

## LENT HYMNS: PART I

What is a hymn? There are those who remind us that the Gloria and the Te Deum are hymns—indeed, in Latin, they're called the Angelic Hymn and the Ambrosian Hymn respectively—but that isn't what we usually mean. In the sense of a Christian text set to music, which is usually made up of verses which may rhyme and scan, the original, native environment of the hymn is the Divine Office, the services of Lauds, Vespers, and the other moments of sanctifying the day which we find in the Breviary. It is a little hobby-horse of mine that the Second Vatican Council urged clergy and faithful alike to (re)discover the riches of the Office, and to make it part of parish life, rather than something read quietly by clerics—these days quite often from a mobile phone app. We have had some public celebrations of the Office over the last year or so, both sung and said, and we'll do so again in Holy Week.

The different offices have their own hymns, by season, by saint, or by day. 'Green' days, in Ordinary Time, traditionally have a set of hymns during the week which tell the Genesis story of the days of creation: Tuesday evening's *Telluris ingens conditor*, 'Earth's mighty maker, whose command/raised from the sea the solid land'; Thursday evening's *Magnae Deus potentiae*, 'Almighty God, who from the flood/didst bring to life a twofold brood;/ part in the firmament to fly,/ and part in ocean's depths to lie' - to be honest, they don't translate all that well, but you get the idea...

One of Lent's traditional hymns is called *Ex more docti mystic*, attributed to Pope St Gregory the Great (540-604). Here's part of it in J. M. Neale's translation:

The fast, as taught by holy lore,	<i>Ex more docti mystico</i>
We keep in solemn course once more;	<i>servemus hoc jejunium,</i>
The fast to all men known, and bound	<i>deno dierum circulo</i>
In forty days of yearly round.	<i>ducto quater notissimo.</i>

The law and seers that were of old  
In divers ways this Lent foretold  
Which Christ, all seasons' king and guide,  
In after ages sanctified.

More sparing therefore let us make  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
Our sleep and mirth; and closer barred  
Be every sense in holy guard.

There are plenty of other Lenten hymns, especially those from the German and English traditions, which don't have their origins in daily prayer, and we'll look at some of those in the weeks to come. But, after the psalms (and especially the Penitential Psalms), *Ex more* is the begetter of them all. The words remind us what we're about, and why, and how we should do it, which is pretty good for a few lines of late Latin poetry. All kinds of things can enhance our devotions, and picking up a decent hymnbook isn't a bad place to start.

*Fr Daniel*

### Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9



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<b>SUNDAY</b> 5 March	<b>LENT I YEAR A</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <i>Divine Office Week 1</i> Mass 5pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pat Harrigan RIP (Anniv.)</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood <i>Portuguese</i> <b>Sunday</b> Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 6 March	<i>Monday of the First Week of Lent</i> <b>First Holy Communion Class 3.45-4.45pm Rosary Room</b> Mass 6.30pm Good Shepherd <i>Andrew Iredale's Ints.</i>
Tuesday 7 March	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of Ss Felicity &amp; Perpetua)</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Mary Hatton RIP</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 8 March	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of St John of God)</i> <i>Ember Day</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood <i>Mary Hatton RIP</i>
Thursday 9 March	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of St Frances of Rome)</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) <i>FM Donald Halliday RIP</i> Adoration & Confessions 7-8pm
Friday 10 March	<i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Ember Day</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Frank Kelly RIP</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin 1962</i> )
Saturday 11 March	<i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Ember Day</i> 9am Mass Holy Rood <i>Kathleen McDaid RIP</i> 9.30-10am Confessions 10am <i>Why?</i> Course Session II Holy Rood
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 March	<b>LENT II YEAR A</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> Mass 5pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Deceased members of the Rivolta family</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood <i>Portuguese</i> <b>Sunday</b> Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Kathleen McDaid RIP</i> 3pm <i>Why?</i> Course Session II Holy Rood

**Our Lady of the Rosary**, Botley, OX2 9BD **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD  
**Good Shepherd** Kennington, OX1 5LY **St Thomas More**, Boars Hill, OX1 5HD

**THE WHY? COURSE** | Is God calling you to: become a Catholic? To Marriage? To Ordination? To have your child baptised, or to take the plunge yourself? Is your child getting ready for First Holy Communion? Do you want to learn more about your faith? Or discuss something you've always wondered about? The award-winning *Why?* Course begins this Lent, all welcome:  
**Session II** Saturday 11 March 10-11am  
or Sunday 12 March 3.00-4.00pm  
**Session III** Saturday 18 March 10-11am  
or Sunday 19 March 3.00-4.00pm  
All are welcome.

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** (To be a Christian is to be a Missionary) ✕ Please return your Red Mission Boxes to the Church for counting. Many thanks as always to Bernie Cowley, Maura Dennehy, Claire Guest, Jessie Walker, Helena Felici and Catherine Harker our parish promoters.  
Barbara Pearson (Local secretary)

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** | Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. March's is: **Support for Persecuted Christians**. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting**  
Janet and Gerald

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 26 February 2017**  
Main collection plate: £461.78  
Standing orders: £533.75

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

### CHILDREN'S DIARY

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

**19 March** - LENT Children's Mass. No children liturgy. Green cake for children afterwards in Rosary Room to remember St Patrick. Cake and book sale for CAFOD

**26 March** - MOTHERING SUNDAY with traditional brunch and mini celebration of music, dance and singing from children and parishioners after Mass in the Rosary Room (all welcome).

**Wednesday 12 April, 3-4.30pm**  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN followed by Confessions and LENT WORKSHOP

**16 April** EASTER SUNDAY  
Easter egg hunt after Mass  
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Please contact Blanka at [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**MOTHERING SUNDAY BRUNCH AND MINI CELEBRATION** | Please find a sign up sheet for food contributions at the back of the church (OLOR). If you would like to contribute to our celebration and give thanks to God this way for your talents and to bring joy to other parishioners, please let Blanka know, before the 26 March!

**NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** ✕ It will take place from **10-18 March** at **St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead** and at **Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool**. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph with this Novena. You are invited to send your petitions or to request a Novena booklet to join in from home. For more details see poster at the back of the church as well as leaflets for petitions to be placed at the Masses during the Novena.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED** | *Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Jim & Joan Chatting, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Michelle Roche, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Norman Coles, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer*

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY FRIDAY 10 MARCH** | Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago she was only just making enough to feed her family. CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. Now she is able to send her children to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Please find CAFOD envelopes at the back of the church.

**CHRISM MASS, ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH - TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017** ✕ The Pastoral Area is once again running a bus to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass this year. The bus will leave Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, returning at around 3pm. The cost of a seat is £12, payment required on booking. Please call Didcot parish office to book a place on 01235 812338, or email [didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). All bookings must be received by **Friday 31 March**.

**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**. The main topic is family life - so it should be of interest to all! Please contact *Maria Rosa Antognazza* ([maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk)) if you wish to join or would like more information.

**ORDINARIATE** | Sung Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinarate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Next week's music: for Quinquagesima, Palestrina, *Missa Sine nomine*; Viadana, *Exsultate justi*.

**BOOK AND CAKE SALE** | On Sunday **19 March** after the 9.15am Mass at the Rosary Room there will be a book and cake sale with the proceeds going to CAFOD. There are boxes at the back of the church for people to put their donations or you can bring them on the 19 and any cakes would also be gratefully received on the day!

**MARYFIELD CONVENT - CATHOLIC RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME** London Rd., Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA | Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous, quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394 and speak to Trish Davies

**PILGRIMAGES** | ✕ **LOURDES** ✕ Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip **Friday 18-25 August 2017**. Please email [parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) ✕ **PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW** ✕ Adventure with the saints this November visiting Divine Mercy Shrine, Pope JP2 sanctuary, Auschwitz and more. Departing 20 November spend 4 nights in a 5\* hotel, flying from Heathrow with BA. Early bird offer £485. To find out more please visit [www.aglowpilgrimages.com/krakow-pilgrimages](http://www.aglowpilgrimages.com/krakow-pilgrimages) or call 0800 689 4792.