

Angelus Domini

IN HIS APOSTOLIC LETTER *Marialis cultus* (1974), St Paul VI encouraged the praying of the *Angelus* (Latin for ‘angel’). As we recall the incarnation of the Son of God we pray to be led ‘through his passion and cross to the glory of his resurrection.’ The name *Angelus* is derived from its *incipit*: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae* (‘... the Angel of the Lord [Gabriel] declared unto Mary ...’) and is practised by reciting as versicle and response three biblical verses describing the mystery; alternating with the Hail Mary (see Luke 1:26-38). Many churches still follow the devotion and some practise it at home). We ring the Angelus at 9am, 12 noon, and 6pm, whenever there is a service adjacent.

It probably originated with the 11th-century monastic custom of reciting three Hail Marys during the evening. In 1269, St Bonaventure urged the faithful to adopt the custom of the Franciscans of saying three Hail Marys as the Compline bell was rung. The devotion was traditionally recited in churches, convents, and monasteries three times daily: 6am, 12 noon, and 6pm. The thrice-daily usage seems to have commemorated the resurrection of Christ at dawn, his suffering at noon, and the annunciation to Mary in the evening. The custom of reciting it in the morning apparently grew from the monastic custom of saying three Hail Marys while a bell rang at Prime. The noon time custom apparently arose from the noon time commemoration of the Passion on Fridays. Though the Angelus is not identical to the ‘Turkish bell’ ordered by Pope Calixtus III (1455–58) in 1456, who asked for a midday bell, praying for protection against the Turkish invasions of his time, this custom was recalled by Pope Pius XII. In his 1956 Apostolic Letter *Dum marenti animo* about the persecution of the Catholic church in Eastern Europe and China, he again asks the faithful throughout the world, to pray for the persecuted Church in the East during the mid-day Angelus.

The manner of ringing the Angelus—the triple stroke repeated three times, with a pause between each set of three (a total of nine strokes), sometimes followed by a longer peal as at curfew—seems to have been long established. The 15th-century constitutions of Syon monastery dictate that the lay brother ‘shall toll the Ave bell nine strokes at three times, keeping the space of one Pater and Ave between each three tollings’.

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Sunday 17th November	SUNDAY XXXIII [C] Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s and Blessing of the Churchyard Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’s Mass: 6pm St Mary’s	Week 33 per annum [Year 1] [GREEN] <i>FM Canon Luck 1919</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 18th November	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white] <i>FM Helen Goodfriend 1999</i>
Tuesday 19th November	<i>Feria: Of Week 33</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Wednesday 20th November	<i>Feria: Of Week 33</i> Morning Prayer [Weds 1]: 9am St Mary’s [Ecumenical] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Thursday 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Exposition: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[white]
Friday 22nd November	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine’s [Ecumenical]	[red] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 23rd November	<i>St Clement I, Pope, Martyr</i> <i>No Mass at St Mary’s</i> <i>Mass at English Martyrs’, Didcot and St John Vianney Wantage</i>	
Sunday 24th November	CHRIST THE KING [C] Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm St Mary’s	Week 34 per annum [Year 1] [WHITE] <i>Pro populo</i>
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by after any weekday Mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

BLESSING OF ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD TODAY

This will follow the 9.30am Mass today.

TODAY IS THE THIRD WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

In his message for it, Pope Francis reminds us that the poor are not statistics to be counted but people to be encountered. We are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers, and to recognise Christ in those whom we meet or whose stories we hear. Visit www.cafod.org.uk for useful prayers and materials.

MUMS ON THE RUN

Next meeting will be on **Monday 18th November**. That will be the last Mums on the Run this year since December is usually such a busy month that it is a struggle for people to attend. For more information, please contact Amanda at physioamanda@btinternet.com

CALLED AND GIFTED TEACHING DAY

On **Saturday 23rd November 2019**, at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester, about "Charism Discernment Process". Find out more at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 3rd**. All very welcome. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30 pm, begin with coffee and biscuits and finish between 8.30 and 9.00 pm. For more information, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com

READER'S WORKSHOPS

To mark the **Year of the Word** the diocese of Portsmouth is launching Readers' training workshops. The training consists in two workshops of three hours each, for all church readers and aspiring readers. For further information and/or to book your place please go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers

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

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PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised £1,070.37 of which 78.8 % was Gift aided. On the 3rd November the collection raised £1,073.95 of which 85 % was Gift Aided. The total collected for Bamenda was £170.00.

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, Jadyga Adaskeo, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol and Katherine Eyston.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Marjorie Mockler, Anthony Francis Castle, Cornelia Purcell.*

HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION - That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

GIVING TREE

Last year we joined with St John Vianney church to bring Christmas presents to 'Little People' and St Mary's parishioners kindly donated many items. This year the organiser has requested toys, family games and vouchers. We will have a 'giving tree' in the church 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. Each Sunday any presents will be collected from under the tree. The tree will be in the church from 24th November until December 15th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WELCOMING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR CHRISTMAS

Would you consider opening your home and heart to an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality? Host UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief visits-one day, a weekend or longer. If interested please visit www.hostuk.org

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.