

The Ascension of Christ

I AM with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:20

CHRIST'S going to the Father is at once a source of sorrow, because it involves His absence; and of joy, because it involves His presence. And out of the doctrine of His resurrection and ascension, spring those Christian paradoxes, often spoken of in Scripture, that we are sorrowing, yet always rejoicing; as having nothing, yet possessing all things. This, indeed, is our state at present; we have lost Christ and we have found Him; we see Him not, yet we discern Him. We embrace His feet, yet He says, "Touch Me not." How is this? it is thus: we have lost the sensible and conscious perception of Him; we cannot look on Him, hear Him, converse with Him, follow Him from place to place; but we enjoy the spiritual, immaterial, inward, mental, real sight and possession of Him; a possession more real and more present than that which the Apostles had in the days of His flesh, *because* it is spiritual, *because* it is invisible. We know that the closer any object of this world comes to us, the less we can contemplate it and comprehend it. Christ has come so close to us in the Christian Church (if I may so speak), that we cannot gaze on Him or discern Him. He enters into us, He claims and takes possession of His purchased inheritance; He does not present Himself to us, but He takes us to Him. He makes us His members. Our faces are, as it were, turned from Him; we see Him not, and know not of His presence, except by faith, because He is over us and within us. And thus we June at the same time lament because we are not conscious of His presence, as the Apostles enjoyed it before His death; and June rejoice because we know we do possess it even more than they, according to the text, "whom having not seen (that is, with the bodily eyes) ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

[1 Peter 1: 8, 9]

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

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Sunday 2nd June	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION [EASTER VII] Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year C: Week 3 [white] Pro populo Pro populo
Monday 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red]
Tuesday 4th June	<i>Of the Seventh Week of Easter</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] RIP Peter Pyplacz
Wednesday 5th June	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red] RIP Arthur William George Holliday
Thursday 6th June	<i>Of the Seventh Week of Easter</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white] FM Marguerite Raab 1943
Friday 7th June	<i>Of the Seventh Week of Easter</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[white] Holy Souls
Saturday 8th June	<i>Of the Seventh Week of Easter</i> No Mass: Mass 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot	[white]
Sunday 9th June	PENTECOST SUNDAY Solemn Mass with Holy Confirmation: 10.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Evening Prayer: 6.30pm St Augustine's [Anglican]	Year C: Week 2 [red] Pro populo Pro populo
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by after any weekday Mass www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

This weekend there is a second collection to support this important work. Please remember in your prayers all those who work in the media. Prayer cards can be found at the back of the church.

PENTECOST

Special arrangements for Pentecost include a later time for Mass at St Mary's (10.30am) during which Jonathan Sim will be received and confirmed. There is also ecumenical Evening Prayer at St Augustine's, East Hendred, at 6.30pm.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **June 4th** and **July 2nd**. In June we will read chapter 6 of John's Gospel and the stories of Jesus feeding the Five Thousand and His Walking on Water. We discuss and pray together. Come and join us. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30 pm and finish approx. at 9.00pm. For more information, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 9th June 6.30pm at St. Augustine's, East Hendred. Please come along and celebrate **Pentecost** with our Anglican friends a short evening service sharing with each other what we have in common. Refreshments afterwards so we can chat together as well.

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.

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.

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!

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

Day for Life: 16th June

Find us on  

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: *Jack Eyston, Eva O'Connor, Edward Purcell, James George Goodman, Philip Dearlove, John Joseph Eyston and Kitty Connolly.*

HOLY FATHER'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION - May priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves to an active solidarity with the poorest.

THOSE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - *Albert, Beatrice, Eleanor, Elena, Gabriela, Isabel, Katherine, Louis, Max, Matthew, Niamb, Patrick, Sebastian and Shannon.*

DON BOSCO CAMP

A Catholic camp for boys at least finishing Yr 7. An exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a safe but challenging countryside setting, **28 July-3 August** in the grounds of St Cassians, a retreat centre in the village of Kintbury between Newbury and Hungerford. For more information and how to book please visit dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP UK / 11-15 AUGUST

A week packed with **high-adrenaline outdoor adventure** including archery, mountain biking, climbing and much more for 11-18 year olds. Enjoy a full day at **Alton Towers** and of course **Mass, Reconciliation, amazing music, Eucharistic Adoration** and **talks from international speakers**. Please see poster in church.

FANING THE FLAME - SUMMER CAMP

An amazing adventure summer camp from the **19-23 August** in Sway, New Forest. For ages 10-25. Cost per person £105. Mass, crafts, sports, horse riding and many more activities etc. Please see poster and booking form at the back of the church.

PILGRIMAGES

KNOCK SHRINE 26-30 August 2019, £649.00 pp sharing, full board, entertainments and tours included. Please see poster in church. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278; 07740 175557 or at Eknockpilgrimages@gmail.com

HOLY LAND 10-17 November 2019. Includes return flights from London, 7 nights in Four star Hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, full religious programme, local guide, private couch. Cost pp from £1,195; bookings [E aglowpilgrimages.com](mailto:aglowpilgrimages.com) or call Jonathan on **0800 6894792**