocese/>

There is an interesting discussion about Mass Obligation going on. As you know, the Bishops have temporarily removed the Sunday Obligation so this is a good opportunity for us to pause and reflect. This week I have attached the prayer intentions to the Mass Sheet, which gives me space to include a reflection in this four-page leaflet on the Mass Obligation.

Have a good Sunday. Prayers for you all.



[www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

# Help Page (This week's revisions in bold)

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](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk).

On Sundays **there are also Masses at St Mary's at 11.15am at 6pm for which you need to book:** contact Fr Andrew on 01235 835038 (when lines are restored!) or [aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**'Zoom Coffee' on Wednesdays is discontinued, now we have Sunday Masses.**

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

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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](mailto:jackymattam@btinternet.com) does wonderful work locally, helping the needy. Can anyone help? Get in touch directly.

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](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com) or leave suitable food outside her front door,

**Church Collections: we are pleased that people increasingly give regularly by standing order or direct debit. Other ways to donate include using the 'Donate' button on the website.**  
[www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk).

**BANK DETAILS: PRCDTR East Hendred, St Mary**

**Sort Code: 309304 Account Number: 00877183**

**To set up a standing order or arrange for Gift Aid, please contact the parish: [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**

To arrange for a mass to be said, please contact Fr Andrew:  
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# 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>

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

# The Sunday Mass Obligation

**From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering, for my name is great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. *Malachi 1:11***

**AT PRESENT** the obligation placed on Catholics to hear Mass on Sundays and Holy Days has been suspended by the Bishops of England and Wales. We are not obliged to have Mass in our churches and, if we do, no one needs feel any obligation to come. Every Mass, every attendance, every communion is – even more than usual – an act of devotion, an act of love. The obligation has been relaxed because of the public health emergency.

The basis of the obligation is the keeping holy of the Lord's day by the celebration of Mass, and, where appropriate, the preliminary Sacrament of Penance. The Early Church was fond of the quotation from Malachi above and the *Didache*, which dates from the same time as the Gospels, has this to say:

**But every Lord's day gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one that is at variance with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned. For this is that which was spoken by the Lord: In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations. *Didache 14***

It is worth noticing that neither then nor subsequently has there been any similar obligation connected to Holy Communion weekly, though Canon Law requires Catholics to receive Holy Communion after due celebration of the Sacrament of Penance at least annually.

'Obligation', of course, is not the same as 'compulsion'. The root of 'obligation' - as of 'religion' or 'ligature' - is 'bind'. We are bound: it is our 'bounden duty', in the old phrase. Meeting obligations may be pleasurable or not, convenient or not, but it is worth remembering that, in previous ages and in some other parts of the world, people have risked life and limb to be at Mass.

**Every Sunday they went to celebrate the Eucharist in common though this endangered their lives. Even at this early period, the Christians must have held the same thought that was expressed by the martyrs of Abitina during the Diocletian persecution: We cannot survive without the Eucharist: *Sine Dominico (esse) non possumus*. The Eucharistic celebration cannot be superseded: *Intermitti Dominicum non potest*.**

[J Jungmann SJ, "The Early Liturgy" (1959), 13.]