

## THE HOLY ROSARY

October rolls around once again, the month dedicated in honour of the Rosary. We remember that not only this month, but the entire territory of our parish, is dedicated in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. It's good, then, that we have just begun the regular recitation of the rosary after our Saturday morning Mass. As we ask Our Lady to 'pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death', at the same time the sacrament of Confession is taking place. That means that, even as we're praying, actual sinners are being absolved, by the wonderful working of the grace of God. Come and pray, and if anyone has an interest in beginning the recitation of the rosary at another time, let me know.

What about the history of the Rosary itself, then? Well, in the Roman Breviary, one of the Lessons for this feast at Matins is as follows:

When the heresy of the Albigensians was making head against God in the County of Toulouse, and striking deeper roots every day, Saint Dominic, who had only just laid the foundations of the Order of Friars Preachers, threw his whole strength into the work of rooting out these blasphemies. So that he might be better able to work at this, he cried for help with his whole soul to that Blessed Maiden, whose glory the falsehoods of the heretics so insolently assailed, and to whom it has been granted to trample down every heresy throughout the whole earth. It is said that he had from her a word, bidding him preach about the praying of the Rosary among the people, as a strong help against heresy and sin, and it is wonderful with how stout a heart, and with what great success, he did the work laid upon him. This Rose-garden (or Rosary) is a certain form of prayer, wherein we say one-hundred-and-fifty times the salutation of the Angel, and the Lord's Prayer between every ten times, and, each of the fifteen times that we say the Lord's Prayer, and repeat tenfold the salutation, think of one of fifteen great events in the history of our Redemption. From that time forth this form of godly prayer was extraordinarily spread about by holy Dominic.

Now it's often said that St Dominic instituted the saying of the rosary, but that claim isn't directly made by this reading. The saying the same prayers repeatedly, and for a certain number, is old and widely found: praying such-and-such many 'Our Fathers' was sometimes a substitute for praying the same number of psalms, if you couldn't read or remember the psalter. And the practice of having an instrument to count what you've done is also old. But there's no reason that Dominic shouldn't have been inspired to put these various things together in his preaching for a particular purpose.

It is also sometimes said (wrongly) that the Rosary is repetitive and therefore it is a bad thing. It is repetitive, and that's a good thing. It places before us the mysteries of our redemption, and does so with the constant reminders: 1) in the 'Hail Mary', that these things happened in a particular time, and in a particular place, and that our salvation is about our whole selves; and 2) in the Lord's Prayer, that we depend completely on God, even for our daily bread. In heaven, the Angels forever repeat 'Holy, holy, holy' — because God *is*. Similarly, we need to be reminded of 1) and 2) above, because they're true.

Fr Daniel

### Readings for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Canticle Luke 1:46-55; Acts 1:12-14; Gospel Luke 1:26-38



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SUNDAY 1 October	<b>SUNDAY 26 PER ANNUM (YEAR A) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5pm Holy Rood <i>Divine Worship</i> Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>FM Margaret &amp; Tom Brady RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Maria Keady's Ints</i> Sung Mass and Baptism 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Lily Samworth</i>
Monday 2 October	Holy Guardian Angels <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 3 October	<i>Feria (Tuesday of Week 26 per annum)</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Tobias McNally RIP</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 4 October	St Francis of Assisi Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Private intention</i> PPC 7.30pm Holy Rood
Thursday 5 October	<i>Feria (Thursday of Week 26 per annum)</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) <i>Augustine Hoey, RIP</i> Holy Hour <i>for Vocations</i> , and Confessions, 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 6 October	<i>St Bruno</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Private Intention</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin, 1962</i> )
Saturday 7 October	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood, followed by Rosary Confessions 9.30-10.00am
SUNDAY 8 October	<b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5pm 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>Founders and Benefactors</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

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** | These are due to start fairly soon. Candidates for confirmation are usually 13 (Year 9) or above at the time of the celebration of the sacrament (in this case, Summer 2018). If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact Fr Daniel **as soon as possible**. The diocesan confirmations at the cathedral are usually for those 13-18 years old, but if you are over 18, not confirmed, and would like to explore the sacrament, you should contact Fr Daniel too. Those who have been confirmed in the last few years are very welcome to assist with the running of this year's group. Talk to Fr Daniel if you would like to (or your parents think it would be a good way to get you out of the house).

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** |  
**22 October** World Missions  
**5 November** Bamenda

**COUNTING ROTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** | Can you spare up to 2 hours once a month? If you can, please speak to Fr Daniel or email the office. Training will be given and a cup of coffee!

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 24 September 2017**  
Main collection plate: £ 517.99  
Cathedral: £ 152.37  
Standing orders: £583.75  
**Parish giving info:** Cheques should be made payable to: **PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady** Bank transfers to account number **00883337**, sort code **309304**.

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Monday 2 October**  
Janet and Gerald

**CHILDREN'S DIARY**  
*Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.*  
The next children's Mass will be:  
**Sunday 15 October, 9.15am Harvest Mass**  
Followed by Harvest Brunch in the Rosary Room. Please bring food and drink to share. All welcome.  
For more information, contact Blanka

**CREATIVE MINISTRY RETREAT** | A weekend of faith-inspired music and arts for ages 14-18. Worship and creativity, Eucharistic adoration, Exploring the Mass, Art in sacred spaces, Leading liturgical music, Freedom in Worship and Open Mic.  
**20-22 October**, Cold Ash Centre. £100. Please see poster in church.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** | On **6 October** it is the annual Family Fast Day for CAFOD. Envelopes will be available to take at the masses leading up to the day and perhaps they could be returned at the following weekend masses. This is an important fund raising for CAFOD and shows our solidarity with the poor and hungry of the world so please be generous.

**NEWMAN NIGHT WALK 2017** |  
**Sunday 8 October**. Beginning at the Oxford Oratory at 7.45pm. Procession from 89 Rose Hill at 9.30pm. Holy Hour & Benediction, Bl Dominic Barberi, Littlemore. 10.45pm Conclusion in Newman's Chapel. All welcome, you can join in at any point. See poster in church for more details.

**THE 'DOMESTIC CHURCH'** or How can we live out our faith in our busy and chaotic home lives? Workshop and discussion led by Lucy and Paul Docherty. **Saturday 14 October**, 1600-1745, Mass at 6pm. St Peter's RC Church, Winchester. Please see poster in church.

**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, John Vandenberg*  
**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** |  
*Vivian Lanzon-Miller, Augustine Hoey, Tobias Burke McNally*

**ANSCOME MEMORIAL LECTURE** | 'Chastity, Human Dignity and the Common Good: Anscombe and Aquinas'—Prof Luke Gormally. Monday 16 Oct 2017, 4.00pm in the Aula at Blackfriars, St Giles. Reception to follow and Mass at 6.15. Email [admin@bioethics.org.uk](mailto:admin@bioethics.org.uk) for more information.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** | **Workers and the Unemployed.** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**PARISH GROUPS** |  
**YOUTH GROUP** | as advertised  
**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.  
**ROSARY** | Saturday mornings after the 9.00am Mass.

**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)

**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.

**ARE YOU A CATHOLIC MILLENNIAL?** If you're between 18 and 35(-ish), then the answer is probably yes. People will write articles about you for newspapers and the internet, and you are either the saviours of the human race, or its spiralling downfall. But, while people talk *about* you, nobody talks *to* you, and especially not about the challenges of being a Catholic today... So: watch this space for an announcement which will be encouraging and inspiring.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY** | The Feast of Title of our parish is next weekend! Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning will be of the feast day, and we shall have a celebration in the Rosary Room after the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 7 October. Please do join us for this important day in our parish's life. And see the box below...

**LAUDATE DEUM** | There will be a special announcement (a good one!) at Our Lady of the Rosary on the weekend of 7 and 8 October. If you want to know what it is, you had better come along and find out...

**FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR DIOCESE** ✕ **Saturday 18 November**, Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am – 5pm. This is for everyone in the diocese who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply, and move towards being an active disciple. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the beginning and the end.