

LENT HYMNS: PART II

Last week, we looked at the origins of hymns in the Divine Office, and particularly at one of the Office Hymns for Lent. Now, we turn to a later development, the so-called *Cantiones*. These are songs, first of all written in Latin, which are not strictly speaking part of the liturgy (whether the Office or the Mass), but which were sung before, during, and after services. Sometimes these were led by official cantors, and other times the people joined in the whole thing. Often, there was a refrain, or chorus, which everyone sang, and which had a fairly simple and straightforward tune, while the verses were more complex, and sung by a cantor.

A T-ténde Dómine et misere-re quia peccávimus ti-bi.
 1 Ad te, Rex summe, óm-ni-um red-ém-ptor, ó-culos nostros
 sub - le-vámus flentes: ex-áud-i, Christe, supplicántum pre-ces.

One of the best-known of these is what we sometimes call the **Lent Prose**, the *Attende Domine*, or *Hear us, O Lord*. It is really somewhere between a hymn and a litany, which we might define as a form of responsive, or responsorial, prayer, used in public and private devotions alike, and usually sung.

Litanies go back to Jewish worship and prayer, and one of the most obvious examples is Psalm 136: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: *for his mercy endures forever*. Give thanks to the God of gods: *for his mercy endures forever*. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: *for his mercy endures for ever...* And so it continues, telling the story of the people of Israel. In the Eastern Churches, there is a Litany roughly where we have the Bidding Prayers: it is always a set form, and has the responses *Kyrie eleison*, 'We beseech you', and so on. We have the *Litany of the Saints*, which has a few different responses spread throughout it, beginning 'pray for us', and moving on to 'libera nos, Domine', 'Deliver us, O Lord', and 'Te rogamus, audi nos', 'We beseech you, hear us'. And there are the Litany of Loreto, of the Sacred Heart, and so on.

The Lent Prose is Spanish in origin, and is said to date from the 10th century. Indeed, it is not merely Spanish, but *Mozarabic*, which is used to describe the rites used by those in Spain who had lived under Moorish rule. The Mozarabic Rite, today used daily in the cathedral of Toledo, and elsewhere in the city, is a way of worshipping which is not the same as the Roman Rite (which we use), but which is equally and entire Catholic. It tends to be somewhat longer and fuller, and uses rich symbolism: it's from the Mozarabic rite that we get both the use of Ashes at Ash Wednesday, and the use of the Creed at Mass.

'Attende, Domine': 'Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee'. It is challenging to admit our imperfection, and, more than that, to confess the times when we have deliberately rejected what God wants of us. But, if it's mercy we want, we must begin by admitting our need for it. 'A broken, contrite heart' God does not despise: sometimes, though, we need reminding of that. *Fr Daniel*

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42



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SUNDAY 19 March	LENT II YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>June Gammon RIP</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> Sunday 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
Monday 13 March	<i>Lent Feria (Monday of the Second Week of Lent)</i> First Holy Communion Class 3.45-4.45pm Rosary Room Mass 6.30pm Good Shepherd <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 14 March	<i>Lent Feria</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Grace of a Good Lent</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 15 March	<i>Lent Feria</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood <i>Kathleen McDaid RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Thursday 16 March	<i>Lent Feria</i> <i>No Mass, Adoration, Confessions this evening.</i>
Friday 17 March	St Patrick, Bishop <i>No Mass today</i>
Saturday 18 March	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem)</i> 9am Mass Holy Rood <i>Kathleen</i> 9.30-10am Confessions 10am <i>Why?</i> Course Session III Holy Rood
SUNDAY 19 March	LENT III YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 3</i> Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm 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>Portuguese</i> Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> 3pm <i>Why?</i> Course Session III Holy Rood

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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.

BOOK AND CAKE SALE | This weekend after the 6.30pm and 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!

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 Tuesday 14 March
Gerald and Jo

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 5 March 2017
Main collection plate: £496.33
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

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

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!

NORTH HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP | Our Lady of the Rosary Church - **Sunday 2 April** - 11-15 yr olds 2:30 - 4pm. Youth Mass 4:15pm followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room. Contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

EVENING OF HEALING ✕ Please join us for an evening of praise, worship and healing prayer on **Saturday 18 March** from 7-9pm at Sacred Heart RC Church, Sawpit Road, Oxford, OX4 6BD. For further information please see poster at the back of the church.

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, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer, Michael Towner*

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. All bookings must be received by **Friday 31 March**.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP REFUGEES? The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members, people who are passionate about helping refugees and who have specific skills to offer, from various specialists to administration and organisation skills. If you would like to help or find out more, please see poster at the back of the church.

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 (maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).

CATHOLIC HERALD | If you would like to subscribe to this magazine, please see poster at the back of the church.

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. Next week's music: for Quinquagesima, Palestrina, *Missa Sine nomine*; Viadana, *Exsultate justi*.

'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' ... IN A DAY! You will see the DVDs followed by short discussions to confirm key points and to discover the salvation narrative story that runs through the Bible. We hope participants will take this course back to parishes across the diocese. We have four DVD courses available on loan from the Formation for Mission group. Saturday 6 May, 9am-5pm at St Peter's Church, Winchester, SO23 8BW. Cost £10 includes Bible Timeline chart, light lunch and refreshments. If interested please contact Liza Nahajzki at parishstudies@gmail.com

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) ✕ You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focusing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Saturday **25 March** from 11am to 4pm. There is no need to register in advance. For more information and directions, see poster at the back of the church.

PILGRIMAGES | ✕ **LOURDES** ✕ Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip **Friday 18-25 August 2017**. Please email 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. To find out more please visit www.aglowpilgrimages.com/krakow-pilgrimages or call 0800 689 4792.