

LENT HYMNS: PART V

To conclude this little series, we have a poem by Richard Crashaw (1613-49), which was later adapted into a hymn by Crashaw's contemporary John Austin (1613-69). Crashaw was the son of an Anglican clergyman and was educated at Cambridge, where he was later ordained in the Church of England. He was a member of Archbishop Laud's high church tendency, which (in part) cost Laud his head, and Crashaw his job. For an idea of what this mid-seventeenth century Anglicanism was like, take a look at the porch of St Mary's, the University church, on the High Street, built in 1637: it has twisting columns (like Bernini's baldacchino at St Peter's in Rome, which was completed about three years earlier), and a statue of Our Lady and the Christ-child. Look a little closer at the statue, and you will discern the bullet holes in her, made by Cromwell's men. Crashaw fled Cambridge in 1644, and found refuge in France, and later Italy, where he was received into the Catholic Church. He eventually got a position in Rome with Cardinal Pallotta, who procured for him a benefice at the shrine of Our Lady in Loreto in April 1649. Four months later, weakened by his exile (and possibly poisoned), he died. Gerald Finzi's anthem *Lo, the full final sacrifice* (1947) is based on Crashaw's words. Well worth looking up, I can assure you.

Crashaw's work is sometimes luxuriant, sometimes incredibly simple, as we see here:

Two went up to the Temple to Pray  
 To went to pray? Or rather say  
 One went to brag, the other to pray.  
 One stands up close and treads on high  
 Where the other dares not lend his eye.  
 One nearer to God's altar trod;  
 The other to the altar's God.

Here is the first verse of his hymn *Vexilla Regis*, a verse meditation on the Cross, and the Office Hymn for Passiontide (which we sometimes sing as 'The Royal Banners forward go').

Look up, languishing soul! Lo, where the fair  
 Badge of thy faith calls back thy care,  
 And bids thee ne'er forget  
 Thy life is one long debt  
 Of love to Him, Who on this painful tree  
 Paid back the flesh He took for thee.

And here is that verse, and some of the following, in their adaptation by John Austin. This hymn is in the later edition of the Westminster Hymnal, as revised by Mgr Ronald Knox and Dom Gregory Murray. The hymn deserves, I think, to be better known.

I And now, my soul, canst thou forget That thy whole life is one long debt Of love to him, who on this tree Paid back the flesh he took for thee	Hail, Tree of life! We clearly now That doubt of former ages know; It was thy wood should make the throne Fit for a more than Solomon.
Lo, how the streams of precious blood flow from five wounds into one flood; with these he washes all thy stains And buys thy ease with his own pains.	O may all reap from thy increase, The just more strength, the sinner peace, While our half-withered hearts and we Engraft ourselves, and grow on thee.

I hope this series has been helpful for your prayers this Lent. Fr Daniel

**Readings for Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mathew 26:14-27:66



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SUNDAY 2 April	<b>LENT V Sunday</b> YEAR A (PASSION SUNDAY) <i>Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Mass 5pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood <i>Portuguese</i> <b>Sunday</b> Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Gretta Gordon RIP</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Music and Readings for Passiontide 6pm Holy Rood</b>
Monday 3 April	<i>Lent Feria</i> Mass 6.30pm Good Shepherd
Tuesday 4 April	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of St Isidore)</i> <i>Penitential Service</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>OL&amp;StE Abingdon</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>at 7.00pm</i>
Wednesday 5 April	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer)</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood <b>Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
Thursday 6 April	<i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Penitential Service</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) <i>English Martyrs, Didcot</i> Adoration & Confessions 7.00-8.00pm <i>at 7.00pm</i>
Friday 7 April	<i>Lent Feria (Commemoration of St John Baptist de la Salle)</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin, 1962</i> )
Saturday 8 April	<i>Lent Feria</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood Confessions 9.30-10.00am <b>Church Cleaning Our Lady's 9.30-12.00</b> <b>Church Cleaning Holy Rood 9.30-12.00</b>
SUNDAY 9 April	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Mass 5pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood <i>Portuguese</i> <b>Sunday</b> Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary (Teaching Mass) Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>

**Our Lady of the Rosary**, Botley, OX2 9BD **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD  
**Good Shepherd** Kennington, OX1 5LY **St Thomas More**, Boars Hill, OX1 5HD

**HOLY WEEK 2017** ✘ The celebration of the Holy Week Triduum Services at Our Lady of the Rosary (Maundy Thursday 8.00pm and Holy Saturday 8.00pm) and at Holy Rood (Good Friday 3.00pm) gives us a chance to come together as a Parish to celebrate this most important time in the Church's year.

There are many and various parts of these liturgies which we need to cover, and, so that we are really doing this as a parish, we need a good spread of us doing these different things.

At the back of church you will find a list of these roles. Please fill in your name if you think you can assist—and please ask if anything is unclear.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICES DURING LENT** ✘ At Our Lady and St Edmund's Church, Abingdon on **Tuesday 4 April** at 7pm; and at English Martyrs, Didcot on **Thursday 6 April** at 7pm.

**OFFICE CLOSED** | The parish office will be closed from **Tuesday 4 April until Thursday 13 April (inclusive)**.

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER** | This weekend we have a second collection for flowers for the church at Easter.

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Monday 3 April**  
Janet and Alan

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 26 March 2017**  
Main collection plate: £1127.41  
Standing orders: £533.75  
Clergy Assistance Fund: £502.66

**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.*

**Wednesday 12 April, 3-4.30pm**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN** followed by Confessions and **LENT WORKSHOP**

**16 April EASTER SUNDAY**  
No children liturgy  
Easter egg hunt after Mass  
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Please contact Blanka at [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**NORTH HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP** | Our Lady of the Rosary Church - **TODAY** - 11-15 yr olds 2:30 - 4pm. Youth Mass 4:15pm followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room.

**MUSIC AND READINGS FOR PASSIONTIDE** | Devotional service with music sung by the Newman Consort. **TODAY 2 April, 6pm** at Holy Rood. All welcome; bring a friend.

**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 [pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**LENTEN VOYAGES** | Fr Colum Kelly, port chaplain with Apostleship of the Sea, presents a series of weekly podcasts during Lent, which carries the theme 'Our Lenten Voyage'. Each podcast is built around each Sunday gospel. To listen go to [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) and click on Lenten podcast.

### 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, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer, Terry Holland.*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** | Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. April's is: **Young People**. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**FORMATION FOR MISSION WEBINAR** ✘ 100 people so far attending. Every Wednesday, log on to the webinar and discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel, find out more about God, the human person and about the Church. To register is easy, go to the formation for mission website at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation) and click on webinar.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** ✘ The Carmelite day pilgrimage to Walsingham is on **24 June 2017**. Pick-ups: 06:30am at Redbridge park and ride; 07:00am at Peartree park and ride. Firm commitment and payment by 1 June. Cost depends on numbers- £27 up to £40 per person. All welcome! Contact Armelle Belcher via English Martyrs, Didcot Parish Office for more details on 01235 812338 or email at [didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**PILGRIMAGES** | ✘ **LOURDES** ✘ Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip **Friday 18-25 August 2017**. Please email [parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**ORDINARIATE** | Sung Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 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. Next week, Saturday 8 April, is the first Mass of Palm Sunday, with blessing & distribution of Palms.

**OLOR SPRING CLEAN** | The time has come round again for the Annual OLOR Spring Clean. It will take place on Saturday 8 April from 9.30 to 12 noon. If any one feels able to add some elbow grease to make our church 'spick and span' in readiness for Easter then please come along between those times. You don't have to commit to a particular time slot, even half an hour would be welcome. All materials will be provided and a list of tasks will be at the back of the church this weekend to sign up for, or just turn up on the day and no doubt a duster will be handed to you! Please speak to Monica White if you have any questions on 01865 452205 or email [m.white14@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.white14@ntlworld.com).

**'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' ... IN A DAY!** You will see the DVDs followed by short discussions to confirm key points and to discover the salvation narrative story that runs through the Bible. We hope participants will take this course back to parishes across the diocese. We have four DVD courses available on loan from the Formation for Mission group. Saturday 6 May, 9am-5pm at St Peter's Church, Winchester, SO23 8BW. Cost £10 includes Bible Timeline chart, light lunch and refreshments. If interested please contact Liza Nahajzki at [parishstudies@gmail.com](mailto:parishstudies@gmail.com)