

OUR LADY'S MONTH OF MAY

This month, we have a series of different perspectives on Our Blessed Lady's role in the life of the Church. This week, from 'Theotokos: The Place of Mary in the Work of Salvation' by Eric Mascall (1905-93).

Mary's relation to us who are Christ's members is compounded out of her relation to Christ, and his relation to us; it is, to use a term of modern logic, the logical product of those two relations. Mary is our mother, because we are members of her Son; because we have, not just metaphorically but really, been adopted into him. By our baptism we have been incorporated into the human nature which he took from her and which still continues to exist in its ascended glory. If Christ had ceased to be man at his Ascension — and it is to be feared that only too many Christians unreflectively assume that he did — then Mary would have ceased to be his mother, our incorporation into him would be a mere fiction, and so would our relation to him. But the Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation declares that the eternal Son of God, who at one moment in the world's history took human nature in the womb of Blessed Mary, is, in that human nature, man for evermore. Mary is the mother of Jesus and of those who are incorporated into him, the mother of the Church which is his Mystical Body and which, because a man and his bride are one flesh, is also Christ's bride.

That part of the Mystical Body which is on earth needs to be continually nourished and sustained, as Christ's natural body did before its glorification. It is through the Eucharistic Body of the Blessed Sacrament that this takes place. Here again, there is not a new incarnation, but in the Eucharist the human nature which Christ took from his mother is made present in yet another form, a form through which that part of the Mystical Body which is still *in via* on earth is repeatedly sustained and renewed.

In all these modes of manifestation, the human nature of Christ is the human nature which he took from Mary. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary at the Annunciation first formed it, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles released it, so to speak, in the world as the Mystical Body of the Church, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Eucharistic elements brings it to us as the Sacramental Body. But in all these manifestations and expressions it is one and the same Body, the Body which was formed in Mary's womb, and so when we return from the Altar, having received the sacramental Body of Christ and having thereby been received more firmly into his Mystical Body, we can say with a new emphasis the words that, in the Genesis story, Adam said after he had tasted the food given him by the first Eve: 'The woman gave me, and I did eat' (Gen 3:12).

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



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<p>SUNDAY 7 May</p>	<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER PSALTER WEEK 4 Saturday Vigil Sung 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>Private Intention (RIP)</i> Youth Mass 4.15pm Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
<p>Monday 8 May</p>	<p><i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> 3.45-4.45pm First Holy Communion Class, Rosary Room</p>
<p>Tuesday 9 May</p>	<p><i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Gerard Wallace</i> Finance Committee, 7.30pm Parish Office, Holy Rood Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
<p>Wednesday 10 May</p>	<p><i>St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Anne Cantwell RIP</i> Parish Pastoral Council, 7.30pm Parish Office, Holy Rood</p>
<p>Thursday 11 May</p>	<p><i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Adoration and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm</p>
<p>Friday 12 May</p>	<p><i>St Pancras, Martyr</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>)</p>
<p>Saturday 13 May</p>	<p><i>Our Lady of Fátima (Centenary of the Apparitions)</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Ann McGloin RIP</i> Confessions 9.30-10.00am</p>
<p>SUNDAY 14 May</p>	<p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER PSALTER WEEK 1 Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Margaret Hill RIP (Anniv.)</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Jim Foley RIP</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i></p>
<p>Our Lady of the Rosary, Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ Holy Rood, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD St Thomas More, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN</p>	

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

DEPUTY HEAD VACANCY ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABINGDON I Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017 (January 2018 start would be considered), following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. We are also currently advertising for a KS2 teacher for September 2017. Further details of both posts are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt 01235 521558 or email bptra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk Closing date for applications **17 May 2017**.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP I 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**. If you would like to join, please contact maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk.

FORTHCOMING OBLIGATORY* SECOND COLLECTIONS | THIS WEEKEND Clergy Training Fund; 27/28 May Catholic Communications Network; 17/18 June Day for Life;

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending **30 April 2017**

Main collection plate: £463.59
Standing orders: £533.75

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Wednesday 9 May
Gerald and Jo

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.

TODAY: 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

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: pccarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

BRONX TO BRADFORD FRIARS ON A MISSION I Excellent BBC One documentary film following five friars at a Franciscan friary in Bradford on a mission to support the poor, both spiritually and materially. It is available **BBC iPlayer** until the 13 May.

LADIES OF THE PARISH - COFFEE AND DISCUSSION GROUP I The above group will be meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at Holy Rood Meeting Room, 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.

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. May's is: **Christians in Africa**. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

FREEDOG IN JUNE I 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

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC DIOCESE

IN YOUR POCKET! On Easter Day the Diocese launched its own App! available on Apple and Android and is free to download for your smartphone or tablet. Church and Mass time directory, daily prayer, rosary, examination of conscience, and more.

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 Ordinate 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: next week (Saturday 13 May) Byrd, *Mass for Five Voices*; MacMillan, *A New Song*. Saturday 20 May: Palestrina, *Missa Brevis*; Pitoni, *Cantate Domino*.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14 TO 21

MAY 2017 I 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.

Volunteers are also sought for the Abingdon Road area: please contact the parish office if you could help with this.

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.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 20 May 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 2.30pm Talk "The Gift of Tongues and Interpretation" by John Vaughan-Neil. Please see poster for more details.