

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)

✦ 'Roman Holiday' — Alexander Waugh, *The Spectator*, 13.11.1970

Few people in Britain probably noticed [...] that some 14,000 British citizens had quietly slipped away to Rome, long after the end of the holiday season. If they had been attending a football match the exodus would have attracted a certain amount of attention but there is a self-effacing, almost hangdog quality about British Roman Catholics which might well have something to do with the event they had come to celebrate: the martyrdom of forty English and Welsh Catholics during the penal times of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when to be a Catholic was to be guilty of treason.

For most, the death sentence was the one pronounced by Sir Christopher Wray, Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, on Sherwin, Campion, Kirby and five others in Westminster Hall on 16 November 1581: 'You must go to the place from whence you came, there to remain until ye shall be drawn through the open city of London upon hurdles to the place of execution, and there be hanged and let down alive, and your privy parts cut off, and your entrails taken out and burnt in your sight; then your head to be cut off and your bodies to be divided into four parts, to be disposed of at her Majesty's pleasure. And God have mercy on your souls.'

The fortitude of these men, who had to watch their fellows suffering this treatment before being asked a final time whether they were prepared to change their minds, was undoubtedly equalled by that of the Protestant martyrs who were burned for heresy. There was no reason, however, why the two sets of martyrs should be seen in competition. The names in English history which every English Catholic inherits for his demonology: Thomas Cromwell, Turcliffe, the appalling Robert Cecil, Titus Oates—were all unscrupulous creatures of politics, not religious zealots. Nobody had ever accused the Church of England of having encompassed their deaths. The same cannot be said, of course, about the Protestant martyrs under Queen Mary, for whom the Catholic Church bore direct responsibility; or about the Anabaptist martyrs who were burnt by Catholics and Church of England alike throughout the whole period.

✦ from the Sermon of BI Pope Paul VI at the Mass of Canonization, 25.10.1970

The unity existing between these men and women depends from the deeply spiritual cast of mind which they had in common. In so many other respects they were completely different [...] What unites them all is that interior quality of unshakeable loyalty to the vocation given them by God — the sacrifice of their lives as a loving response to that call.

The high tragedy in the lives of these martyrs was that their honest and genuine loyalty came into conflict with their fidelity to God and with the dictates of their conscience illumined by the Catholic faith. Two truths especially were involved: the Holy Eucharist, and the inalienable prerogatives of the successor of Peter who, by God's will, is the universal shepherd of Christ's Church. Faced with the choice of remaining steadfast in their faith and of dying for it, or of saving their lives by denying that faith, without a moment's hesitation and with a truly supernatural strength they stood for God and joyfully confronted martyrdom. At the same time such was the greatness of their spirit that many of them died with prayers on their lips for the country they loved so much, for the King or Queen, and not least for those directly responsible for their capture, their sufferings, and the degradation and ignominy of their cruel deaths. May our thanksgiving go up to God who, in His providential goodness, saw fit to raise up these martyrs.

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 22; 1Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10



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SUNDAY 30 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>PJ & Maureen's Ints.</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 1 May	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> No Mass; No First Holy Communion Class
Tuesday 2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Private Intention</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 3 May	Ss Philip & James, Apostles Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Daniel Dennehy</i>
Thursday 4 May	The English Martyrs Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Adoration and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 5 May	<i>of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>) Peter Frearson RIP (<i>Anniv</i>)
Saturday 6 May	<i>of the Third Week of Easter</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Alan Margerison</i> Confessions 9.30-10.00am
SUNDAY 7 May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Eamonn Maugham RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> Youth Mass 4.15pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Our Lady of the Rosary, Botley, OX2 9BD ✦ Holy Rood, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD St Thomas More, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN	

HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP FILM CLUB | **Sunday 7 May**, featuring '**Suffragette**' or '**Swallows and Amazons**' 2:30pm start in the Rosary Room. Mass at 4:15pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, OX2 9BD.

DAY TO DISCOVER RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN CATECHESIS | The formation for mission teams is organising a day for catechists and anyone interested in offering on-going faith support and formation for children. The day will include the in-depth discovery of different resources (Godly Play, Come follow me, Messy Church) that can be used in your parish. **Saturday 13 May** will start with Mass at 9.30am at Holy Cross Church and then in the parish hall, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF Bring a packed lunch. Please see poster at the back of the church.

DAY OF REFLECTION ✕ Fr Phil Carroll is organising a day of reflection on **Saturday 27 May** for Eucharistic ministers which is open to the pastoral area for those interested. The venue will be at Stonehill House OX14 4AA (off Drayton rd) from 10am till 4pm. For those who might be interested please confirm your attendance by email to: pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 23 April 2017
Main collection plate: £469.26
Standing orders: £533.75

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Wednesday 3 May
Stella 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.

30 April: After Mass rehearsal for FHC children at OLOR

7 May: Procession to Our Lady; after Mass: Talk for children about being Altar Servers, aimed especially at FHC children.

14 May: After Mass rehearsal FHC children at OLOR

21 May: 9.15am **No children's liturgy**
11.00am **FHC at OLOR**

28 May 9.15am FHC children at OLOR with Parish. Dedication of FHC children to Our Lady. **No Children's Liturgy.**

11.15am FHC at Holy Rood
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Please contact Blanka at mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

FORTHCOMING OBLIGATORY* SECOND COLLECTIONS | 6/7 May Clergy Training Fund; 27/28 May Catholic Communications Network; 17/18 June Day for Life; **Obligatory means that we have to hold them, not that you are compelled to give...*

DAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS | A formation day for First Holy Communion Catechists on **Saturday 29 May** from 9.30am to 4pm at St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate, Middle Road, Southampton, SO31 7GH. Bring lunch.

FREEDOG IN JUNE | There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on **Saturday 10 June**. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at **1pm**. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around **£12** including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack. For more information email Melanie tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |

Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Jim & Joan Chatting, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer, Bob Martin, Margaret Sherrington, Barbara Whitehead.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS |

Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. April's is: **Young People**. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

LADIES OF THE PARISH - COFFEE AND DISCUSSION GROUP |

The above group will be meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at Holy Rood Meeting Room, the first being this week **Wednesday 3 May** after the 9.00 am Mass. There will be coffee/tea and cake available, and apart from a great chance to increase social contacts amongst the ladies in the parish, we hope to go on to have a regular agenda of topics for discussion as suggested.

THE MESSAGE AND PRAYERS OF

FATIMA 1917-2017 ✕ Our Lady's appeal in 1917 to the three shepherd children of Fatima, for prayer for peace and for a deep conversion of heart, rings out from the site of her apparitions at the world-famous shrine with greater relevance than ever for the people of our times. This CTS booklet is highly recommended by Bishop Philip.

2017 YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (18-25 August) ✕

Participants must be 14-17 by 18 August, places can be secured with £100 deposit which contributes to a total cost of £625. Practical details to follow directly after reservation. Please see promotional cards 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 Ordinarate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Choral Masses have now resumed, sung by the Newman Consort: forthcoming music this term is due to include Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices*, James MacMillan's *A New Song*, choral propers of the Mass by Lassus and Isaac, and more.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14 TO 21 MAY 2017 |

Christian Aid Week allows us to join forces with other local churches to raise funds for this excellent charity (almost as good as CAFOD!) Volunteers are needed to deliver envelopes to roads in Elms Rise. Unlike previous years, we are no longer asked to collect these in which will make the task much easier. Please e-mail me at family.walker4@btinternet.com if you would consider helping this year and I will contact you to discuss possible roads.

A DIFFERENT WAY TO GIVE |

Has your vehicle reached the end of the road? Vehicles that are ready for the scrapheap can be a headache to dispose of. But, with award-winning company Giveacar, you can not only take care of a problem but also help the suffering Church at the same time. Visit www.giveacar.co.uk or phone them on 020 7736 4242 quoting **Aid to the Church in Need** to arrange collection of your old car, motorbike, van, ride-on lawnmower, at no cost to you. They will recycle it at an Authorised Treatment Facility or send it to auction. Scrap donations raise about £100 (depending on the price of metal) while auction cars can raise much more. You can choose to give all or half of the scrap/auction value of the vehicle (minus administration costs) to Aid to the Church in Need and Giveacar will handle all the paperwork.