

ADVENT III

A short series on some of the prayers used during Advent. Today: the O Antiphons

- O Sapientia O Wisdom
- O Adonai O Adonai (Lord)
- O Radix Jesse O Root of Jesse
- O Clavis David O Key of David
- O Oriens O Morning Star
- O Rex gentium O King of the nations
- O Emmanuel O Emmanuel
- [O Virgo virginum] O virgin of virgins

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O Emmánu-el, * Rex et légi-fer nóster, exspe-
ctá-ti-o génti-um, et Salvátor e-árum: véni ad sal-
vándum nos Dómine Dé-us nóster. E u o u a e.

These are the antiphons used before and after the *Magnificat*, the *Canticle of Our Lady*, each evening at Vespers in the days leading up to Christmas. The days on which they are used are given on the front of this newsletter. The tune for each is the same (see *O Emmanuel* above), but the texts change. Each of them is a title of the coming Messiah, and each is drawn in large part from the prophecies of Isaiah. [The last one given here, O Virgin of virgins, was used in mediaeval England, and remains in the breviaries of the Premonstratensians, or Norbertines; it comes in part from the Song of Songs].

They are referenced in passing in the 500s AD, and had made their way to Rome a few centuries later. They seem to have been particularly popular amongst the Benedictines, and those at the abbey of Fleury had a tradition of reciting them in descending order of rank, followed by gift-giving to the members of the community. As is often the case with liturgical things, they were not always and everywhere the same, but (with the exception noted) they are now uniform across the Roman rite. You may also hear them at daily Mass (though, oddly in some lectionaries, in the wrong order) used as the Alleluia verse. There are some poetic expansions on them in the Old English *Advent Lyrics*, composed around 800AD, and a very pleasant setting by Charpentier of c.1693, called the *Antiennes O de l'Avent* (H. 36-43).

Two of the antiphons use Hebrew words: *Adonai* is the word read aloud when the *Tetragrammaton*, YHWH יהוה is written or printed, and means 'Lord', or 'my Lord'. *Emmanu-el* means 'God-is-with-us'. These antiphons help to guide, and place in context, our devout and joyful expectation in the remainder of this holy season.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

A Fourth Sunday of Advent	23/24 December
Saturday Vigil Masses	5.00pm Holy Rood; 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday Masses	9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary; 11.15am Holy Rood
B Christmas	24/25 December
Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass 5.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary with <i>Nativity Play</i> First Mass of Christmas 9.30pm Holy Rood
Christmas Day	Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 11.15am Holy Rood
NB To fulfil your Sunday obligation and your Christmas obligation , you should go to one Mass in section A and one Mass in section B.	

Next Sunday's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16; Psalm 88; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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SUNDAY 17 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) DIVINE OFFICE Wk 3 GAUDETE SUNDAY Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5pm Holy Rood <i>Divine Worship</i> Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (in Portuguese) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Members of the Hynes Family, living and departed</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> O Sapiaientia
Monday 18 December	<i>Feria</i> No Mass O Adonai
Tuesday 19 December	<i>Feria</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Madeline's Ints</i> O Radix Jesse Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 20 December	<i>Feria</i> O Clavis David Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>John Hayes Ints</i> Ember Day Christmas Carol Service 3.00pm <i>Cumnor Hill House Nursing Home</i>
Thursday 21 December	<i>St Peter Canisius, Confessor, Doctor</i> O Oriens Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (Divine Worship) [Penitential Service, followed by Holy Hour with Confessions 7.00-8.00pm 7pm Abingdon]
Friday 22 December	<i>Feria</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>J&M Macarthy Ints</i> O Rex Gentium Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962) Ember Day
Saturday 23 December	<i>St John Cantius, Confessor</i> O Emmanuel Mass 9.00am Holy Rood followed by Rosary; Confessions 9.30-10.00am High Mass (Latin) 11.30 Holy Rood, with the <i>Oxford Gregorian Chant Society</i> Church Cleaning 2.00-4.00pm Holy Rood Ember Day
SUNDAY 24 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) DIVINE OFFICE Wk 4 Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5pm Holy Rood <i>Divine Worship</i> Sung Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (in Portuguese) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Nickey Lace's Ints</i>
SUNDAY 24 December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Vigil Sung Mass and Nativity Play 5.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Night Sung Mass 9.30pm Holy Rood
☩ MONDAY 25 December	Christmas Day Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 11.15am Holy Rood Pro populo
Our Lady of the Rosary , Botley, OX2 9BD ☩ Holy Rood , Abingdon Road, OXI 4LD St Thomas More , Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OXI 5DN	

PENITENTIAL SERVICES ✕ There are Penitential Services, with the opportunity for individual Reconciliation, on 21st December at Abingdon, 7pm.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING: HOLY ROOD | The plan at the moment is to meet at church in the afternoon on **Saturday 23 December 2.00-4.00pm**—as many volunteers as possible! Seasonal refreshments provided!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF FAITH I Will you make an extra especial gift of faith this Christmas in support of the suffering church? For more information please see the leaflet in church or go to www.acnuk.org/giftsoffait.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OLOR ✕ Please note that there is no Adoration at Our Lady on St Stephen's Day (Tuesday 26 December).

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 10 December 2017
Main collection plate: £534.76
Standing orders: £600
Order of Malta: £133.82
TODAY Christmas Flower collection
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 declaration found at the back of the church and return it to the office.

COUNTING ROTAS
TUESDAY 19 December
David and Maria

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.
Next Sunday: Christingles
Sunday 24 December: No children's liturgy
Christmas Eve: Mass with Nativity Play 5.30pm
Monday 25 December: Christmas Day no children's liturgy.
For more information, contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING | The collection taken at Christmas Masses in this country goes to the support of the parish priest. It forms a significant part of the priest's annual income. There are yellow envelopes available for this purpose in church this weekend and next, if you would like to contribute. It is, as ever, gratefully received.

CRIB OFFERINGS I This year with the encouragement of Bishop Philip, this parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially around Bethlehem, The West Bank, Gaza and Israel. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please visit their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk and keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers and please be generous.

COATS 4 CALAIS I Over 3,000 refugees are currently sleeping rough in Northern France. There are minors as young as 13, and they have no access to clean clothes, water or shelter. They urgently need warm winter clothes. Do you have a winter coat that you no longer wear? You can donate at: 147 Greenhill Road, Winchester SO22 5DU or, if you can't give a coat, simply visit mydonate.bt.com search Coats 4 Calais and buy a coat for a refugee for just £25.

IN OUR PRAYERS
THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |
Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Mary Hodgkins, Moira Fryer
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |
May Robinson, Anthony Boreham.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |
The Elderly : That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

PARISH OFFICE I Please note that the office will be closed from Friday 22 December to Tuesday 2 January (inclusive).

DAY BY DAY I January copies are available at the back of the church (£1)

YOUTH EVENT I There will be an Epiphany Mass at 5pm on **Saturday 6th January** at St Edmund's and Our Lady in Abingdon, followed by a talk by Heather Abel about her pilgrimage along the Camino to Santiago de Compostela from 6 -7:30pm.

PACT I Volunteers needed to support ex-prisoners, prisoners' children and families and also prisoners themselves. If you are interested please email emma.oconnor@prisonadvice.org.uk or 0771 230 6940. Please see poster in church.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR BISHOP PHILIP'S WEEKLY E-NEWS? I Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

ORDINARIATE | Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); 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. Music at Mass will be Gregorian Chant until next term. If you are interested in singing chant, come and see,

ADVENT CONFESSIONS | You ought to go to Confession during Advent. In this parish, you can on Saturday mornings between 9.30 and 10.00am, on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 8.00pm, before or after any Mass, or at another time as arranged. There are also other churches available, and Penitential services with the opportunity for individual confessions later this month in different parts of the Pastoral Area. You know what you have to do...

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
✕ Celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Holy Land, 6 places available from the **1-10 June 2018**. For more details please see poster in church.

ADMIN ASSISTANT I The Catholic Academies & Schools Office (CASO) in Portsmouth are looking to appoint a part time Administrative Assistant to support their work with the schools in the Diocese Closing date 18 January see www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies for full details.

YOUTH GROUP | see Youth Diary opposite:
WOMEN'S READING GROUP I 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. If you would like to join, please contact maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk.
MEN'S GROUP | As advertised.