

CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week sees the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. This period of prayer begins on 18 January each year, on what was once the feast of the *Cathedra Petri*, the Chair of St Peter, and concludes on Thursday 25 January, the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. It thus links the great apostolic witnesses to our prayer that unity be a reality.

Christian Unity is, sadly, something to which it can be easy to pay lip-service, without necessarily taking it seriously. But on the night before he was betrayed, and was delivered up into the hands of the wicked for the salvation of the world, Our Lord prayed '*Ut unum sint*', 'that they may be one.' That is the importance we have to attach to the meaning of unity. But what is that meaning? St John Paul II spoke of the barriers to unity as including 'Long-standing misgivings inherited from the past, mutual misunderstandings and prejudices, complacency, indifference and insufficient knowledge of one another' (*Ut unum sint*, 1995). Now, being united is not the same as being identical: the diversity of the Catholic Church throughout the world, in full, visible communion with the successor of St Peter, shows us that. But neither is it the same as politely nodding to one another in the street, or even worshipping from time to time in one another's communities. The question with which we're faced, but which we can never answer without God's help, is: what does Christian unity look like?

And if we don't know that, why should we pray for it? Well, we should pursue unity because Jesus has asked us to. We should pursue unity because it shows the world that the Word has been sent from the Father, and that we are each known, loved, and willed by God, and that our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ changes us in this life, and orients us to the life of the world to come. How can we show Christ to the world, and love to the world, if our divisions are the most interesting and obvious things about us? Ultimately, Unity is costly because it is Christ-like, and that is why we should strive for it.

Here, then, is a prayer for you to use throughout this week. Why not take a day of the week, or a date of the month, to pray regularly for the unity of Christians?

Antiphon That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you: that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me.

V I say to you that you are Peter:
R And on this rock I will build my Church.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



Readings for Sunday 3 Year C

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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Hinksey Catholic Parish	
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SUNDAY 20 January	SUNDAY 2 PER ANNUM YEAR C Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sung Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Christian Unity</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>James McDaid RIP</i> First Holy Communion Classes 3.00pm Rosary Room
Monday 21 January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Weekday Readings Year I No Mass Psalter Week 2
Tuesday 22 January	St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary FM C.K. Steward RIP Finance Council 7.30pm Parish Office Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 23 January	Ferial Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Private Intention</i> Coffee after Mass PPC 7.30pm Parish Office
Thursday 24 January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor Funeral Mass 10.45am Our Lady & St Edmund Abingdon Arthur Cotterell RIP Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) for Vocations Adoration and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood
Friday 25 January	Conversion of St Paul the Apostle Holy Rood Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Christian Unity</i> open 8.30-4.00pm Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962) Adoration 1.00-4.00pm Funeral Mass Our Lady of the Rosary 1.30pm <i>John Spencer RIP</i>
Saturday 26 January	St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr, and St Titus, Bishop Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Private Intention, Rosary; Confessions til 10.00am</i>
SUNDAY 27 January	SUNDAY 3 PER ANNUM YEAR C Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sung Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Melanie Campbell RIP</i> Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>FM Ernest Goddard RIP</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Gerald Dawson's Ints</i> First Holy Communion Classes 3.00pm Rosary Room
Our Lady of the Rosary , Botley, OX2 9BD ✱ Holy Rood , Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD St Thomas More , Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN	

CATHEDRAL | Next weekend we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift-aided envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation if possible.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP PHILIP ✕ From the **25th to 30th July 2019**. Booking forms and details can be found at the back of the church.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS | In March, the Government is to launch a Settlement Scheme, to which all EU citizens living in the UK should apply if they wish to remain here after Brexit. [NB The rights of Irish citizens are separately protected.] The Bishops ask us to bring this scheme to the attention of all who might need it. Please see gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families and also gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-communityleaders-toolkit

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Weeks ending 6 and 13 January 2019
Main collection plate: £ 1111.78
Standing orders: £ 1304
White Flower: £ 252.31
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 23 January Blanka & Maria

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | **27 January** Cathedral.

CHILDREN'S DIARY
Our Lady's: Children's liturgy runs on Sundays, during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's.
For any queries please contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

Holy Rood: Children's liturgy runs during the 11.15am Mass at Holy Rood.

BOWLING AT HOLLYWOOD LANES | On **Saturday 2nd February**, meeting at Kassam Stadium at 15.50pm. If you would like to attend and reserve a place please email Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Parents of children younger than 8 years old, may be required to stay with them if there are insufficient volunteers to support the session.

OXFORD RACE HUT | On **Sunday 3 February** from 4-6pm. Cost: £10 /racer for 15 min of qualifying, 1x Grand prix race, 1x Grand Final. Domino's pizza and soft drinks for children included. Children to be accompanied by parent(s). Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

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.

ARTHUR COTTERELL RIP | Arthur's Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon, on **Thursday 24 January** at **10.45am**.

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, Maura Dennehy, Chris Travis, Alex Lloyd, Mary Hodgkins

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |
Michelle Roche, John Spencer, Mary Sheridan, Arthur Cotterell

CATHOLIC TV CHANNEL ON LINE |
Visit www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |
Evangelisation - That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIPS HELP | Whether you are feeling things just aren't quite right or whether you are encountering serious difficulties, our professionally trained volunteer relationship counsellors are here to listen and to support you towards a positive outcome. Call us on 0800 389 3801 or for more information visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk

YOUTH GROUP | See events advertised.
E tipayouth@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.
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 | **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.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) | On **Saturday 26 January from 11.00-4.00**. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 2.30 *Talk "Prayer and Renewal"*— Charles Whitehead KSG explains why and how we should be renewing our prayer lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

JOHN SPENCER RIP | John's Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary on **Friday 25 January** at 1.30pm.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE AT QUARR ABBEY | Designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation. **Friday 8th (evening) - Sunday 10th March 2019**. www.quarrabbey.org

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE DON BOSCO CAMP 2019 | **28th July - 3rd August 2019** an opportunity for secondary school boys to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a safe but challenging countryside setting. Please visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/donbosco and contact: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PRAYER REQUESTS ✕ Would you like a prayer for your own intention, for your parish or for any need? Go to the home page of the diocese's website, scroll down to the "prayer request" button, where you can leave an anonymous request which will go to 40 intercessors throughout the diocese.