

ST MARY'S IN 1865

IT IS almost impossible for us to recapture what it must have been like to go to Mass at St Mary's in 1865 and the immediate period thereafter. Catholic Emancipation had happened a generation earlier – 1829 – but the Catholic hierarchy of bishops and dioceses had been set up as recently as 1850, with the papal bull *Universalis Ecclesiae* of 29 September. In those days East Hendred was part of the diocese of Southwark. The diocese of Portsmouth was not created until 19 May 1882.

The Catholic population was an amalgam of two very different groups of people. First, there were the English recusants: Catholics who had kept the Faith during Penal times. In Hendred House, for example, Mass had been maintained, often in secret, from before the Reformation. The Eyston family, related since the early nineteenth century to St Thomas More, when the one surviving descendant of the saint married into the family, had been prominent recusants, and continue to this day to keep the Faith and maintain a private chapel. Then there was a very large immigration of Irish, fleeing the famine and finding work in England. Small communities of recusants soon became huge congregations. Hence the establishing of parishes and building of churches. East Hendred was the mother not only of the daughter church of St Patrick and St Michael, East Ilsley, (provided later mainly for the families of those working in the Berkshire racing stables), but also of the town parishes of Didcot and Wantage, both destined to be much larger parishes than the mother parish. From the days of Blessed John Henry Newman - so from 1845 onwards – there has also been a steady trickle of converts from Anglicanism. Many of today's priests in England are former Anglicans.

But what was Sunday Mass like? In those days everything except the homily would be in Latin. Hymns were sung at Benediction but not at Mass. The music would be mainly plainsong, some of it congregational, and a choir, according to ability, would sing some of the parts of the Mass to a harmonic setting. Otherwise the congregation would not join in the saying of the Mass. Some would use a bi-lingual hand missal to follow what the priest was saying. Most would probably be reciting the rosary and private prayers, from *The Garden of the Soul*, or some such manual. Holy Communion would be given only to those who had been to Confession and fasted from the previous midnight. Thus the main Sung Mass would be largely non-communicating. On 16 August 1865 there was an early Mass, with Holy Communion, and a later sung Mass with no general communion. The pious would go to both. Most Sundays, some, no doubt, would stand in the porch, catching up on news with their neighbours, pipe in hand, pausing only to fall silent when the sacring bell announced the elevation of the Host. Very different times!

Fr Andrew



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Saturday/ Sunday 17 th /18 th August	SUNDAY XXC [GREEN] Vigil Mass: 6pm St Patrick's FEAST OF DEDICATION [GOLD] Sung Mass: 11am St Mary's <i>Pro populo</i> <i>with the Newman Consort</i> No 11.15am Mass at St Patrick's
Monday 19 th August	Week 20 per annum [Year 1] <i>Feria: Of Week 20</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>Mgr John Broadhurst</i>
Tuesday 20 th August	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's
Wednesday 21 st August	St Pius X, Pope [white] Morning Prayer: 8.45am St Mary's [Ecumenical] Mass: 9.15am St Mary's <i>FM Frances Eyston 1862</i>
Thursday 22 nd August	The Queenship of Mary [white] Exposition: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's <i>FM Frances Eyston 1862</i>
Friday 23 rd August	<i>St Rose of Lima, Religious</i> [white] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>FM Frances Eyston 1862</i> <i>Exposition: 3pm Hendred House</i> Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine's [Ecumenical]
Saturday 24 th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle [red] <i>No Mass: Mass 9.30am at English Martyrs', Didcot</i>
Sunday 25 th August	SUNDAY XXIC [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's <i>Pro populo</i> Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by after any weekday Mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

ST MARY'S FOUNDATION CELEBRATIONS

The Sung Mass at 11am this **Sunday, 18th August**, at St Mary's will be followed by lunch at The Wheatsheaf. Even if you haven't signed up, please come along! Many thanks to the Newman Consort for providing us with special music.

CAR PARKING

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

PARISH CENSUS

Special thanks to the folk at St Patrick's, nearly all of whom have completed the database forms. Many at St Mary's, meanwhile, remain on the naughty step, having not filled in the yellow form. Please do so as soon as possible.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **September 3rd** and October 1st. At our September meeting we will read of Jesus' healing the man born blind. In our reading, our discussions and our prayer, we get to know Jesus better. All welcome. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30 pm and finish between 8.30 and 9.00. For more information, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com

A DAY WITH MARY

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. On **Saturday 7th September** from 9.45am to 3.45pm at St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth. Bishop Philip will be the celebrant and preacher. There will be Mass, Holy Rosary, exposition and procession of the Blessed Sacrament, benediction and enrolment in the Brown scapular and Miraculous medal. Please see poster in church.

RIDE AND STRIDE 14th SEPTEMBER 2019

Jean Murphy has sponsor forms if anyone is wanting to take part, she will not be asking you to sponsor her this year as she will be riding the waves in Cornwall that weekend.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

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

Find us on  

Visit our website hendredcatholicparish.org.uk still under construction, but with some basic information.

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 Katherine Eyston.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Thomas Dearlove, James Kelly, Theodore Little, Sarah Magee, George Dearlove, Alphonsus Hunt, Harriet Hunt and Jabez Booker*

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 **María** 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 ✦ **16th-26th 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 ✦ **11th-21st October** with Canon Dominic Golding. Please see poster in church or contact **E blessings41@gmail.com**

HOLY LAND ✦ **10th-17th November 2019**. Cost pp £1,195, includes flights, accommodation, meals and full religious programme. Please see information in the porch. Bookings : 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.