

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

What does the Church teach about Christian Unity? Here are two extracts from the recent *Magisterium* on the subject:

1) **Unitatis Redintegratio, Decree of the Second Vatican Council, 1964**

Catholics, in their ecumenical work, must assuredly be concerned for their separated brethren, praying for them, keeping them informed about the Church, making the first approaches toward them. But their primary duty is to make a careful and honest appraisal of whatever needs to be done or renewed in the Catholic household itself, in order that its life may bear witness more clearly and faithfully to the teachings and institutions which have come to it from Christ through the Apostles.

For although the Catholic Church has been endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace, yet its members fail to live by them with all the fervor that they should, so that the radiance of the Church's image is less clear in the eyes of our separated brethren and of the world at large, and the growth of God's kingdom is delayed. All Catholics must therefore aim at Christian perfection and, each according to his station, play his part that the Church may daily be more purified and renewed. For the Church must bear in her own body the humility and dying of Jesus, against the day when Christ will 'present her to Himself in all her glory without spot or wrinkle.

All in the Church must preserve unity in essentials. But let all, according to the gifts they have received enjoy a proper freedom, in their various forms of spiritual life and discipline, in their different liturgical rites, and even in their theological elaborations of revealed truth. In all things let charity prevail. If they are true to this course of action, they will be giving ever better expression to the authentic catholicity and apostolicity of the Church.

2) **Pope St John Paul II, Encyclical *Ut unum sint*, 1995**

How indeed can we proclaim the Gospel of reconciliation without at the same time being committed to working for reconciliation between Christians? However true it is that the Church, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit and with the promise of indefectibility, has preached and still preaches the Gospel to all nations, it is also true that she must face the difficulties which derive from the lack of unity. When non-believers meet missionaries who do not agree among themselves, even though they all appeal to Christ, will they be in a position to receive the true message? Will they not think that the Gospel is a cause of division, despite the fact that it is presented as the fundamental law of love?

When I say that for me, as Bishop of Rome, the ecumenical task is 'one of the pastoral priorities' of my Pontificate, I think of the grave obstacle which the lack of unity represents for the proclamation of the Gospel. A Christian Community which believes in Christ and desires, with Gospel fervour, the salvation of mankind can hardly be closed to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who leads all Christians towards full and visible unity. Here an imperative of charity is in question, an imperative which admits of no exception. Ecumenism is not only an internal question of the Christian Communities. It is a matter of the love which God has in Jesus Christ for all humanity; to stand in the way of this love is an offence against him and against his plan to gather all people in Christ. As Pope Paul VI wrote to the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I: 'May the Holy Spirit guide us along the way of reconciliation, so that the unity of our Churches may become an ever more radiant sign of hope and consolation for all mankind'.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 145; I Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12



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SUNDAY 29 January	<p>SUNDAY 3 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 3</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Christian Unity</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Holy Communion Getting-to-Know-You Session 3pm Rosary Room</p>
Monday 23 January	<p><i>Feria (Monday of Week 3 per annum)</i></p> <p>First Holy Communion Class 3.45-4.45pm Rosary Room Mass 6.30pm Good Shepherd <i>Matilda Christie RIP (Anniv)</i></p>
Tuesday 24 January	<p>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p> <p>Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary R & C <i>Beward's Ints</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
Wednesday 25 January	<p>Conversion of St Paul Mass 9am Holy Rood <i>Michal Giedroyc's Ints.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer during the Day and Lunch (Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity) 11.30am Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
Thursday 26 January	<p>Ss Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & Titus, Bishop</p> <p>Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>FM CK Steward RIP</i> Adoration & Confessions 7-8pm</p>
Friday 27 January	<p><i>St Angela Merici, Religious</i></p> <p>Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>FM EJP Goddard RIP</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962)</p>
Saturday 28 January	<p>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p> <p>9am Mass Holy Rood <i>Bridie Cox's Ints</i> 9.30-10am Confessions</p>
SUNDAY 29 January	<p>SUNDAY 4 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 4</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Genty Sayer RIP</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i></p>
<p>Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, Botley, OX2 9BD Holy Rood, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD Good Shepherd, Bagley Wood Road, Kennington, OX1 5LY St. Thomas More, Foxcombe Road, Boars Hill, OX1 5HD</p>	

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 18-25 January is, as ever, the Octave of Prayer for Unity. One of the Sunday Masses on 22 January will be offered for the Unity of Christians. On **25 January**, end of the Week and the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, there is Midday Prayer at **11.30** followed by lunch at Our Lady of the Rosary. Please make every effort, if you are available, to attend this act of prayer; and, if you can assist with lunch, please let Fr Daniel or the Office know.

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**, that is, the Apostolic Exhortation **written by Pope Francis as a result of the synod on the family**. The main topic is family life – so it should be of interest to all! Please contact Maria Rosa Antognazza (maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk) if you wish to join or would like more information.

MEN'S GROUP | As part of a number of new initiatives planned by the Pastoral Council, we are pleased to announce the creation of a Men's Group. It will be an opportunity for men of the Parish to meet socially but also for prayer and reflection, with meetings set to take place on the last Tuesday evening of every month beginning **31st January**. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Chris White on 07747467729.

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Wednesday 25 January
David Iredale and Maria Brown

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 15 January 2017
Main collection plate: £436.62
Standing orders: £533.75
SPUC White Flower appeal: £264.19

CHILDREN'S DIARY
Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.
29th January - Children's Mass. No Children liturgy
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Contact Blanka at : mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING | There will be A diocesan safeguarding training for all volunteers working with children and young people at St Edmund's in Abingdon from **10am-12:30pm on Saturday 28 January**. Please register Soraya Ciccarone at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

BOWLING AT KASSAM STADIUM |
Friday 27 January 7-9:30pm. Please contact **Andy Robins** on **07952145851** or at a.robins@talktalk.net ASAP or by Monday 23 January at the very latest if you'd like to go bowling with the youth group next Friday please. Thanks!

THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK! Calling all young people! Our Lady of the Rosary and Holy Rood are getting their very own youth group, along with a jazzy new name very soon! All are invited to join the celebration, with a Mass of thanksgiving from 4:15-5pm on Sunday **5 February** at Our Lady of the Rosary, followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room. The session for 10-12 & 13-14 yr olds will be **BEFORE** the Mass, from 2:30-4pm. The session for 15-25 yr olds will be **AFTER** the Mass, from 5:30-6:30pm. There will be a wonderful presentation by Tom Felici on the relationship between Christianity and Science and its relevance for us today. We look forward to welcoming you! Please contact Melanie at leader.tipa@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to the **Parish Office** by **Thursday 10 am** email hinksey@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, Michelle Roche, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Harold Crapper, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Norman Coles, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS | The planned Getting to Know You session is on **TODAY** at 3pm in the Rosary Room. All children need to be present at Mass that morning, as they will be given the first part of their FHC Toolkit. **First Session this Monday 23 January, 3.45-4.45pm.**

REMINDER: Prayer for Priests cards are available at the back of the church. Please contact the organisers if you know anyone who would like more cards or who would like to share the idea with people in another parish. (Contact details on the cards and poster)

CALLED & GIFTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS ✕ Helping young adults around the diocese (18-35 yrs) to discover their calling and spiritual gifts. Join us on **Saturday 4 February** at Southampton University from 10.30am to 7pm. This is a free event (includes supper). Book a place at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted. See leaflets at the back of the church for more information.

WALKING THE CAMINO | From Reading, **13-20 September 2017**. Flight: Stanstead – Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 – 25km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year, the most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem & Rome. Info evening on **Thursday 9 February** in St James RGI 3FD at 7.30pm.

ORDINARIATE | Sung Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Next week's music: for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Fauré, Messe Basse, Martini, O Salutaris.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS | Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. January's is: **Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION |
Is God calling you to: become a Catholic? To Marriage? To Ordination? To have your child baptised, or to take the plunge yourself?
All those interested in preparation for the Sacraments of the Church are invited to take a moment quietly to consider and pray about this in advance of an informal series of meeting beginning next month.

PILGRIMAGES | ✕ LOURDES ✕
Why not consider joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip in August 2017? It will be from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August**. If you would like more information, please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
✕ **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST JOHN PAUL II** ✕ Poland from the **19-24 April**, led by Fr John Lee. The Pilgrimage takes place over Divine Mercy Sunday and we will visit the shrine celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St Maria Faustina Kowalska. For information contact Pilgrimage People 0800 612 3423.