

The May Magnificat

MAY is Mary's month, and I
 Muse at that and wonder why:
 Her feasts follow reason,
 Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;
 But the Lady Month, May,
 Why fasten that upon her,
 With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter
 Than the most are must delight
 her?

Is it opportunist
 And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:
 Her reply puts this other
 Question: What is Spring?—
 Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,
 Grass and greenworld all together;
 Star-eyed strawberry-breasted
 Thristle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
 Forms and warms the life within;
 And bird and blossom swell
 In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
 Mary sees, sympathising
 With that world of good,
 Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind
 With delight calls to mind
 How she did in her stored
 Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:
 Spring's universal bliss
 Much, had much to say
 To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-
 dapple
 Bloom lights the orchard-apple
 And thicket and thorp are merry
 With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes
 Wood banks and brakes wash wet
 like lakes
 And magic cuckoo call
 Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering
 earth
 Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
 To remember and exultation
 In God who was her salvation.

Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ
 (1844–89)



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Sunday 19 th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Foundation of Portsmouth Diocese 1882</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary's	Year C: Week 1 <i>[white]</i> <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 20 th May	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i> RIP David Ward
Tuesday 21 st May	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i> <i>Thanksgiving for Bl Guadalupe Ortiz (David Lazarus)</i>
Wednesday 22 nd May	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i> <i>Luca Chacín 13th B'day (Ramona Frearson)</i>
Thursday 23 rd May	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	<i>[white]</i> <i>FM Cecilia Margaret Mary Dearlove 1942</i>
Friday 24 th May	<i>Of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	<i>[white]</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church <i>No Mass. Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot: 9.30am</i>	<i>[white]</i>
Sunday 26 th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year C: Week 2 <i>[white]</i> <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
Confessions: Sunday 8.45am or by request after a weekday mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY EXTRA

Today (**Sunday 19th May**) we have the last session of the **SUNDAY EXTRA** programme for parents of First Communion children. It will begin at 11am, so there is chance to grab a cup of coffee beforehand. First Communion children will meet in church.

WELCOME TO THE MOORE FAMILY

Holy Baptism will be administered to **Evangeline Moore** at 12.30pm today (**19th May**). Mr & Mrs Darren Moore are parishioners of English Martyrs but, for logistical reasons, the Baptism is taking place at St Mary's.

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday (20th May)** at 8.15pm in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. For more information, please contact Gillian at gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

JONATHAN SIM

A resident of East Hendred, formerly a deacon in Didcot Baptist Church, and, since 2010, an Anglican, is joining us at Pentecost to continue his Christian journey as a Catholic. He will be received and chrismated (confirmed) at the 9.30am Mass. Please pray for Jonathan, and for his family.

ASCENSION DAY IS ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY.

Ascension Day ranks equally with Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, and Pentecost as one of the four great solemnities of the year. Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics and there will be two masses at St Mary's: one at 12.15pm and the other at 7.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JACK EYSTON

To anyone who would like to attend a memorial service for Jack Eyston, it will be held at 11am on **Friday 31st May** at the Oratory School in Woodcote, Reading RG8 0PJ. All very welcome to attend and afterwards are cordially invited to Maple Durham House.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection raised a total of £1,017.20 of which 86% was Gift aided. We raised £315.71 for Clergy Training Fund.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

World Communications: 2nd June

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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 and Karen Greig.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *John Joseph Wallington, Sybil Foster and Nora McDonagh.*

HOLY FATHER'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION - May the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

On **Saturday 1st June** at St Edmund's Church, Radley Road, Abingdon. One session on Child Protection from 10.00am – 12.30pm and a Refresher Training from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Bookings by email at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

We remember the traditional association of the month of May by reciting the Rosary after the weekday Masses. Please stay and join in as you are able.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 4th June**. All are very welcome. We meet in St Mary's Parish Room from 7.30-9.00 pm. Contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com

PARISH CELEBRATIONS—PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES

- **Sunday 23rd June:** First Holy Communion at 11am, at St Mary's.
- **Sunday 30th June:** BBQ at Snells Hall from 12-4pm
- **Sunday 14th July:** BBQ at St Patrick's
- **Sunday 18th August:** St Mary's Foundation Celebrations. The Wheatsheaf.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP WITH CHURCH FLOWERS

We desperately need more people to join the church flower rota. It will only take a couple of hours of your time less than once a month. You don't need to be an expert just willing to help decorate the church. Please contact Jacqui on 01235 831139 or at family.orourke@btinternet.com

PARISH WEBSITE LIVE

Please visit hendredcatholicparish.org.uk, although still under construction you will be able to see the current newsletter and main frame. Many thanks to Helene!