

## 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 'The Mother of God', a sermon of Metropolitan Anthony of Sorouzh (1914-2003), preached in Cambridge on 19 May 1985.*

By 'Mother of God' we mean simply that she is the one who brought God Incarnate into the world. Of course, she is not the mother of the Word of God according to his divinity, but without her the Word would not have been made flesh, the Son of God would not have become the Son of Man. An English writer, Charles Williams, describes the event in a most wonderful way, as it seems to me, indicating at the same time the reality of the event and the decisive role of the Mother of God. He says that when the time was right, a maiden of Israel proved capable of pronouncing the name of God with all her mind and all her will and all her flesh, and the Word became flesh. It is a gift of self, and it is at the same time an unreserved and heroic acceptance: a gift of self in humility, and an heroic acceptance because of what it could have been, what is meant humanly speaking.

Some of you may remember that the word 'humility' comes from the Latin 'humus', the fertile ground. Humility is not a condition which we try to ape by saying that we are unworthy, that we are not as good as others imagine us to be — if they do. Humility is a condition of the earth, lying completely open and surrendered: the earth which is open to all actions, of mankind, of the rain, accepting the refuse and accepting the furrow and bringing fruit, surrendered, offered, and given. This is the essence of humility, and this is the kind of humility which we see in the Mother of God.

And this is something which we could learn and which is so difficult to learn, because we are so continuously and so painfully afraid of offering ourselves, of surrendering, of giving ourselves to God or even to those who love us and whom we love. Surrendering gifts is frightening, because it implies also a sort of frailty. To refuse oneself, to resist, gives us a sense of strength and vigour; and yet it is not our strength that can achieve great things.

The Mother of God was the response of all creation to God's love, but God's love is sacrificial love. At the heart of the love of God there is the gift of self, the Cross. May God grant us to learn from this frail maiden her heroic simplicity and her wonderful wholeness. And let us learn from all the steps of her life, all the self-denial and the gift of self, all the beauty of her surpassing humility and its perfect obedience to the law of eternal life. Amen.

### Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21



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SUNDAY 14 May	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 1</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <span style="float: right;"><i>Margaret Hill RIP (Anniv.)</i></span> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Jim Foley RIP</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 15 May	<i>of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> <b>3.45-4.45pm First Holy Communion Class, Rosary Room</b>
Tuesday 16 May	<i>of the Fifth Week of Easter</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 17 May	<i>St Dunstan, Bishop (transferred)</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>S. Watson RIP</i>
Thursday 18 May	<i>St John I, Pope, Martyr</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) <i>The Holy Father's Intentions</i> Adoration and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 19 May	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth</b> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin, 1962</i> ) <i>Bishop Philip's Intentions</i>
Saturday 20 May	<i>St Bernardine of Siena, Religious</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Ann McGloin RIP</i> Confessions 9.30-10.00am
SUNDAY 21 May	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 2</b> <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 ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> <u>Said</u> Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <span style="float: right;"><i>Eamonn Maugham RIP</i></span> <b>Sung Mass for First Holy Communions I am</b> <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> <i>For the First Communicants</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
<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>	

**DEPUTY HEAD VACANCY ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABINGDON** | 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](mailto:bptra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) Closing date for applications **17 May 2017**.

**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](mailto:pccarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** | 27/28 May Catholic Communications Network; 17/18 June Day for Life.

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 7 May 2017**  
Main collection plate: £496.68  
Standing orders: £533.75  
Clergy Training Fund: £278.00

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Wednesday 17 May**  
Alan 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](mailto:hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### CHILDREN'S DIARY

*Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.*

**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](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** ✕ The Oxford Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will be holding an Open quiet Day of Recollection/Reflection on **Saturday 3 June** from 9am-4pm at Elmthorpe Convent with spiritual guidance from Br Gerard Mary. The theme for the day will be around 'Evangelisation in the 21 Century in the charism of St Francis of Assisi'. The day will include two spiritual talks, devotions, time for prayer, Exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Benediction. See poster for more details.

**TALK ON AMORIS LAETITIA** | Austin Ivereigh from Catholic Voices will make a presentation on Amoris Laetitia at St Edmunds on **16 June 2017**, following our Evening Mass, which is at 7pm, so should be a 7.30 - 7.45pm start.

**LADIES OF THE PARISH - COFFEE AND DISCUSSION GROUP** | The 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 |

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](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

#### 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**. If you would like to join, please contact [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).

#### 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 Ordinarate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter.

Forthcoming music of the Mass: next week (Saturday 20 May): Palestrina, *Missa Brevis*; Pitoni, *Cantate Domino*. Saturday 27 Ascension Palestrina, *Missa Viri Galilaei*, Croft, *God is gone up*

#### SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2017 |

Are you celebrating a 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 60+? Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 24th June** at 11 am. Those interested, please contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256 465214

#### COULD YOU HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES?

Could you volunteer as an Adult helper for this year's Pilgrimage? Or perhaps you are a qualified Nurse or Doctor and would like to consider joining the Catholic Association Pilgrimage? Our Adult Helper application deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> June**. Please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or contact them if you would like general information on this year's Pilgrimage.

#### PARISH MEN'S GROUP |

Meets on the last Tuesday of the month; a mix of prayer, discussion, and socialising.

#### 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.