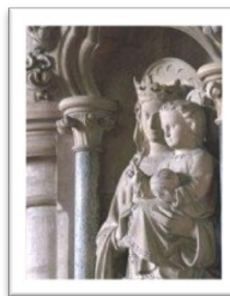


St Louis de Montfort's Way: Total Consecration

LED BY the Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham, we began a pilgrimage on 21st February towards the re-consecration of England as the Dowry of Our Lady. Part of the Walsingham spirituality is that, once this country learns to look once more to Jesus through Mary, we shall once again be a Catholic land. Needless to say, it all begins with personal conversion and a deepening in personal holiness. The significance of the 33 days of preparation – one for each year of Our Lord's life on earth – is that the devotions many will follow are St Louis de Montfort's schedule of exercises. St Luis de Montfort (1673-1716) was a Parisian priest, a gifted preacher, who came to be remembered most for his devotion to Mary.

St Louis de Montfort's method of devotion is known as 'Total Consecration'. He divides the 33 days into sections, each section having its own prayers, and each day its own reading. First comes 12 days of preparation in which we pray the *Veni Creator*, the *Ave Maris Stella*, the *Magnificat*, and the 'Glory be'. Then follow three weeks, each week having a specific focus. The first is about humility and we pray the Litany of the Holy Ghost, the Litany of Loreto, and the *Ave Maris Stella* to help us. During the second week, we ask for better understanding and we add the prayer to Mary by St Louis-Marie, and five decades of the Rosary. During the third week, we seek to better understand Christ through meditation and add the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, Montfort's prayer to Jesus, and the prayer 'O Jesus Living in Mary'. The 34th day, the Annunciation, is the day of consecration.

However much use we make of St Louis-Marie's spiritual exercises, we join in praying for the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, for the deepening of our own pilgrimage and the re-consecration of this nation as the Dowry of Mary.



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| Sunday 1st March | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [A] Psalter: Week 1 <i>[purple]</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's <i>Pro populo</i> Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's <i>Confirmation Parents: 4.30pm St Mary's</i> Mass: 6pm St Mary's |
| Monday 2 nd March | <i>Feria: Of Lent Week 1</i> <i>[purple]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's |
| Tuesday 3 rd March | <i>Feria: Of Lent Week 1</i> <i>[purple]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's |
| Wednesday 4 th March | <i>Feria: Of Lent Week 1</i> Morning Prayer <i>[Lent Lent Week 1]</i> : 9am St Mary's <i>[ecumenical]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's |
| Thursday 5 th March | <i>Feria: Of Lent Week 1</i> <i>[purple]</i> Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's RIP Dr Donald Langridge (Anne Johns) |
| Friday 6 th March | <i>Feria: Of Lent Week 1</i> <i>[purple]</i> DAY OF ABSTINENCE Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Chapel <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i> Evening Prayer: 5pm St Augustine's <i>[ecumenical]</i> |
| Saturday 7 th March | <i>Feria: Of Lent Week 1</i> <i>[purple]</i> <i>Mass at English Martyrs', Didcot, and St John Vianney Wantage</i> |
| Sunday 8th March | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [A] Psalter: Week 2 <i>[purple]</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's <i>Pro populo</i> Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's Mass: 6pm St Mary's |
| Confessions: 8.45am Sunday and after weekday Mass (St Mary's) and after 11.15am Sunday Mass (St Patrick's), or by appointment. www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk | |

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES IN LENT

Discussions on 'The Living Word'. Light lunch (please bring contribution of soup). Monks Hollow, Newbury Road, East Hendred. 12 noon till 14.00. Contact Mary Harrison 01235 833584. All welcome.

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Time apart with a glass of something, some laughter, and the Scriptures: for those working or busy with family in the daytime. Cozens Farm. Garden Gate. 7.30pm onwards for 8-9.30pm. For further details, contact Fr Andrew aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ECUMENICAL PRAYER IN LENT

We continue with Wednesday Morning Prayer (9am) at St Mary's and Friday Evensong (5pm) at St Augustine's. Come and join us! On Palm Sunday the East Hendred Churches will have a joint Procession (10am and on Good Friday there will be a joint Good Children's Workshop at Snells' Hall (10.30am) and Stations of the Cross (12 noon).

FRIDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

'The God Who Speaks': Coffee and Hot Cross Buns as we study the Scriptures. Six Fridays in Lent, beginning with the Temptations and ending with the Passion. 9.15am till 10.30am. Holy Family Room. Contact Fr Andrew aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

In chapter 15 of John's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you' and 'if the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you'. At our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 3rd**, we shall be discussing and praying about these sayings and the other teaching Jesus gives, shortly before his arrest and his death. We meet in the parish rooms from 7.30 to 8.30 – 9.00pm. All are welcome. If you wish to learn more, contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT LECTURE

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality invites you to the Lecture: "Empowered to Forgive: Bringing Healing to Relationships" by Fr Liam Finnerty, OCD. It will be on **March 7th** at the Carmelite Priory of St John of the Cross., Oxford. OX1 5HB. For further information contact 07849 96572, whatson@oxcaxs.org or visit www.oxcacs.org

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised £894.17 of which 90.00% was Gift aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

22nd March: Clergy Assistance Fund

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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, Jadyga Adasko, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Katherine Eyston, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently, especially: *Brian Mulford* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Matthew Castle, Thomas Regan, Patrick Barnes, Elizabeth Hunt, Amy Stibbs, George Dum, Fr Michael Sexton, Ellen Cuddihy, Alice Couling, Alice Pilcher, Thomas Mulford, Breda Smith.*

HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION - We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

PRINCIPAL REQUIRED

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Thame from September 2020. If you are interested, please contact the school office on **01844214278** or g.sproat@dbmac.org.uk to make an appointment or for further details and application pack. Closing date: **Noon 03 March**

OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS: 'JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR'

A 1970 rock opera with lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The production will be performed from the **25th to the 28th of March 2020** at the Radley School Theatre at 7.30pm daily with an afternoon matinee on Saturday 28 March at 2.30pm. Youth groups are specially welcomed. Online tickets sold in advance from www.wegotickets.com/OYMT, as well as on door tickets. Group tickets can be arranged. For more information, please see the poster at the porch board.

PILGRIMAGES

KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND

Celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. **16th March 2020**. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 07740175557, email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms. There is coffee after Mass at St Patrick's on the first Sunday of the month.