

ADVENT I

While I was away doing academic things, I visited the Augustinian house at Klosterneuburg, a little outside Vienna. Founded by the saintly Margrave Leopold III in 1114, it has had a stable and continual existence ever since (see also another foundation of Leopold, the Cistercian house at Heiligenkreuz, of which more anon). One son of Klosterneuburg, who is perhaps less well-known today than once he was, was Pius Parsch (1884-1954), among whose best-known works is *The Church's Year of Grace*.

Pius Parsch was a scholar of scripture and of the liturgy, as well as a seasoned military chaplain and parish priest, and he undertook the colossal task of explaining the Church's public worship to the faithful in clear and accessible language. While some of what he said has been superseded by subsequent scholarship, everything he wrote was engaging and worthy of consideration and discussion. He also had a fondness for laying out themes and characteristics of the Church's year in diagrams and bullet-pointed lists, something with which I have much sympathy.

To start us off for Advent, here is Pius Parsch's laying out of one strand of themes he discerns in Advent and Christmastide presenting the image, found throughout scripture, of the Lord as Bridegroom, and the Church as Bride. What lines can you draw through the words and actions of Advent? How might you grow in understanding the gifts which the Church gives us in her public life of prayer?

The Royal Nuptials of Heaven and Earth

- A. The curtain rises. Preparation for the King's coming (Advent)
- I. He comes
 1. Vision from afar (first Sunday of Advent)
 2. Jerusalem prepares herself (second Sunday of Advent)
 - II. Now He is near
 3. The joy of anticipation (third Sunday of Advent)
 4. The King puts on the clothes of a servant (Ember Days)
 5. Final preparations and longing call of the bride
 6. Before the eternal gates (Vigil of Christmas)
- B. The King appears (Christmas)
- I. The King comes in servant's clothes (Christmas)
 1. His retinue: martyrs (Stephen), virgins (John), children (Holy Innocents)
 2. His glance towards the Cross (Sunday within the octave)
 - II. In full glory the King celebrates his marriage to the Church (Epiphany)
 1. He receives His wedding guests (Magi)
 2. He purifies His Bride (baptism in the Jordan)
 3. He gives His wedding meal (second Sunday after Epiphany)
 - III. The Bride prepares her chamber (Candlemas)

Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Philippians 1:4-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6



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SUNDAY 2 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sung Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Wm Mason RIP Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Anne Pritchard's Ints.</i> 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> Readings and Music for Advent 6.00pm Holy Rood
Monday 3 December	St Francis Xavier, Priest SUNDAYS: YEAR C No Mass DIVINE OFFICE WEEK I WEEKDAYS YEAR I
Tuesday 4 December	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary Ted Renshaw RIP Adoration 8.00-9.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 5 December	St Birinus, Bishop Coffee after morning Mass Mass 9.00am Holy Rood Rose Lanzon-Miller's Ints. Adoration 9.30-10.00am
Thursday 6 December	St Nicholas, Bishop Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) for Vocations followed by Adoration; Confessions, 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 7 December	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor Holy Rood open for prayer 8.30-4.00pm Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Adoration 1.00-4.00pm Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>)
Saturday 8 December	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM Mass 9.00am Holy Rood followed by Rosary; Confessions until 10.00am
SUNDAY 9 December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Ted Renshaw RIP Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Clare Shea RIP Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> Waiting with Mary: 5.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS | We ought all to go to Confession during Advent. In this parish, you can on Saturdays 9.30– 10.00am, 6.10-6.30pm; Thursdays 7.00- 8.00pm, before or after any Mass, or at another time as arranged. Other churches are also available, and Penitential services with the opportunity for individual confessions later on in different parts of the Pastoral Area. There's time for children and adults later in Advent.

SACKCLOTH & ASHES ✕ On **Friday 7 December**, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA seeks your kind donations of woolly hats, toblerone chocolates as well as other personal items for seafarers. Donations of rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes as well as financial donations are most welcomed. For more information and how to donate please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 25 November 2018
Main collection plate: £ 457.90
Standing orders: £ 647.00
Parish giving info: Cheques should be made payable to:
PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady
Bank transfers to account number **00883337**, sort code **309304**.
For Gift Aid, please complete the gift aid declarations at the back of church and return to the parish office.

COUNTING ROTA
Wednesday 5 December
Celia and Maria

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | **13 January** White Flower appeal; **20 January** Cathedral.

CHILDREN'S DIARY
Our Lady's: Children's liturgy runs on Sundays, during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's.
9 December: Advent Children's Mass
16 December: Christingles
23 December: Xmas workshop 3-4.30pm
24 December: Mass with Nativity Play 5.30pm
Thank you to Catarina for directing this year's Nativity Play
For any queries please contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com
Holy Rood: Children's liturgy runs during the 11.15am Mass at Holy Rood.

CAKE SALE FUNDRAISER | The young people at Holy Rood have organised a cake sale on **Sunday 9 December** after the 11.15am Mass at Holy Rood. All the proceedings will go to St Mungo's in support of their work with homelessness in and around Oxford.

OUR LADY'S SPARROWS | Our Lady of the Rosary's children's choir for those aged 6+ practises after the 9.15am Sunday Mass. For more information, contact Alex Lloyd at alvlloyd@gmail.com

CHERUBS: HOLY ROOD LITTLE CHOIR | Singing practice for our youngest musicians by the organ after the 11.15am Sunday Mass. Contact Julia Craig-McFeely via the parish office for more information.

NEW CAFOD EVENT Following the creation of a Cafod team of volunteers we would like to hold a fund raising event on **Sunday 16 December**. Please bring along your unwanted Xmas decorations to the Saturday night or Sunday morning Mass. There will be a sale after the 9.15 mass for you to purchase some different decorations to refresh your tree this year. All donations gratefully received and any cakes for us to sell would also be most welcome. Christine OX 862033.

IN OUR PRAYERS
THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |
Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Moira Fryer, Harold Crapper, Julia Craig-McFeely, Maura Dennehy, Chris Travis, Alex Lloyd
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |
Ted Renshaw, Margery Finch

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |
In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF PPC MEETING NOVEMBER 2018 |
Parish Pastoral Council members were reappointed by Fr Daniel for a further 3-year term. Those interested in membership should speak to Fr Daniel.

Review of aims for 2018
Women's Group reshaping itself as Wednesday morning coffee and fellowship time.
Men's Group Positive responses and ongoing dialogue.

Expanding opening at Holy Rood
Friday daytime opening going well, no plans immediately to expand that formally.

Increasing opportunities for Adoration in the Parish In addition to current opportunities, there will be a 10-15 minute period for exposition after the Sunday Masses in Advent, plus Adoration to be held after Wednesday morning Mass.

Launching Parish Website Parish website up and running.

Holding 'Night Fever' at Holy Rood
Discussions about practicalities, including timing and use of name and branding. Worth beginning with a guided Holy Hour or similar, to introduce idea.

ORDINARIATE | **Sung Mass**, Saturdays at 5.00pm (for Sunday); Thursdays 6.30pm, at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinate Missal, which all are welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter.

RETIRING COLLECTION | This week: For decorating our churches this Christmas.

RESERVE A PLACE AT CRISIS THIS CHRISTMAS | A place at Christmas for a homeless is more than just a hot dinner, a health check and a haircut. For £28.18 one guest will receive housing and job advice plus access to year round services at Crisis. To donate please go to www.crisis.org.uk

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT LECTURE SERIES | On **Saturday 22 December** at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, from 10-12noon. £30 per lecture. Please see poster in church with more information and how to book a place.

FUNDRAISING QUIZ in aid of East African Playgrounds a charity that builds playgrounds in refugee settlements and schools in East Africa. The charity employs and trains local people who are struggling to find work. Tickets are £5 for the event on the **27 December at 7pm** in the Rosary Room.

YOUTH GROUP | See events advertised. Etipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
WOMEN'S READING GROUP | A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on a Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together *Amoris Laetitia*. maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk.
ROSARY | Saturday morning after 9.00am Mass.

ADORATION | Tuesdays, 8.00-9.00pm, Our Lady's; Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood; Fridays 1.00-4.00pm Holy Rood
CONFESSIONS | Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood; Saturdays 9.30-10.00am Holy Rood; Saturdays 6.10-6.30pm Our Lady's.