

## FROM THE DIVINE OFFICE

I rejoice greatly, dear brother, at the outstanding zeal that drives you to promote the glory of God. It is sad to see how in our times the disease called 'indifferentism' is spreading in all its forms, 'The fulfilment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

This is the highest, all-embracing benefit that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery, this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the fore-ordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.

—Office of Readings for the Nativity of the B.V.M., from a sermon by St Andrew of Crete

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** | Registration is now open for First Holy Communion in summer 2019. Children should be at least 7 years old by May 2019. Please email the parish office at [hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with your child's name, date of birth, and their date and place of baptism. Registration closes on Sunday 23 September 2018. Classes begin shortly thereafter.

Readings for the Twenty Third and Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37  
Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35



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SUNDAY 2 September	<b>SUNDAY 22 PER ANNUM (YEAR B)</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> 5.00pm Mass ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Ann Keegan</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Bob Martin RIP</i>
Monday 3 Sep	No Mass <b>St Gregory the Great</b>
Tues 4 Sep	Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Mary and Daniel Casey St Cuthbert, Bishop</i>
Wed 5 Sep	Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Michal Giedroyc RIP Feria (Wednesday of Wk 22)</i>
Thur 6 Sep	No Mass <i>Feria</i>
Friday 7 Sep	No Mass <i>Feria</i>
Sat 8 Sep	Mass 9.00am Holy Rood followed by Confessions <b>Nativity of the BVM</b>
SUNDAY 9 September	<b>SUNDAY 23 PER ANNUM (YEAR B)</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> 5.00pm Mass ( <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> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Bob Martin RIP</i>
Monday 10 Sep	No Mass <i>Feria (Monday of Wk 23)</i>
Tues 11 Sep	Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Feria</i>
Wed 12 Sep	Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
Thur 13 Sep	No Mass <i>St John Chrysostom</i>
Friday 14 Sep	Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962)
Sat 15 Sep	Mass 9.00am Holy Rood followed by Confessions <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
SUNDAY 16 September	<b>SUNDAY 24 PER ANNUM (YEAR B)</b> <b>HOLY ROOD: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> 5.00pm Mass ( <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> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Founders &amp; Benefactors</i>
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> , Botley, OX2 9BD ✱ <b>Holy Rood</b> , Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD <b>St Thomas More</b> , Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN	

Dear parishioners, thank you so much for the kind gift of altar linens that you gave me on my ordination to the priesthood. And many thanks also to those individuals who generously marked the occasion with other gifts and cards.

Please continue to pray for me and my fellow new priests. We need your prayers!  
Fr Michael

**CHILD PROTECTION** | Training session for all those working with children in the parish on **Saturday 8 September** from 10-12.30pm at Holy Rood Church.

**RIDE & STRIDE** | On **Saturday 8 September**. Sponsorship forms are at the back of the church.

**FRIDAYS** | Friday Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on **Friday 14 September**.

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 26 August 2018**  
Main collection plate: £461.14  
Standing orders: £620  
**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.

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** | **16 September**  
Home Mission Sunday.

On Home Mission Sunday the second collection will give us the opportunity to support the spread of the Gospel. The money from this collection does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales to share their faith.

### CHILDREN'S DIARY

Children's liturgy runs on Sundays, during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: no Children's Liturgy  
Children's Liturgy resumes on Sunday **16 September**.

For any queries please contact Blanka [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**OUR LADY'S SPARROWS** | Our Lady of the Rosary's children's choir for those aged 6+ practises after the 9.15am Sunday Mass. The Sparrows are on summer holidays, but for more information, contact Alex Lloyd at [alvlloyd@gmail.com](mailto:alvlloyd@gmail.com)

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

**SIGN-UP SUNDAY** | We will have a volunteer sign up session after the masses on the weekend of **Sunday 23 September**. Full guidance, training, and assistance offered.

**WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOUR IN NEED** | Two free Caritas events to find out what community sponsorship is and how communities can help resettle refugees. Please see poster in church, if interested sign up at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE - FOR SCIENCE OR RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM** | On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** 10am to 4pm in Winchester. With Professor Brian Cox and Dr Andrew Pinsent. More details in Sept.

**YOUTH SUNDAY WITH BISHOP PHILIP (16-35 ONLY)** On **Sunday 25 November** at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, from 5 to 9pm. To book please go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |

*Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Moira Fryer, Harold Crapper, Catriona Wellesley, Julian Quinn, Christopher Browne, Anne Norburn, Julia Craig-McFeely, Margery Finch, Maura Dennehy*

#### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |

Bob Martin, Donald Minchew

#### HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |

##### Universal – *Young People in Africa*

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** | Please note the office will be closed from the 4 until the 14 September (inclusive).

#### CONTACTING A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY

| Please remember that if you or a relative or friend go into hospital, you will need to alert the Catholic Chaplain. If you need to contact Fr Michael, please call the parish office.

#### YOUTH GROUP

| See events advertised.  
**E** [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or [tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouthadmin@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*. **E** [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto: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.

**ORDINARIATE** | 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.

**HOLY CROSS** | We will celebrate Holy Rood's Feast of Title at the 11.15am Mass on **Sunday 16 September**.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY** | We will celebrate our parish's patronal festival at all Masses on 6/7 October.

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** ✖ (To be a Christian is to be a Missionary). Please return your Red Mission boxes to the churches for counting. Many thanks as always to BERNIE COWLEY, MAURA DENNEHY, CLAIRE GUEST, JESSIE WALKER, HELENA FELICI and ALAN FLOCKTON our parish promoters.  
Barbara Pearson (Local Secretary)

#### KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

**ALTAR SERVERS DAY** | On **Saturday 13 October** at Christ the King Church in Reading, RG2 8NR. From 10am to 4pm. To register go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE |**  
[www.hinkseyparish.org](http://www.hinkseyparish.org)