

September: the Month of the Holy Cross

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in who is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.
Cf Gal 6:14

THE FEAST of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14th September) is the focus for September, the Month of the Holy Cross. The Cross is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and his Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. It is called in Greek Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ ('Raising Aloft of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross') and in Latin *Exaltatio Sanctæ Crucis*. Anglicans and Lutherans sometimes refer to the observance as **Holy Cross Day**.

The feast celebrates two historical events: the discovery of part of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320, under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It was a two-day festival: the consecration of the church was on 13th September (the date still kept by the Armenians for the feast) and the relic of the Cross was brought outside the church on 14th September so that the clergy and faithful could pray before it and come forward to venerate it.

The basilica, called the *Martyrium*, and the shrine, called the *Calvarium*, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. They carried away the relic of the True Cross and it remained missing until it was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628. Initially taken to Constantinople, the relic of the True Cross was returned to the Church in Jerusalem the following year. The church now on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.



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Sunday 15th September	SUNDAY XXIVC Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Week 24 per annum [Year 1] [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 16th September	SS Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[red]</i> FM Dolly Boyce 1999
Tuesday 17th September	<i>St Hildegard of Bingen, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[white]</i>
Wednesday 18th September	<i>Feria: Of Week 24</i> Morning Prayer: 9am St Mary's <i>[Ecumenical]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	<i>[green]</i> FM Millie Charlton 1999
Thursday 19th September	<i>St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</i> Exposition: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	<i>[white]</i> FM Eddie Reevey 1999
Friday 20th September	St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Exposition: 3pm Hendred House Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine's <i>[Ecumenical]</i>	<i>[red]</i>
Saturday 21st September	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist <i>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am English Martyrs, Didcot</i>	<i>[red]</i>
Sunday 22nd September	SUNDAY XXVC Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Week 25 per annum [Year 1] [GREEN] <i>Pro populo</i>
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by after any weekday Mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course is running again in Abingdon, hosted by St. Edmund's parish. Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to explore the main questions of life and the Christian faith in a relaxed, hospitable way. For those of no faith and also for those who maybe living their faith as a routine but would like to discover a closer relationship with the Lord. Starting in **late September**, there will be 3 parallel courses on Thursday mornings, Friday mornings and Sunday evenings. Please ring Clare 01235 847804.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1st. 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

CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

There are limited seats available for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman. From **Saturday 12th to Tuesday 15th October 2019**. Includes Return Flights from Gatwick, half board accommodation in Rome Hotel, airport transfers, tour of St Peter's, and the Canonisation Mass. Please call Leisure time Travel 0151 287 8000, 07512 856 045.

RED BOXES

It is time again to collect your hard earned money that you have kindly put in your boxes. Time does fly doesn't it, so could you please get the boxes to your promoters, so that it can be collected and the results for the year be forwarded to the Missio Headquarters. Thank you again. Margaret Maytham.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S EMMY NOMINATED FILM

Alongside Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: Our Catholic community in Winchester is showing a short film by Bishop Robert Barron peering into the mind of this great artist and seeing paintings through the lens of faith. Parish Centre in Jewry Street on **Friday afternoons (3pm)**. More information at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised £1016.95 of which 86.00 % was Gift aided. .

FORTHCOMING COLLECTION

Our Lady of Walsingham: **29th September**

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**

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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 Mc Nichol and Katherine Eyston.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *George Joseph Castle, John Henry Savile, Eileen Harper, Bob Ryan, Albert Wheatley, James Bridger, Gertrude (Gay) Keenex.*

HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION - May politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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 Maria 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.