

**SAINT OF THE WEEK: Pope St Pius X (Monday, August 21)**

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Riese, now in north-east Italy, then in the kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia, in 1835, the second child of the village postman. In 1850, he received a scholarship to go to seminary in Padua, and was ordained on 18 September 1858, becoming the curate of the parish of Tombolo. He continued with parish work into his late thirties, and was then made part of the diocesan curia, as chancellor of the diocese and rector of his old seminary. In 1884 he was consecrated bishop of Mantua, and made cardinal in 1893. Shortly thereafter, he was made Patriarch of Venice—this was a complex appointment, because Venice was now part of the relatively new Italian state, which claimed the right to nominate the patriarch, as successor to the Austrian Emperor in this regard. After the equivalent of a papal-governmental arm-wrestling match, the appointment was taken up.

In 1903, Sarto was elected pope to succeed Leo XIII (of blessed memory), taking the name Pius. During his pontificate, he wrote encyclicals on music, catechism, holy communion; he canonised St Gerard Majella and beatified John Bosco, Joan of Arc, and John Eudes. Never reluctant to express an opinion, a 1914 edition of the *Milwaukee Journal* relates that he described tango dancing as ‘one of the dullest things imaginable— if a sinner were compelled to dance the tango as a penance he would be treated harshly’, and instead recommended the *furlana*, a traditional (and very fast) Venetian courting dance. Jan Morris’s book *Venice* contains the following account of Pius X’s time as Patriarch:

In 1959 there was returned to the city, to lie in state for one month, the body of Pope Pius X, one of the few canonized pontiffs of recent times. This holy man had been Patriarch of Venice for seven years, until his elevation to the papacy in 1903, and he is still venerated in the city. Scores of churches contain his effigy, and many an elderly lady will tell you, with a look of respectful affection in her eye, tales of his simplicity and goodness. He was a man of poverty— he wore his predecessor’s robes, to save buying new ones, and towards the end of the month he sometimes had to make a visit to the Monte di Pietà, the pawnshop of Venice. He scorned convention, pretence and stuffiness, and was thus more popular among the common people than among the aristocrats. He once demonstrated to a lady, in private audience at the Vatican, the steps of a Venetian dance [can it have been the *furlana*? Ed.]. When a nun asked for a pair of his old stockings, as a remedy for rheumatism, and later pronounced herself entirely cured, the Pope declared it very odd— ‘I wore them myself far longer than she did, and they never did me any good!’

All Venice mourned when this good person left the city for the consistory that was to elect him Pope. There is a moving photograph that shows him stepping into his gondola for the last time, to go to the railway station. In the foreground an elderly gondolier stands solemn and bareheaded, holding his oar; a bald man kneels to kiss the old priest’s hand; a small boy, clutching a pillar, stares pale-faced from the background; and the scene is framed with groups of anxious, silent, sad women. It was almost certain that he would be the next Pope; but he cheerfully bought a return ticket to Rome, and he said to the crowds, in a phrase that has become famous: ‘Never fear, I shall come back. Dead or alive, I shall return to Venice! - ‘*O vivo o morto ritornerò!*’ Half a century later, another Patriarch of Venice became Pope; and one of the first acts of Giovanni XXIII, a man of much the same kind, was to fulfil his predecessor’s promise, and return to the city the embalmed body of Saint Pius X.

**Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20



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SUNDAY 20 August	<b>SUNDAY 20 PER ANNUM (YEAR A) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5.00pm 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>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 21 August	St Pius X <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 22 August	The Queenship of Our Lady Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 23 August	<i>St Rose of Lima</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood
Thursday 24 August	<b>St Bartholomew, Apostle</b> <i>No Mass</i>
Friday 25 August	<i>St Louis IX</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday 26 August	Blessed Dominic Barberi Mass 9.00am Holy Rood 9.30-10.00am Confessions
SUNDAY 27 August	<b>SUNDAY 21 PER ANNUM (YEAR A) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Mass 5.00pm 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>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>

**Our Lady of the Rosary**, Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD  
**St Thomas More**, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN

**FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL** ✕ During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth from **Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 August**.

**DAILY MASSES NEARBY** | Blackfriars, St Giles, OX1 3LY Mo-Sa 6.15pm (until 4 September). The Oratory (S. Aloysius) OX2 6HA M-F 7.30am, 10am, 6pm, Sa 10am Confessions 20 mins before Mass.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Please go to [www.catholic singles.org.uk](http://www.catholic singles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** | **17 September** Home Mission Sunday; **24/9** The Cathedral

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 13 August 2017**  
Main collection plate: £387.12  
Standing orders: £583.75  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: £142.74  
**Parish giving info:** Cheques should be made to PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady. Bank transfers to account number 00883337, sort code 309304.

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Monday 21 August**  
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](mailto:hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### CHILDREN'S DIARY

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

**10 September:** Children's liturgy resumes. For more information, contact Blanka [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**NOTES FROM THE PPC MEETING, 12 JULY | Youth update** – Melanie the Diocesan youth worker will concentrate on the 15 plus group, her work will be pastorally area focused, whereas the younger group 11-14 will be engaging with the Church through the Parish. **Night Fever Blackfriars event, Parish attendance** We await the announcement of the date.

Two possibilities: to invite parishioners to meet at HR and walk as a small pilgrimage to Blackfriars, or say to parishioners to meet there. **Safeguarding** – A training day has been arranged on November 11<sup>th</sup> at OLOR. **Notice boards** - Well in hand at OLOR and the board will be fully functional by our next meeting. **Council Members morning away** – To be on a weekday at Boars Hill, date to be finalised. Bishop Philip is keen for us to read and discuss a book called *Divine Renovation*. These will provide inspiration in some areas as to how the Council moves forward. **We welcome** Deacon Michael Ward to our Parish. Kit Rodger, well known to OLOR, has also been ordained a Deacon, both are expected to become Priests after a year. **Weekday Mass times** were discussed and found to be generally suitable, but a 7.30 evening Mass once a week at OLOR would be welcome, possibly combined with Adoration. **Open Churches** - It is proposed that HR should be open daytime on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Volunteer key holders needed to help with the opening and closing of the church and cover for office absences. Please see Father Daniel if able to help.

### 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, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Moira Fryer*

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED** | *John Fenandez; Donald Saunders*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** | **ARTISTS** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**DISCERNMENT WEEKEND 15-17 September** ✕ Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life? Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point? Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option? If any of these questions apply, this weekend is for you. For more information and how to register please go to the [www.ukpriest.org/discernment-events](http://www.ukpriest.org/discernment-events)

**PARISH GROUPS** |  
**YOUTH GROUP** | as advertised  
**'LADIES OF THE PARISH' - COFFEE AND DISCUSSION GROUP** | First Wednesday of the month at Holy Rood, after the 9.00am Mass, Coffee/Tea/Cake and discussion.  
**WOMEN'S READING GROUP** | A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together AMORIS LAETITIA. If you would like to join, please contact [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).  
**MEN'S GROUP** | Last Tuesday of the month, location & other details as advertised.

**ORDINARIATE** | 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. NB No 5pm Saturday Mass on 2 and 9 September. Normal services resume Thursday 14/9.

**FROM POPE FRANCIS** ✕ "I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him"

**RIDE & STRIDE 2017** | The annual Ride & Stride event is taking place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Any sponsorship raised will be divided between our parish and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Sponsorship forms and a list of participating churches are available at the back of the church. Many thanks to all our volunteers on that day.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** | All welcome to attend to hear about the challenges faced by Christians living in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, and how FHL is giving hope to the most vulnerable families. For more information, see poster in church. This event is free and it will be on the 30 September at Kenilworth.

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS** | Bishop Philip would like to invite all altar servers from across the diocese to join me for a special Day for Altar Servers on **Saturday 9 September**. More information to follow, please keep the date free!