

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a fine tradition for the clergy to bless parishioners' houses during Eastertide. Originally, this was carried out on Holy Saturday using some of the newly-blessed water from the font (until 1955, the Easter Vigil was celebrated in the morning, leaving the rest of the day free for such tasks). The more parishioners there are, and the further apart they live, the less practical this is to attempt in one day. It's developed, then, into something which we do throughout Eastertide: this gives us until the end of May.

Those who have their houses blessed may do so because they have just moved in, or completed works on it. It is common, and very appropriate, to have it done annually, as one might take the car in for an MOT. In any case, house blessing is a good opportunity for priest and parishioner to catch up. The blessing itself also need not take very long, so it is not a great production to have it done.

Please have a word with me to arrange the blessing of your dwelling. Here is the traditional rite (in the *Book of Blessings*, there is the option of adding some appropriate readings— but the prayer of blessing itself is not nearly so eloquent). *Fr Daniel*

Pax huic domui:

**Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.**

*As the priest sprinkles the main room and the occupants, he says:*

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia: et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent: alleluia, alleluia. *Ps* Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus. Gloria Patri... Vidi Aquam...

Ostende, nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, alleluia.

**Et salutare tuum da nobis, alleluia.**

Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

**Et clamor meus ad te veniat.**

Dominus vobiscum

**Et cum spiritu tuo.**

Oremus. Exaudi nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeternae Deus: et sicut domos Hebraeorum in exitu de Aegypto agni sanguine linitas (quod pascha nostrum, in quo immolatus est Christus, figurabat), ab Angelo percutiente custodisti; ita mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de caelis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Peace be to this house:

**And to all who dwell here.**

I saw water flowing from the temple, from its right hand side, alleluia; and all to whom that water came were saved, and shall say: alleluia, alleluia. *Ps* Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever. Glory be... I saw water...

○ Lord, show your mercy upon us, alleluia.

**And grant us your salvation, alleluia.**

○ Lord, hear my prayer.

**And let my cry come unto you.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray. Hear us, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God: and as you guarded the homes of the Israelites from the avenging angel on their flight from Egypt, the doors of those homes being marked with the blood of a lamb (which prefigured our Easter sacrifice in which Christ is offered up) so, likewise, in your goodness, send your holy Angel from heaven to guard, watch over, protect, visit, and defend all who live in this home. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8



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## Hinksey Catholic Parish

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SUNDAY 22 April	<p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p> <p><b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Doreen Dore RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (in Portuguese)</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Terry Maleary RIP</i></p>
Monday 23 April	<p><b>ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</b></p> <p><b>Mass 10.00am Holy Rood</b> <i>Conversion of England</i></p>
Tuesday 24 April	<p><i>St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr</i></p> <p>Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Catherine Harker RIP</i></p> <p>Confirmation Class 5.30pm Presbytery</p> <p>Finance Meeting 7.30pm Parish Office</p> <p>Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
Wednesday 25 April	<p><b>St Mark, Apostle, Evangelist</b></p> <p>Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Confirmation Candidates</i></p>
Thursday 26 April	<p>Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter</p> <p>Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Vocations</i></p> <p>Adoration &amp; Confessions until 8.00pm</p>
Friday 27 April	<p>Friday of the Third Week of Easter</p> <p>Mass 8.30am St Thomas More</p> <p>Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin 1962</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Holy Rood open for prayer 8.30am-4.00pm</b></p>
Saturday 28 April	<p><i>St Louis de Montfort, Confessor</i></p> <p>Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Confirmation Candidates followed by Rosary; Confessions 9.30-10.00am</i></p>
SUNDAY 29 April	<p><b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p> <p><b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (in Portuguese)</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confirmations 3.00pm St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth</b></p>
<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary, Botley, OX2 9BD ✘ Holy Rood, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD</b> <b>St Thomas More, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN</b></p>	

**FROM BISHOP PHILIP ✱** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day when traditionally we pray for vocations to all states of life and ministry within the Church but especially to the sacred priesthood. Please pray for our 13 seminarians that they will continue to respond to God's call. This year we have no ordinations to the priesthood – a clear reminder to us to fast and pray earnestly for more vocations.

**REFUGEE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER |** This is an exciting new role, representing the Diocese of Portsmouth and acting to promote, develop and coordinate the Community Sponsorship model of refugee resettlement within the Diocese. Deadline for applications **1 May**. For more information please see advert in church or go to the vacancies page at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 15 April 2018**

Main collection plate: £ 474.51  
Standing orders: £600

**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 it to the office.

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | TODAY** Clergy Training Fund; **13 May** World Communications.

**COUNTING ROTA**

**Wednesday 25 April**  
Alan and Maria

**NEWSLETTER |** Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter by **Thursday 10 am** to [hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S DIARY**

Children's liturgy runs every Sunday, during 9.15am Mass at OLOR.  
For any queries please contact Blanka [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**YOUTH EVENTS**

**'HOT POTATO'** session takes place **TODAY** at 3:30pm at the Holy Rood Presbytery. This will provide an opportunity for young people (13-18) to ask Fr. Daniel any 'burning' questions they have about the Church or their faith.

**MINI PILGRIMAGE | 19 May**, leaving St Edmund's in Abingdon at 9:30am and walking to Youlbury Scout Camp, Boars Hill, for activities and Mass. Visit [www.scoutadventures.org.uk](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk) for more. Bring a packed lunch, waterproof coat, sturdy shoes and a change of clothing. To book, please contact Melanie [tipay-outh@gmail.com](mailto:tipay-outh@gmail.com) by **28 April** specifying which 2 activities you would like to do.

**CAFOD BOOK SALE |** On **Sunday 29 April** at Holy Rood after the 11.15am Mass. Please bring your books to the church on that weekend or drop them in the parish office.

**HOLY ROOD CHILDREN'S CHOIR |** Singing practice for our youngest musicians by the organ after the 11.15am Sunday Mass. Please contact Julia Craig-McFeely via the parish office if you would like to know more.

**ENCOUNTER THE HOLY SPIRIT**

from the *WILD GOOSE* video series produced by the Franciscan Friars at St Edmund's Church Parish Centre, Abingdon on Saturday afternoons from 2 – 3:30pm. All welcome, no charge! Refreshments at 1:45 pm. For details phone Abingdon 528528 and see poster in church.

**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, Brian Hodgkins, Moira Fryer, Marian Miller, Bob Martin, Agata Iero*

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |**

Iris Butler

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES|**

Albert, Gabi, Katharina, Serena, Verity

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |**

Universal: **For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters.** That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2018 |** In London on

**Saturday 5 May.** Family, friendly, life-festival starts at 9.30am Children Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1pm march to Parliament Square for speakers. This event will take place one week after the 50 anniversary of the abortion act coming into place. Please see poster in church for more details.

**SHARE THE JOURNEY |** A joint

CAFOD & CARITAS conference in response to Refugees and Migrants on **Saturday 12 May** at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford from 10am to 4pm. Please see poster in church with further details.

**YOUTH GROUP |** As advertised

**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 LÆTITIA*. Please contact [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).  
**ROSARY |** Saturday morning after 9.00am Mass.

**ORDINARIATE |** Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); 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. The choir returns on Saturday 28 April. Please look out for the new term's music list.

**FROM CAFOD |** Many thanks for your generous Lenten appeal! We have received £439.55 from Hinksey Parish.

**FRIDAY ADORATION AT HOLY ROOD |**

This was a tremendous success during Lent, and we have decided to keep it going. We therefore need people to sign up to watch before the Blessed Sacrament between 1.00-4.00pm. A sign-up sheet is in the porch at Holy Rood.

**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, please contact Alex Lloyd at [alvlloyd@gmail.com](mailto:alvlloyd@gmail.com)

**DEPUTY LEADER CALLED & GIFTED TEAM |**

The Deputy Leader will be responsible for much of the Called and Gifted process in the Diocese. They will work closely with Clare Simpson, the current Team Leader, to learn and take on a significant portion of her current work. Deadline for applications Wednesday 25 April. This is a part time position initially for 6 months. If interested please see vacancies at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PILGRIMAGES ✱ LOURDES ✱**

Bishop Philip would like to invite all those who will finish their exams this summer to join him and a group of students from the USA for a week of prayer, formation and fun from **12-16 July**.