

**FEAST OF THE WEEK:**

The Decollation (Beheading) of St John the Baptist, 29 August

*From a sermon of the Venerable Bede*

This blessed harbinger of the Lord's birth, teaching and death, displayed against his foes a valour worthy of heaven's regard. As the scripture tells us, 'Although he suffered torments in men's eyes, he has a sure hope of immortality.' Accordingly we celebrate the day of his birth with festive joy, for he made it sacred to us by his own suffering, made it resplendent with the brightness of his blood. Justly do we honour with spiritual joy the memory of the man who stamped with the seal of martyrdom the witness he gave on the Lord's behalf.

Without doubt blessed John the Baptist endured the chains of his prison and laid down his life in witness to our Redeemer, of whom he was the forerunner. His persecutor did not order him to deny Christ but to be silent about the truth. Nevertheless he died for Christ. For as Christ himself said, 'I am the truth', in shedding his blood for the truth he therefore certainly did so for Christ. By his birth before Christ, by his preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to him who was to be born, to preach and to baptize; so too he prefigured by his suffering the passion of Christ.

This great man, then, after the long agony of captivity, ended his life on earth with the shedding of his blood. He who preached the freedom of heavenly peace was thrown into chains by wicked men; he who came to bear witness to the light, who was deservedly called a burning and shining light by Christ the light itself, was imprisoned in darkness; he who was granted the privilege of baptizing the Redeemer of the world, of hearing the Father's voice above him, of seeing the grace of the Holy Spirit coming down upon him, was given baptism in his own blood.

But to such men the endurance of temporal torments for the truth was easy and desirable: they knew they would be rewarded with everlasting joys. Death being near and inevitable in the course of nature, the martyrs deemed it desirable to accept it for the profession of Christ's name, and gain the prize of everlasting life. And so the apostle well says: 'To you it has been granted by Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for his sake.' It is a gift of Christ, he says, for the elect to suffer for him, because 'the sufferings of this life are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us.'

O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27



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<b>SUNDAY</b> 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>Bob and Hilde Martin's Ints. (Wedding Anniv. 29.08)</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 28 August	St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 29 August	The Decollation of St John the Baptist <i>No Mass</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 30 August	<i>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, &amp; Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Thursday 31 August	<i>Ss Aidan and all saints of Lindisfarne</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Friday 1 September	<i>Feria (Friday of Week 21 per annum)</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday 2 September	<i>Feria (Saturday of Week 21 per annum)</i> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3 September	<b>SUNDAY 22 PER ANNUM (YEAR A) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2</b> <b>Saturday Vigil No 5pm Mass</b> 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>Sarah Stedman RIP (Anniv)</i>
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> , Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ <b>Holy Rood</b> , Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD <b>St Thomas More</b> , Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN	

**TODAY** We give a warm welcome to Fr Paul who will be offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass in our parish.  
Next Sunday, Fr Alistair Jones from Blackfriars will be joining us.

**DAILY MASSES NEARBY** | Blackfriars, St Giles, OX1 3LY Mo-Sa 6.15pm (until 4 September).  
The Oratory (St Aloysius) OX2 6HA M-F 7.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm, Sa 10.00am.  
Confessions 20 mins before Mass.

While I am away, please contact the Parish Office for any questions or needs.  
Please remember that if you or a relative or friend go into hospital, you will need to alert the Catholic Chaplain. Fr Daniel

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** | Please note that the parish office will be closed from **Tuesday 5 until Friday 22 September (inclusive)**.

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

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 20 August 2017**  
Main collection plate: £494.23  
Standing orders: £583.75  
**Parish giving info:** Cheques should be made to PRC DTR North Hinksey Our Lady. Bank transfers to account number 00883337, sort code 309304.

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Tuesday 29 August**  
Jo and Maria

**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)

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS | Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**RIDE & STRIDE 2017** | The annual Ride & Stride event is taking place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Sponsorship forms and a list of participating churches are available at the back of the church.

**C A T E C H E S I S M E E T S**  
**EVANGELISATION** IA training and resource day for confirmation catechists. Where: St Bede's Basingstoke. When: **Saturday 30 September** from 9.30am-4pm. Cost £10. If interested or for more information please see poster in church or [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** ✱ If you would ever like prayer for your own intention, for your parish or for any need, do go to the home page of the diocese website, scroll down to the "prayer request" button, where you can leave an anonymous request which will go to 40 intercessors throughout the diocese.

**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.

### 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*

**HELPING REFUGEES** | The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills- to join the core working group. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested please visit our website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg) or [PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call me on 01730 262 290. Fr Peter Hollins.

**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 Ordinate 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.

**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!

**DAY BY DAY** ✱ Booklets for September are available at the back of the church. Price: £1

**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 please go to the UKpriest website [www.ukpriest.org/discernment-events](http://www.ukpriest.org/discernment-events)

**WHY CATHOLICS LEAVE, WHAT THEY MISS AND HOW THEY MIGHT RETURN** | You will remember in 2015, the diocese ran a campaign in connection with St Mary's University called 'Share Your Story'. We received 256 eligible responses, many very detailed, in fact, the data was so rich, that the final report will be produced as a book - which will be published by Paulist Press in 2018.