

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)

✦ 'Roman Holiday' — Alexander Waugh, *The Spectator*, 13.11.1970

Few people in Britain probably noticed [...] that some 14,000 British citizens had quietly slipped away to Rome, long after the end of the holiday season. If they had been attending a football match the exodus would have attracted a certain amount of attention but there is a self-effacing, almost hangdog quality about British Roman Catholics which might well have something to do with the event they had come to celebrate: the martyrdom of forty English and Welsh Catholics during the penal times of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when to be a Catholic was to be guilty of treason.

For most, the death sentence was the one pronounced by Sir Christopher Wray, Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, on Sherwin, Campion, Kirby and five others in Westminster Hall on 16 November 1581: 'You must go to the place from whence you came, there to remain until ye shall be drawn through the open city of London upon hurdles to the place of execution, and there be hanged and let down alive, and your privy parts cut off, and your entrails taken out and burnt in your sight; then your head to be cut off and your bodies to be divided into four parts, to be disposed of at her Majesty's pleasure. And God have mercy on your souls.'

The fortitude of these men, who had to watch their fellows suffering this treatment before being asked a final time whether they were prepared to change their minds, was undoubtedly equalled by that of the Protestant martyrs who were burned for heresy. There was no reason, however, why the two sets of martyrs should be seen in competition. The names in English history which every English Catholic inherits for his demonology: Thomas Cromwell, Turcliffe, the appalling Robert Cecil, Titus Oates—were all unscrupulous creatures of politics, not religious zealots. Nobody had ever accused the Church of England of having encompassed their deaths. The same cannot be said, of course, about the Protestant martyrs under Queen Mary, for whom the Catholic Church bore direct responsibility; or about the Anabaptist martyrs who were burnt by Catholics and Church of England alike throughout the whole period.

✦ from the Sermon of BI Pope Paul VI at the Mass of Canonization, 25.10.1970

The unity existing between these men and women depends from the deeply spiritual cast of mind which they had in common. In so many other respects they were completely different [...] What unites them all is that interior quality of unshakeable loyalty to the vocation given them by God — the sacrifice of their lives as a loving response to that call.

The high tragedy in the lives of these martyrs was that their honest and genuine loyalty came into conflict with their fidelity to God and with the dictates of their conscience illumined by the Catholic faith. Two truths especially were involved: the Holy Eucharist, and the inalienable prerogatives of the successor of Peter who, by God's will, is the universal shepherd of Christ's Church. Faced with the choice of remaining steadfast in their faith and of dying for it, or of saving their lives by denying that faith, without a moment's hesitation and with a truly supernatural strength they stood for God and joyfully confronted martyrdom. At the same time such was the greatness of their spirit that many of them died with prayers on their lips for the country they loved so much, for the King or Queen, and not least for those directly responsible for their capture, their sufferings, and the degradation and ignominy of their cruel deaths. May our thanksgiving go up to God who, in His providential goodness, saw fit to raise up these martyrs.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



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SUNDAY 29 April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	Saturday Vigil 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)	
	Sunday	Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood J. P. Fallon RIP (<i>Anniv</i>) Confirmations 3.00pm St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
Monday 30 April	<i>St Pius V, Pope</i> No Mass	
Tuesday 1 May	<i>St Joseph, Opifex</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Miriam's Ints.</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary	
Wednesday 2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Coffee & Cake after morning Mass
	Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Michal Giedroyc RIP</i>	
Thursday 3 May	Ss Philip & James, Apostles Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Miriam's Ints.</i> Adoration & Confessions until 8.00pm	
Friday 4 May	English Martyrs	Holy Rood open for prayer 8.30am-4.00pm
	Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Miriam's Ints.</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin 1962</i>)	
Saturday 5 May	<i>Our Lady in Eastertide</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood followed by Rosary; Confessions 9.30-10.00am	
SUNDAY 6 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
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Our Lady of the Rosary , Botley, OX2 9BD ✦ Holy Rood , Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD St Thomas More , Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN		

CAFOD BOOK SALE | TODAY at Holy Rood after the 11.15am Mass.

FRIDAY ADORATION AT HOLY ROOD | People needed to watch before the Blessed Sacrament, 1.00-4.00pm. Sign-up sheet in the porch at Holy Rood.

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK | As part of a joint effort with other local churches, OLOR parishioners have again been invited to deliver Christian Aid Week envelopes to as many roads as possible near our church between **13 and 19 May**.

NB: we are not expected to return to collect donations as recipients will be asked either to donate online or to drop envelopes off at the Post Office in Botley.

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 22 April 2018

Main collection plate: £403.33
Standing orders: £600
Clergy Training Fund: £ 569.07

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 | **13 May** World Communications; **26/27 May** APF Appeal

COUNTING ROTA
TUESDAY | May
Celia and Stella

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

CHILDREN'S DIARY

Children's liturgy runs every Sunday, during 9.15am Mass at OLOR.

13 May - May Crowning of Mary
20 May - Pentecost –wear red, yellow, orange. Happy birthday to the Church!

27 May - Trinity Sunday. No Ch. liturgy
3 June - Corpus Christi procession around the Church. No Ch. Liturgy.

10 June - Trip to Laser Combat - more info next week

15 July - Children's Mass. In thanksgiving for the school year.

22 July - Last Ch. Liturgy before the summer

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - No Ch. Liturgy

16 September - Ch. Liturgy resumes.

For any queries please contact Blanka **mccarthybb22@hotmail.com**

YOUTH 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. Please visit **www.scoutadventures.org.uk**

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**

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.

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. Please see poster in church for more details.

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, Moira Fryer, Marian Miller, Bob Martin, Agata Iero, Monica Powley

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |

Iris Butler

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES |

Albert, Gabi, Katharina, Serena, Verity

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |

Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity.

SISTERS OF ST ELISABETH | will be

visiting St Thomas More (after the **8.30am** Mass) and Holy Rood (after the **12.30pm** Mass) on **Friday 4 May**. They run an orphanage and hospital near Minsk (Belarus) and there will be icons and other crafts for sale to support their efforts.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION ✕ The

Oxford Fraternity go the Secular Order will be holding an open quiet day of recollection on **Saturday 19 May** at the College, Littlemore. For more details please see poster in church.

ADORE ✕ You are warmly welcome to a

mini-retreat of spiritual refreshment and renewal on **Saturday 19 May** from 11am-4pm at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. For more details please see poster in 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 Ordinate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Music for Saturday 5 May: Sheppard, *Western Wind Mass*, Arcadelt, *Haec dies*.

DAY FOR READERS | Saturday 16

June from 9.30-3pm with lunch and refreshments. For more details go to **www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers**

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

| There will be a safeguarding training session for all those working with children in the parish on **Saturday 7 September** from 10-12.30pm at Holy Rood Church. Please keep this date free if you need a refresher (every three years) or have never attended one. If you would like to attend, please email the office.

RESEARCH PROJECT | A team of re-

searchers from Coventry University will be attending the 11.15 Mass at Holy Rood on Sunday **6 May** and the 9.15 Mass at OLOR on Sunday **13 May**. They are doing research on religious worship and social connectedness, and would be very grateful for volunteers to take part in their research. Volunteering will involve a 'pressure cuff test' (having a cuff inflated on the arm, similar to what is done when you have your blood pressure taken, but NOT a blood pressure reading) and completing a survey both before and after the service. If you would like to take part, it would be very helpful if you could arrive approximately 20-30 minutes before the start of the service, to ensure that you have plenty of time to ask any questions and to complete the pressure cuff test and survey before the Mass begins.