

## OUR LADY'S MONTH OF MAY

This month, we have a series of different perspectives on Our Blessed Lady's role in the life of the Church. We conclude this week with an extract from the Meditations on the Litany of Loreto, for the Month of May, by Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-90).

Why is May chosen as the month in which we exercise a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin?

The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter, and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold.

A man may say, 'True; but in this climate we have sometimes a bleak, inclement May.' This cannot be denied; but still, so much is true that at least it is the month of promise and of hope. Even though the weather happen to be bad, it is the month that begins and heralds in the summer. We know, for all that may be unpleasant in it, that fine weather is coming, sooner or later. 'Brightness and beautifulness shall,' in the Prophet's words, 'appear at the end, and shall not lie: if it make delay, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and shall not be slack.'

May then is the month, if not of fulfilment, at least of promise; and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated?

The Prophet says, 'There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise out of his root.' Who is the flower but our Blessed Lord? Who is the rod, or beautiful stalk or stem or plant out of which the flower grows, but Mary, Mother of our Lord, Mary, Mother of God?

It was prophesied that God should come upon earth. When the time was now full, how was it announced? It was announced by the Angel coming to Mary. 'Hail, full of grace,' said Gabriel, 'the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.' She was the sure promise of the coming Saviour, and so May is by a special title her month.

[Moreover,] May belongs to the Easter season, which lasts fifty days, and in that season the whole of May commonly falls, and the first half always. The great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven is always in May, except once or twice in forty years. Pentecost, called also Whit-Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Ghost, is commonly in May, and the Feasts of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi are in May not unfrequently. May, therefore, is the time in which there are such frequent Alleluias, because Christ has risen from the grave, Christ has ascended on high, and God the Holy Ghost has come down to take His place.

Blessed Mary is the first of creatures, the most acceptable child of God, the dearest and nearest to Him. It is fitting then that this month should be hers, in which we especially glory and rejoice in His great Providence to us, in our redemption and sanctification in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

### Readings for Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



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<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 28 May</p>	<p><b>ASCENSION SUNDAY (TRANSFERRED)</b>  <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>)                  Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary  <i>Magdalen Kelly RIP</i>                  Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>)  <b>Sunday</b> Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i>  <b>Sung Mass with First Holy Communions 11.15am</b>  <b>Holy Rood</b> For the First Communicants</p>
<p>Monday 29 May</p>	<p><i>Monday after the Ascension</i> No Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday 30 May</p>	<p><i>Tuesday after the Ascension</i>                  Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary  <b>Men's Group 7.30pm Holy Rood</b>                  Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
<p>Wednesday 31 May</p>	<p><b>The Visitation of Our Lady</b>                  Mass 9.00am Holy Rood</p>
<p>Thursday 1 June</p>	<p>St Justin Martyr                  Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>)                  No Adoration and Confession this evening (<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>)</p>
<p>Friday 2 June</p>	<p><i>Ss Marcellinus &amp; Peter, Martyrs</i>                  Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>B. Hodgetts &amp; R. Blacker Ints.</i>                  No 12.30pm Mass today                  Wedding 2pm St Michael's Cumnor B Hodgetts &amp; R Blacker</p>
<p>Saturday 3 June</p>	<p>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs                  Mass 9.00am Holy Rood Confessions 9.30-10.00am</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 4 May</p>	<p><b>PENTECOST (WHITSUN)</b>  <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Vigil of Pentecost and Sung Mass                  5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>)                  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 with Reception and Confirmation 11.15am                  Holy Rood <i>Catherine Rogers's Ints.</i></p>

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

**TODAY** we pray especially for the children who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time at Holy Rood: Dylan, Isabella, Zara, Sophie, Emily, Esme and George.

**PENTECOST VIGIL LIVE FROM ROME** ✘ Saturday 3 June 3pm  
St Edmund's Parish Centre, Abingdon OX14 3PL. Pope Francis has invited Christians worldwide to join him in the Circus Maximus to celebrate 50 years of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. St Edmund's will be streaming the event live in the Parish Centre. All welcome, come for all or part. Refreshments provided. For details please call 01235 528528.

**DAY BY DAY** | June booklets are available at the back of the church (£1).

**OLD £1 COINS AND £5 NOTES!**  
Shops will soon stop accepting the former, and have already ceased to accept the latter. Take them to your bank (or, for free, allow us to take them off your hands...).

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | THIS WEEKEND**  
Catholic Communications Network;  
17/18 June Day for Life.

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 21 May 2017**  
Main collection plate: £848.01  
Standing orders: £583.75

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Tuesday 30 May**  
Stella 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.*

**28 May: 9.15am** FHC children at OLOR with Parish. Dedication of FHC children to Our Lady. **No Children's Liturgy.**

#### 11.15am FHC at Holy Rood

**18 June: 9.15am Children's Mass.** Corpus Christi Procession. FHC children may wear their FHC clothes if they would like to. Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Please contact Blanka at [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

### FORTHCOMING FEAST DAYS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY |

✘ **Sunday 28 May** First Holy Communions at Holy Rood, 11.15am (at the parish Mass).

✘ **Saturday 3 June** Extended Vigil and Solemn Mass for the ancient observance of the Vigil of Pentecost, Holy Rood, 5pm (Ordinariate Mass). Music: W. A. Mozart, *Spatzenmesse*, Tallis, *Loquebantur*. The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred.

✘ **Sunday 4 June** Pentecost. Sunday Masses at the usual times; Rite of Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church and Confirmation at Holy Rood, 11.15am.

✘ **Saturday 10 June** Sung Mass in Latin (1962) with the Schola Abelis for Ember Saturday in the Pentecost Octave: 11.00am at Holy Rood. Confessions at 10.30am.

✘ **Sunday 18 June** Corpus Christi Sunday: Eucharistic Procession at Our Lady of the Rosary, at the 9.15am Family Mass.

✘ **Friday 23 June** Vespers and Benediction for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 6.30pm, Holy Rood. Ecumenical Guest Preacher, Rev'd David Lloyd, Vicar, Bampton-with-Clanfield. Followed by strawberries and cream, and a glass of something fizzy.

✘ **Sunday 16 July** Parish Picnic!

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |

*Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Jim & Joan Chatting, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer, Bob Martin, Maura Dennehy.*

#### RECEPTIONS INTO THE CHURCH |

*Katya Rogers, 4 June*

**MARRIAGES** | *Benjamin Hodgetts and Rosemary Blacker, 2 June*

**ORDINATIONS** | *Michael Ward (to the diaconate for the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, 17 June 2017 in London)*

#### FIRST COMMUNICANTS 2017 |

*Dylan, Isabella, Zara, Sophie, Emily, Esme, George (28 May); Gabby, Alejandro, Albert, Jack, Hope, Lucy, Olivia, Brian, Ellie, Aimee, Dolores, Edith, Ciara (21 May)*

#### FAITHFUL DEPARTED | *Rita Pattinson*

**Administrator Required** - A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Administrative Secretary to work for Fr Phillip Harris, Parish Priest at the churches of English Martyrs, Didcot and St John the Evangelist, Wallingford. The successful applicant will be located at the Parish Office in the Presbytery at Didcot. *Hours of work: 28 per week, hours each day to be agreed. Salary: £9.19 - £11.34 per hour.* Experienced Administrator with excellent secretarial skills, time management and prioritisation skills. Computer literate, skilled in word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets, database management and use of the internet. Experienced in book-keeping and knowledge of accounts. Experience of website management (training will be given). Deadline for applications **5 June**. Applications are available [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/) **vacancies** or from the parish office. Please return to Fr Phillip Harris, English Martyrs Church, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ, Telephone 01235 812338.

**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. Saturday 4 June: Vigil of Pentecost and Sung Mass. Gregorian chant, Mozart, *Spatzenmesse*, Tallis, *Loquebantur*.

#### TALK ON AMORIS LAETITIA |

Austin Ivereigh of Catholic Voices speaks on *Amoris Laetitia*, St Edmund's, Abingdon: **16 June 2017**. Mass at 7pm, talk to follow around 7.30pm. Please see poster in church

#### STORED ITEMS IN THE ROSARY ROOM |

There are a number of toys stored in the rosary room. If they belong to you, please take them home. All those left will be given to charity. Thank you!

#### PARISH GROUPS |

**YOUTH GROUP** | **Sunday afternoons once a month as advertised.** Also: Trip to *Freedog* in Swindon **Saturday 10 June**. Meet at *Freedog*, Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555, **1.00pm**. Please bring lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack.

[tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
**MEN'S GROUP** | **Tuesday 30 May, 7:30pm** at Holy Rood. Prayer and reflection, followed by social gathering. All welcome. For more information contact Chris on 07747467729.

**LADIES OF THE PARISH - COFFEE AND DISCUSSION GROUP** | First Wednesday of the month, 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).