

WHAT DOES LENT DO FOR US?

Not an unreasonable question, when you think about it. Where can we go for answers? Turning to the liturgy is always a good idea, so let's shine a spotlight on the **Prefaces** given in the Missal for use during Lent. There are two groups Prefaces of Lent, each of which has its own title. They begin Vere dignum et justum est..., 'It is truly right and just', and then go on, in praise of God, to tell us something of what Lent is about. Group 1 is of those for use at any time during Lent; group 2, those for use on certain Sundays, when certain Gospels are read. Let me commend them to you as a good source of meditation over the coming days, to help prepare you for the examination of conscience prior to your Easter Confession.
Fr Daniel

Group I: Prefaces for use throughout Lent

I THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF LENT For by your gracious gift each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

II SPIRITUAL PENANCE For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

III THE FRUITS OF ABSTINENCE For you will that our self-denial should give you thanks, humble our sinful pride, contribute to the feeding of the poor, and so help us imitate you in your kindness.

IV: THE FRUITS OF FASTING For through bodily fasting you restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards, through Christ our Lord.

NB this is this Lent Preface in the 1962 Missal

Group II: Prefaces corresponding with certain Gospels

TEMPTATION By abstaining forty long days from earthly food, he consecrated through his fast the pattern of our Lenten observance and, by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent, taught us to cast out the leaven of malice, so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal Mystery, we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast.

TRANSFIGURATION For after he had told his disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.

SAMARITAN WOMAN For when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink, he had already created the gift of faith within her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith, that he kindles in her the fire of divine love.

MAN BORN BLIND By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children.

For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life.

Palm Sunday


Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47



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SUNDAY 18 March	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B) Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Sung 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>Kathleen McDaid RIP (Anniv)</i> Music and Readings for Passiontide 6.00pm Holy Rood	PASSION SUNDAY
Monday 19 March	<i>Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i> No Mass	
Tuesday 20 March	<i>Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Catherine Harker RIP</i> <u>Confirmation Class 5.30pm Presbytery</u> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary	
Wednesday 21 March	<i>Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Sophia Antognazza Hotson RIP</i>	
Thursday 22 March	<i>Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Private Intention</i> Holy Hour and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood	
Friday 23 March	<i>Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>) <i>Deacon Philip Prince RIP</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00-4.00pm Holy Rood	<i>Friday of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Saturday 24 March	St Patrick, Bishop Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Private Intention</i> —followed by Rosary; Confessions until 10.00am	Clocks go forward tonight!
SUNDAY 25 March	PALM SUNDAY (YEAR B) Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Sung 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>Mr & Mrs Bialek's Ints</i> Cherwell Singers Concert 7.30pm Holy Rood	
Our Lady of the Rosary , Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ Holy Rood , Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD St Thomas More , Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN		

SECOND COLLECTION | This weekend we have a retiring second collection for the St Barnabas Society.

CONCERT AT HOLY ROOD CHURCH | The Cherwell Singers - 'Catholic Music from the Old & New Worlds.' On **Sunday 25 March** at 7.30pm. Please see poster in church for more details.

BOOK SALE AT OLOR THIS WEEKEND | There will be a book sale for CAFOD under the match funding on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at Our Lady. We would be grateful if you could bring books to the church and leave them in the boxes provided. Otherwise please bring them on the day. Many thanks.

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 11 March 2018
Main collection plate: £577.50
Standing orders: £600
Clergy Assistance Fund: £612.38
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 | **25 March** Easter Flowers **30 March** Holy Places; **22 April** Clergy Training Fund

COUNTING ROTA
Tuesday 20 March
Stella and Maria

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 liturgy runs every Sunday, during 9.15am Mass at OLOR.
Saturday 31 March
LENT WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN WITH CONFESSIONS.
2.30pm: Stations of the Cross for children (adults are welcome),
3.00pm: Workshop and 30 min video for children about Jesus
4.00pm: Last Supper refreshments
Palm Sunday - No Children's Liturgy
Easter Sunday - No Children's Liturgy.
Easter egg hunt after Mass.

For any queries please contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

HOW NEWMAN INSPIRED THE GERMAN RESISTANCE | Paul Shrimpton, one of our parishioners at Holy Rood recently had an article published in the Catholic Herald. He wrote the article for the 75th anniversary of the first White Rose trial and execution, and drew mainly from his recently published book **Conscience before conformity: Hans and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose resistance in Nazi Germany.** (Gracewing, 330 pp, £15.99).

CHRISM MASS | The Portsmouth Chrism Mass is at the cathedral on Tuesday, March 27 (Tuesday of Holy Week). For those interested in going by coach, information is available at the back of church. The Ordinariate Chrism Mass is Monday 26 March (Monday of Holy Week), 11.30am at Our Lady & St Gregory, Soho, LondonW1.

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 and leaders from the USA for a week of prayer, formation and fun from **12-16 July**. Full board and flight £550.

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, Fr Robin Sanders, Julia Craig-McFeely, Oscar Sanchez Hidalgo, Karina Sanchez Lazo.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |
Sophia Antognazza Hotson, Philip Prince
PREPARING FOR BAPTISM AT EASTER | David Hume

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |
Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment.** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

PLACUIT DEO ✕ New document issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It warns us about two ancient errors that seem to be reviving among Catholics in a modern form. Copies are available at the back of the Church.

ADORE – Alton Day of Renewal ✕ You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat on **Saturday 24 March**. This month we will look at how our everyday lives can be transformed into opportunities for witness. Our guest speaker will be Gemma Wildsmith. Please see more details in the church.

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.
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 Ordinariate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Music of the Mass Saturday 25 March (for Palm Sunday) Gregorian Chant Propers.

MUSIC AND READINGS FOR PASSIONTIDE | TODAY (Passion Sunday) at 6.00pm at Holy Rood, we have our annual Passiontide Service of Music and Readings. It will be accompanied by the Newman Consort, who sing at the 5.00pm Saturday Mass.
The music will include: Byrd, *Ne irascaris*, Blow, *Salvator Mundi*, Poulenc, *Vinea mea electa*, Weelkes, *When David heard that Absalom was slain*, Lotti, *Crucifixus*.

SIGN-UP SUNDAY will take place in Eastertide. Keep a look-out in the newsletter for more information.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS 2018 | Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or over 60 years? If so 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 30 June 2018**. Please visit website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - We are required by law to have a Data Protection coordinator. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please have a word with Fr Daniel. Training will be provided.

BLOOD DONATION | Consider giving blood this Lent time. Visit blood.co.uk for more information.