

'ADORING THE GLORY OF CHRIST'

The Epiphany is a season especially set apart for adoring the glory of Christ. The word may be taken to mean the manifestation of His glory, and leads us to the contemplation of Him as a King upon His throne in the midst of His court, with His servants around Him, and His guards in attendance. At Christmas we commemorate His grace; and in Lent His temptation; and on Good Friday His sufferings and death; and on Easter Day His victory; and on Holy Thursday His return to the Father; and in Advent we anticipate His second coming. And in all of these seasons He does something, or suffers something: but in the Epiphany and the weeks after it, we celebrate Him, not as on His field of battle, or in His solitary retreat, but as an august and glorious King; we view Him as the Object of our worship. Then only, during His whole earthly history, did He fulfil the type of Solomon, and held (as I may say) a court, and received the homage of His subjects; viz. when He was an infant. His throne was His undefiled Mother's arms; His chamber of state was a cottage or a cave; the worshippers were the wise men of the East, and they brought presents, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As great men of this world are often plainly dressed, and look like other men, all but as having some one costly ornament on their breast or on their brow; so the Son of Mary in His lowly dwelling, and in an infant's form, was declared to be the Son of God Most High, the Father of Ages, and the Prince of Peace, by His star; a wonderful appearance which had guided the wise men all the way from the East, even unto Bethlehem.

The only display of royal greatness which our Lord had on earth, was in His infancy and youth. Gabriel's message to Mary was in its style and manner such as befitted an Angel speaking to Christ's Mother. Elisabeth, too, saluted Mary, and the future Baptist his hidden Lord, in the same honourable way. Angels announced His birth, and the shepherds worshipped. A star appeared, and the wise men rose from the East and made Him offerings. He was brought to the temple, and Simeon took Him in His arms, and returned thanks for Him. He grew to twelve years old, and again He appeared in the temple, and took His seat in the midst of the doctors. But here His earthly majesty had its end, or if seen afterwards, it was but now and then, by glimpses and by sudden gleams, but with no steady sustained light, and no diffused radiance.

Let us thankfully cherish all seasons of peace and joy which are vouchsafed us here below. For all seasons we must thank Him, for time of sorrow and time of joy, time of warfare and time of peace. And the more we thank Him for the one, the more we shall be drawn to thank Him for the other. If we now enjoy God's ordinances, let us not cease to pray that they may prepare us for His presence hereafter. If we enjoy the presence of friends, let them remind us of the communion of saints before His throne. Let us trust in nothing here, yet draw hope from every thing—that at length the Lord may be our everlasting light, and the days of our mourning may be ended.

Blessed John Henry Newman,
Epiphany 1841

Next Sunday Readings

Sunday 2 Ordinary Time: Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 39; I Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34



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SUNDAY 8 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 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 <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 9 January	Baptism of the Lord <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 10 January	<i>Feria</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 11 January	<i>Feria</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Thursday 12 January	<i>St Aelred, Abbot</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Friday 13 January	<i>St Hilary. Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday 14 January	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood Confessions 9.30-10am
SUNDAY 15 January	SUNDAY 2 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 2</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 <i>Peace of the world</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>

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

HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION MEETING | TODAY

from 3-4pm at the Rosary Room there will be a meeting to discuss the programme for the new Hinksey Youth Group. All parents and volunteers are very welcome.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 18-25 January

is, as ever, the Octave of Prayer for Unity. One of the Sunday Masses on 22 January will be offered for the Unity of Christian. On **25 January**, end of the Week and the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, there is Midday Prayer followed by lunch at Our Lady of the Rosary. Please make every effort, if you are available, to attend this act of prayer; and, if you can assist with lunch, please let Fr Daniel or the Office know.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL |

Next weekend 14/15 January we will have a retiring collection in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Information about the work this charity does will be available at the back of the church. The SPUC urgently need help to increase their outreach to young people, the medical profession and the media who are particular targets of the abortion lobby.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING |

There will be a diocesan safeguarding training for all volunteers working with children and young people at St Edmund's in Abingdon from **10am-12:30pm** on **Saturday 28th January**. Please register your intention to attend with Soraya Ciccarone at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS Week ending 1 January 2017

Main collection plate: £360.60
Standing orders: £533.75

CHILDREN'S DIARY

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

Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Contact Blanka at : mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

ADORE – Saturday 28th January 2017

11.00-4.00. You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Please note new venue:** at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. Talk by international conference speaker and author Charles Whitehead KSG "Charisms: God's power tools". For more information and directions, see poster.

HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP |

Calling all young people! The Youth Group at Hinksey will be launched on **Sunday 5 February** at Our Lady of the Rosary parish hall. 10-12 & 13-14 year olds will meet from 2:30-4pm. There will be a Youth Mass for all the young people of the parish from 4:15-5pm followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. Finally the session for the 15+ group will be from 5-6:30pm including a talk on 'Christianity and Science'. If you're interested in coming along to the Youth Group or would like more information, please ask your parents to **sign up** on the form at the back of church. Alternatively, please contact Melanie at leader.tipa@gmail.com

ROTAS THIS WEEK

Counting Monday 9 January
Janet and Alan

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

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, Lesley Simpson

PRAYERS FOR BAMENDA ✕

Archbishop Cornelius has asked us to continue to pray for his diocese and for the people of Bamenda that the recent unrest there may not persist nor escalate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS |

The planned Getting to Know You session is on **Sunday 22 January**, 3pm in the Rosary Room. All children need to be present at Mass that morning, as they will be given the first part of their FHC Toolkit. As of Saturday 21 January, no new applications for this year will be accepted.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS 2017 |

Please note from January the office will be open from **Tuesday to Thursday** from 8.30am to 1.30pm and as usual on **Fridays** from 1-4.30pm.

BOWLING AT KASSAM STADIUM

All pastoral area youth groups are going bowling on **Friday 27th January from 7-9:30pm** at the Kassam Stadium Bowlplex. Andy Robins, the Youth Coordinator for the Didcot and Wallingford area is organising the event, so please call him on **07952 145851** or email at a.robins@talktalk.net if you'd like to go. The cost of is usually around £5.50 for children and £6.50 for adults aged 16+ for one game, but there is also a games arcade and places to buy a drink or snack, so youngsters may need a bit of extra spending money. £7-£10 should be fine.

ORDINARIATE | Said Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. The choir returns on Saturday 21 January, with a sung mass for the beginning of the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS |

Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. January's is: **Christian Unity:** *That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.*

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 meeting to be held next month (date and time TBC).

PILGRIMAGES | ✕ LOURDES ✕

Why not consider joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip in August 2017? It will be from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August**. If you would like more information, please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or 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.