

OUR LADY'S MOTHERHOOD

If you would bring out distinctly and beyond mistake and evasion, this simple idea of the Catholic Church that God is man, could you do it better than by laying down in St John's words that 'God *became* man' (cf Jn 1:14), and again could you express this more emphatically and unequivocally by declaring that he was *born* a man, or that he had a *Mother*? The world allows that God is man; the admission costs it little, for God is everywhere, and (as it may say) is everything; but it shrinks from confessing that God is the Son of Mary. It shrinks, for it is at once confronted with a severe fact, which violates and shatters its own unbelieving view of things; the revealed doctrine forthwith takes its true shape, and receives an historical reality; and the Almighty is introduced into his own world at a certain time and in a definite way. Dreams are broken and shadows depart; the Divine truth is no longer a poetical expression, or a devotional exaggeration, or a mystical economy, or a mythical representation.

Mary is exalted for the sake of Jesus. It was fitting that she, as being a creature, though the first of creatures, should have an office of ministration. She, as others, came into the world to do a work, she had a mission to fulfil; her grace and her glory are not for her own sake, but for her Maker's; and to her is committed the custody of the Incarnation! this is her appointed office, — 'A Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' (Is 7:14). As she was once on earth, and was personally the guardian of her Divine Child, as she carried him in her womb, folded him in her embrace, and suckled him at her breast, so now, ant to the latest hour of the Church, do her glories and the devotion paid her proclaim and define the right faith concerning him as God and man. [...] Thus she is the *Turris Davidica*, as the Church calls her, 'the Tower of David'; the high and stron defence of the King fo the true Israel; and hence the Church also addresses her in the Antiphon, as having 'alone destroyed all heresies in the whole world'.

Blessed John Henry Newman,
'The Glories of Mary for the sake of her Son',
in *Discourses addressed to Mixed Congregations*, by John Henry Cardinal Newman

Mary the Holy Mother of God: Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 66, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21
The Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71, Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6, Matthew 2:1-12



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SUNDAY 1 January	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 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 2 January	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors No Mass at Good Shepherd (Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 3 January	<i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> No Mass
Wednesday 4 January	<i>of Christmastide</i> No Mass
Thursday 5 January	<i>of Christmastide</i> No Mass
Friday 6 January	<i>of Christmastide</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More No Midday Latin Mass today Pastoral Area Youth Mass 7pm St Mary's, East Hendred
Saturday 7 January	<i>of Christmastide</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood Confessions 9.30-10am
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>

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

TIPA YOUTH: PASTORAL AREA YOUTH GROUP | Come and celebrate the Epiphany with us at our pastoral area Youth Mass & Epiphany Party! The event will be at St Mary's in East Hendred on Friday 6th January from 7-9:30pm. You will need a torch, comfortable shoes and a warm coat (Preferably waterproof if possible).

Mass is at 7pm (for which the above waterproofs are almost certainly not required. Ed.).

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Melanie at leader.tipa@gmail.com Thanks!

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.

OFFICE CLOSED NEXT WEEK | Please note that the Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 December (inclusive). The office re-opens on Tuesday 3 January at the new times.

DAY BY DAY ✕ January booklets are available at the back of the church (£1)

THANK YOU | To Geraldine Mugford and Alan Flockton who raised a total of £321 during the last Ride & Stride. The parish will receive £160.50.

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

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 25 December 2016
Christmas Offering

CHILDREN'S DIARY

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

1st January - Mary the Holy Mother of God - no children's liturgy

Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Contact Blanka at :

mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

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

HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION MEETING | On **Sunday 8 January** 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. Please email Melanie for more information at leader.tipa@gmail.com

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

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT? Christian Flatshare is a website that seeks to bring together those offering accommodation and those who are seeking accommodation. No fee for the service and the options are very flexible(www.christianflatshare.org).

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE? |

Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate which begins in January 2017 and consists of three overnight stays in January, March and May. The aim of these sessions is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to help discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions. Wives of prospective candidates will also be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formal Formation program. For further information please contact Fr Peter Hart as soon as possible via portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ORDINARIATE | The University vacation has now begun and so we bid farewell to sung Masses until Epiphanytide. Said Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood.

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.

10-MINUTE DIARY | A companion for anyone wishing to deepen their faith amongst the business of every day life. It will help you to take 10-minutes out of your busy day to meditate on God's Word. Following the four principal stages of *Lectio Divina* (read, meditate, pray and act), you will be guided by scriptural scholar Fr Javier Ruiz Ortiz through a Bible reading each week, helping you to encounter God through the text. Available in church: £5.

PILGRIMAGES | ✕ **ROME & ASSISI** ✕

Fr Tom Grufferty is organising a Walking Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi from 28 September to 6 October 2017. For full details see the poster at the back of the church.