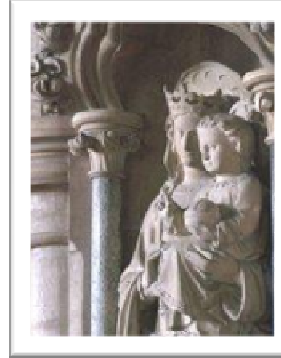


## The Communion Antiphon of the Mass

**THE LAST** in our series of ‘the Minor Propers’ is the **Communio** or **Communion Antiphon**. This chant is found in the chant book (‘the Graduale’) and is used at Masses in the Extraordinary Form, and in the Ordinary Form in cathedrals and monasteries, as well as in many parishes, such as ours.

The **Communion Antiphon**, as included in the popular missals, is just that – usually a psalm verse or Scripture text serving as a stand-alone ‘Antiphon’. In the *Graduale Romanum*, however, the **Communio** is followed by a list of psalm verses, which can be sung during the administration of Holy Communion. Very often the Communion Antiphon complements the Gospel, reminding us as we take Holy Communion of the Lord’s word to us that day.



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<b>Year B: Weekdays Year 2: Psalter Week 4</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SUNDAY 28</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s <i>[GREEN]</i> RIP Lucy Kelly Pro populo
<b>Monday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church <i>[white]</i> School Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s FM Minnie Rafferty 1945
<b>Tuesday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious <i>[white]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s RIP Irene Mary McDonagh
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr <i>[red]</i> Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s Isabelle Langley
<b>Thursday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>St Luke, Evangelist</b> <i>[white]</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s FM Dolly Boyce 1999
<b>Friday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Of Week 28</i> <i>[green]</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <i>[white]</i> No Mass at St Mary’s. Mass 9.30 at English Martyrs, Didcot
<b>Sunday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>SUNDAY 29</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s <b>Psalter Week 1</b> <i>[GREEN]</i> Pro populo
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### SUNDAY EXTRA

Today Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> October), and approximately monthly thereafter, there will be coffee, doughnuts, and a 30 minute talk at 11am in St Mary's Parish Rooms, with a few minutes for questions afterwards. Designed especially for First Communion Parents, it will be of general interest as a refresher course. Come and give it a try.

### HARVEST COLLECTION

The Harvest Collection this year is for Aid to the Church in Need, a marvellous charity which is trying to help Christians in the war-torn Middle East to rebuild their lives and their ruined churches. Please give generously.

### MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is tomorrow (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October) 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 Groeger at [gilliangroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliangroeger@hotmail.com)

### PROTECTING THE LIFE OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards so you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against the abortion bill that is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The bill seeks to discriminate abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards are available at the back of the church. Thank you.

### NIGHT OF LIGHT

Join us for a Night of Light to celebrate the Vigil of All Saints from 16:30-18:30 at English Martyrs Catholic Church Didcot, on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Come along dressed as your favourite Saint or wear something white. There'll be art and crafts, games, cake and cookie decorating and clay modelling and much more to enjoy! No tricks only treats! Everyone welcome. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £2 per child. Contact Melanie at [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book your place.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection raised a total of £1136.30 of which 82% was Gift aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

21<sup>st</sup> October: World Missions; 4<sup>th</sup> November: Bamenda

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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 and Angus Clark.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Sr Elizabeth Dunn, Lucy Kelly, Dorothy Mary Eyston, Henry Atkinson, Mgr O'Connor and Robert Ayles.*

**HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION - Evangelization** – *The Mission of Religious.* That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

### DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of “spiritual turbulence.”

### SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, 10 am – 4 pm at The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. Bookings at [www.portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk)

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. St Mary's Parish Rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits beforehand; finish 8.30-9.00pm. All welcome. Contact Denis 01235 765564; [djbm.smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:djbm.smith@ntlworld.com)

### CHANGING LIVES

On Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10am to 2.30pm, for a trial period the 'Step by Step' programme of 'Changing Lives' will be meeting in the St Mary's Parish Rooms. It's good that we can welcome those who are anxious, or lonely, or old to use our premises. Some of the people who come are from Didcot and Wantage and some are from Hendred. We offer our prayers and support to Chloe and Colin who are running this.

### HOLINESS - A REFLECTION BY JENNIFER GEACH

...it seems to me that we have forgotten that we are called to be holy. Our dear Lord set the bar very high “Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.” We Christians are the salt of the earth: but if salt loses its savour, what is it good for? Only to be thrown out and trodden underfoot..... a copy of the full article is in church.