

CANDLEMAS

This Saturday 2 February is the feast of the Purification of Our Lady and the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, which for brevity's sake we usually call Candlemas in English. The 9.00am Mass on Saturday morning, and the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday evening, will be of the Feast (the latter will be a Sung Mass with music by Monteverdi, among others), and will have the ceremonies of blessing candles etc. We will also bless the candles for use in church throughout the coming months. If you use candles at home, for prayer or light, why not bring them to church on Saturday or Sunday to have them blessed?

ST BLAISE

The day after Candlemas is the Feast of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Anciently, this feast is associated with a particular blessing: the blessing of throats. This is traditionally done by touching the throat of each person with candles blessed the previous day. Sometimes the candles are lit, in which case only the Sign of the Cross is made—at some distance from the person—so as not to cause more problems than it aims to prevent). The accompanying prayer is:

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

For people unfamiliar with a Catholic attitude towards prayer and the material world, this is exactly the sort of thing they think is superstitious. Not so, and that cannot be said too strongly. Here is a nice explanation of what it's all about:

The blessing of throats is a sacramental, one of the many ways that Catholics express a vision for life that brings the body, the senses, and the spirit together. It is a tangible expression of an intangible inner longing. Superstition says that, *If I do this certain action, I will make God or the saints do something for me.* Sacramental faith says, *I want to be holy and constantly under God's protection—always reminded of his desire to keep me close and safe.* The sacramental action thus reminds us of how we are to respond to God's grace, which is always flowing.

God wants us to be healthy and to use our bodies to praise him. The blessing of throats is a reminder to us of this grace and our need to respond by taking good care of ourselves and using our voices to lift up and not tear down.

—www.catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com

The blessing will be given after the Masses on Sunday morning for those who desire it.

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

For the next several weeks, as for the previous few, the first reading, or epistle, at weekday Masses is drawn primarily from the Letter to the Hebrews. What is it? (clue: probably not a letter, as such). What's it about? Next week will be the first in an occasional series looking at the Weekday Scriptures. So, whether you are daily Mass regular, or you follow the readings at home, or you would like to deepen your scriptural knowledge, read along and dive into the treasures of our faith.

Readings for Sunday 4 Year C

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:18



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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 Youth Group: Talk on St Thomas Aquinas 3.30pm Holy Rood
Monday 28 January	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor <i>No Mass</i> Weekday Readings Year 1 Psalter Week 3
Tuesday 29 January	<i>Feria</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Private Intention</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 30 January	<i>Feria</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Connie Marshall's Ints</i> <i>Coffee after Mass</i>
Thursday 31 January	St John Bosco, Priest Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) for Vocations Adoration and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood
Friday 1 February	<i>Feria</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Christian Unity</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962) Holy Rood open 8.30-4.00pm Adoration 1.00-4.00pm
Saturday 2 February	CANDLEMAS (The Presentation of the Lord) Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Mary Mahoney RIP, Rosary; Confessions til 10.00am</i>
SUNDAY 3 February	SUNDAY 4 PER ANNUM YEAR C Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>NB: This Mass is of Candlemas; it fulfils the Sunday obligation</i> Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary 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>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Anastasia Foley RIP</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 | This 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.

ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURE TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS ✕ There will be a 5-week training course from 7.30 to 9pm in Hook and Winchester. From **Tuesday 12 March** in Hook and from **Thursday 2 May** in Winchester. This is a great course and well worth attending. It is great for catechists of every ministry; Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Journey in Faith and for Children's Liturgy Leaders. To book, please contact Sr Hyacinthe at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Weeks ending 20 January 2019
Main collection plate: £605.72
Standing orders: £652
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 30 January Celia & Maria

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | 31 March Clergy Assistance fund.

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.

CHILDREN'S FUND | Cake sale and donations £53.11. Thank you!

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.

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

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, Mark Stevenson.

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

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.

DAY BY DAY | February booklets are available at the back of the church (£1).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DAY |
Portsmouth Diocese is organising a training and support day for all those who are liturgy leaders or who would consider the ministry. The dates are **30 March** in Reading and **15 June** in Chandlers Ford – (you only attend one). Further details and booking is through the diocesan website (book early) — portsmouthdiocese.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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Please visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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

FRASSATI PILGRIMAGE 2019 | In the footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in the company of the English Dominican Friars, to Turin and Oropa. Price includes flights, accommodation, and all meals. 29 July—2 August 2019, for 18-35 yr olds. For more information, or to reserve a place, contact frassati2019@english.op.org

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