

AN ASSUMPTION MISCELLANY

I lifted up my eyes; and as, at morning,
the eastern side of the horizon shows
more splendour than the side where the sun sets,
so, as if climbing with my eyes from valley
to summit, I saw one part of the farthest
rank of the Rose more bright than all the rest.
And as, on earth, the point where we await
the shaft that Phaethon had misguided glows
brightest, while, to each side, the light shades off,
so did the peaceful oriflamme appear
brightest at its midpoint, so did its flame,
on each side, taper off at equal pace.

I saw, around that midpoint,
festive angels—
more than a thousand—
with their wings outspread;
each was distinct in splendour and in skill.
And there I saw a loveliness that when
it smiled at the angelic songs and games
made glad the eyes of all the other saints.
And even if my speech were rich as my
imagination is, I should not try
to tell the very least of her delights.
Dante, *Divine Comedy: Paradiso*, 31

Almighty and all-merciable queen,
To whom that all this world fleeth for succour,
To have release of sin, of sorrow, and teene, [*affliction*]
Glorious virgin, of all flowers flower,
To thee I flee, confounded in error.
Help and relieve, thou mighty debonayre, [*gracious*]
Have mercy on my perilous langour.
Vanquished me hath my cruel adversaire.

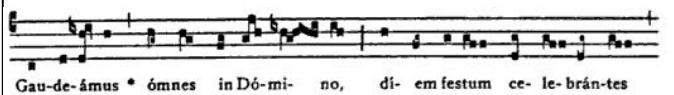
Lady! Lady!
Upon Heaven-height,
Above the harsh morning
In the mere Light.
Above the spendthrift
And above the snow,
Where no seas tumble,
And no winds blow.

Bounty so fix hath in thine heart its tent
That well I know thou wouldst my succour be;
Thou canst not warn him that with good intent [*refuse*]
Asketh thine help, thine heart is ay so free.
Thou art largesse of pleyn felicity, [*full*]
Haven of refuge, of quiet, and of rest.
Lo!, how that thieves seven chase me. [*ie the seven deadly sins*]
Help, lady bright, ere that my ship tobreste.

The twisting tides
And the perilous sands
Upon all sides
Are in your holy hands.
The wind harries
And the cold kills;
But I see your chapel
Over far hills.

[to be broken to pieces]

Geoffrey Chaucer, *ABC, called, Priere de Nostre Dame*



Introit for the Assumption

My body is frozen,
My soul is afraid;
Stretch out your hands to me,
Mother and maid.
Mother of Christ,
And Mother of me,
Save me alive
From the howl of the sea.
If you will mother me
Till I grow old,
I will hang in your chapel
A ship of pure gold.
—Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953)

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28



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SUNDAY 13 August	SUNDAY 19 PER ANNUM (YEAR A) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3 Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 14 July	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Martyr/Vigil of the Assumption Vigil Mass 7.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
TUESDAY 15 August -Holyday of Obligation-	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass 7.30am Holy Rood Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Bernie Cowley's Ints.</i> Sung Mass (Latin) 7.00pm Holy Rood <i>Don Guido Bortoluzzi, RIP, and the Catholic Church in England</i>
Wednesday 16 August	<i>St Stephen of Hungary</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood
Thursday 17 August	<i>Feria (Thursday of Week 19 per annum)</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>followed by Holy Hour for Vocations; Confessions 7.00-8.00pm</i>
Friday 18 August	<i>Feria (Friday of Week 19 per annum)</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>)
Saturday 19 August	<i>St John Eudes</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>John Fernandez RIP</i> 9.30-10.00am Confessions
SUNDAY 20 August	SUNDAY 20 PER ANNUM (YEAR A) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4 Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>

Our Lady of the Rosary, Botley, OX2 9BD ✳ **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD
St Thomas More, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM ✘ This weekend we are holding a second collection in support of the developments of the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pope Francis granted the Shrine the status of minor Basilica on the feast of the Holy Family.

21-25 August 2017 - FANNING THE FLAME | An exciting week of Faith, Fun and Fellowship, for young people aged 10-25! For more information please go to www.fanningtheflame.co.uk

FROM POPE FRANCIS ✘ "I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him"

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | TODAY National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
17 September Home Mission Sunday

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 6 August 2017
Main collection plate: £427.73
Standing orders: £583.75

Parish giving info: Cheques should be made to PRC DTR North Hinksey Our Lady. Bank transfers to account number 00883337, sort code 309304.

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Thursday 17 August
Stella and Maria

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to the **Parish Office** by **Thursday 10 am** email hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHILDREN'S DIARY

Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

10 September: Children's liturgy resumes. For more information, contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | Please note the office will be closed on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 August.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Please go to www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.

YOUTH 2000 | Inheritance, a 5-day camping festival run by young people for young people. **When?** Thursday 24th - Monday 28th August 2017 Guests can arrive onsite from 5pm on Thursday 24th August. The festival kicks-off at 7pm that evening and will finish at 1pm on Monday 28th August. Guests will need to leave the site by 5pm on Monday evening. **Where?** The National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham. **Who is it for?** Anyone between the ages of 16 - 35, or families with parents or children in this age-range, are welcome.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND 15-17 September ✘ Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life? Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point? Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option? If any of these questions apply, this weekend is for you. For more information and how to register please go to the UKpriest website www.ukpriest.org/discernment-events

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED | *Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Moira Fryer, Donald Saunders*

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS | **ARTISTS** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

RIDE & STRIDE 2017 | The annual Ride & Stride event is taking place on **Saturday 9th September**. Churches throughout the country will open their doors for the event. You can be sponsored for visiting these on foot or bicycle. Any sponsorship raised will be divided between our parish and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Sponsorship forms and a list of participating churches are available at the back of the church. We will need volunteers to sit in our churches and welcome visitors. A sign up list will be at the back of both churches.

PARISH GROUPS |
YOUTH GROUP | as advertised
'LADIES OF THE PARISH' - COFFEE AND DISCUSSION GROUP | First Wednesday of the month at Holy Rood, after the 9.00am Mass, Coffee/Tea/Cake and discussion.
WOMEN'S READING GROUP | A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together AMORIS LAETITIA. If you would like to join, please contact maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk.
MEN'S GROUP | Last Tuesday of the month, location & other details as advertised.

ORDINARIATE | Sung Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. The choir is now on vacation, but the Saturday Masses will be chanted as much as possible.

WHY CATHOLICS LEAVE, WHAT THEY MISS AND HOW THEY MIGHT RETURN | You will remember in 2015, the diocese ran a campaign in connection with St Mary's University called 'Share Your Story'. The response was impressive, and part of the reason why it has taken longer than anticipated to produce the final report. We received 256 eligible responses, many very detailed, and we are deeply grateful to those who gave time sharing so thoughtfully, and those who encouraged friends and family to respond. In fact, the data was so rich, that the final report will be produced as a book - which will be published by Paulist Press in 2018.

FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL ✘ During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth from **Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 August**.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS | Bishop Philip would like to invite all altar servers from across the diocese to join me for a special Day for Altar Servers on **Saturday 9 September**. More information to follow, please keep the date free!