

LUMEN AD REVELATIONEM GENTIUM

Thursday 2 February is the feast of Candlemas, recalling the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Coming as it does between the birth of Christ—the dawning of the light that shines in darkness—and the lighting of the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil—illuminating and dispelling the darkness of that sacred night—this little feast of lights reminds us (at least, those of us in the Northern Hemisphere) that, even in the depths of cold and dark, the light of Christ continues to shine. And for all of us, wherever we are in the world, the light to lighten the Gentiles leads us where we are called to go. Here, then, are a selection of some of the prayers and antiphons which form part of the full liturgy of Candlemas, a bit of meditation on light at a gloomy time of year:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people, Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Adorna thalamum O Sion, adorn your bridal chamber, and receive Christ the King: greet Mary, who is the gate of heaven, for she bears the King of the glory of the new light: she remains a Virgin, yet bears in her hands a Son begotten before the morning star: whom Simeon took into his arms, declaring to the peoples that he is the Lord of life and death, and Saviour of the world.

Suscepimus We have waited, O God, for your loving-kindness in the midst of your temple: according to your Name, O God, so is your praise unto the world's end: your right hand is full of righteousness.

Almighty everlasting God, who on this day presented your only-begotten Son in your holy temple, to be received in the arms of holy Simeon: we humbly entreat your mercy, that you would vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and kindle with the light of your heavenly benediction these candles, which we your servants, receiving to the glory of your name, desire to light and bear forth: so that we, being made worthy by the offering of them to you, the Lord our God, and being enkindled with the holy fire of your most sweet charity, may be worthy to be presented in the holy temple of your glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Senex puerum portabat Alleluia, alleluia. The old man carried the Child, but the Child was the old man's King. Alleluia.

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

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16



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SUNDAY 29 January	SUNDAY 4 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 4</i> 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 <i>Caillin McGovern RIP (1st Anniv.)</i> Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Genty Sayer RIP</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 30 January	<i>Feria (Monday of Week 4 per annum)</i> First Holy Communion Class 3.45-4.45pm Rosary Room Mass 6.30pm Good Shepherd
Tuesday 31 January	St John Bosco, Priest Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Sarah Hull RIP</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Men's Group 8.30pm Rosary Room
Wednesday 1 February	<i>Feria (Wednesday of Week 4 per annum)</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood PPC 7.30pm Presbytery
Thursday 2 February	Candlemas (Purification of the BVM; Presentation of the Lord) Mass & Ceremonies of the Day 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Adoration & Confessions 7-8pm
Friday 3 February	<i>St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>FM</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962) <i>St Blaise's Blessing after Mass.</i>
Saturday 4 February	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> 9am Mass Holy Rood 9.30-10am Confessions
SUNDAY 5 February	SUNDAY 5 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 1</i> 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 Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> Youth Mass 4.15pm Our Lady of the Rosary
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	

MEN'S GROUP | The first meeting of the Men's Group will be taking place on **Tuesday 31st January at 8:30pm** in the Rosary Room next to OLOR. It will be an opportunity to meet socially and to pray and reflect together, all men are welcome.

'ST EDMUND'S YOUTH GROUP—
Saturday 4 February.
8-10 yr olds - from 1:30 - 2:30pm
11-12 & 13-14 yr olds - from 3 - 4:30pm
15+ from 5-7pm
For more information, please contact Melanie at leader.tipa@gmail.com

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.

PRAYERS FOR BAMENDA ✨ Please continue to pray for our Twin Diocese of Bamenda and for Archbishop Cornelius and the people of his diocese and throughout the English-speaking part of Cameroon.

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Tuesday 31 January
Stella O'Gara and Maria Brown

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 22 January 2017
Main collection plate: £431.72
Standing orders: £533.75

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, 29 February: Children's Mass. No children's liturgy.
Please pray for FHC children who started their preparation.
Next Children's Mass: 19 March 2017.
If your child would like to take part in Readings, Bidding prayers or music, please let Blanka know. Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise.
Please contact Blanka at mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

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

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

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.

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.

CONSECRATION OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH, SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY AT 12 NOON ✨ The Consecration of the church is one of the most important events in its lifetime. Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock came to English Martyrs in Didcot and blessed the church, but because it was not fully paid for, it could not be consecrated at the time. We are really pleased that Bishop Philip is going to visit Didcot on the anniversary of English Martyrs' blessing, to actually consecrate the church. This is going to be on Saturday 18th February at 12 noon. We hope that many people will be able to attend in order to make this a wonderful celebration.

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.

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.

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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Crecquillon, *Missa Je prens en gré*, Anon (Gyffard Partbooks), *O Salutaris hostia*.

CANDLES | Do you use candles at home for prayer? Next Sunday (5 February) we will bless the candles which will be used in church for the coming year, since it is the Sunday closest to Candlemas. Please bring any which you would like to have blessed.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS | Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. February's is: **Comfort for the Afflicted** That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

PILGRIMAGES | ✨ **KNOCK SHRINE IRELAND** ✨ Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock **13 March 2017** £599pp sharing, includes flights, 15kg checked-in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tour included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Please contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com
✨ **LOURDES** ✨ Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip **Friday 18-25 August 2017.** For more information, please email 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.