

LENT FRIDAYS AND THE PASSION

In the Middle Ages, there developed and flowered great devotion to Our Lord's Passion. Many factors contributed: enthusiasm amongst those returning from the crusades; the preaching of saints like Bernard of Clairvaux and Francis of Assisi (and the spread of their ideas, especially by orders like the Franciscans). It's also notable that this devotion seems to have been particularly popular with women, and we can see a little of that in the writings of saints like Clare of Assisi, Gertrude of Helfta, and Mechtild of Magdeburg.

Relics of Our Lord's Passion had long been venerated and written about, since St Helena's discovery of the True Cross in the early 300s AD. But from about the 1170s, there arose a trend for depicting specifically the Instruments of the Passion (lance, nails, scourge, pillar, &c) for devotional and meditational purposes. Formally laid out, usually in the way shown in the picture above (which is from a Franciscan book of 1587), these were called the *Arma Christi*, or 'weapons of Christ', and drew in part on ancient depictions of Our Lord as the victorious warrior trampling down death. They were popular not least because they were fairly easy to draw, paint, or carve, for decoration and as a focus for prayer. They could be a focus for other things, too; in England between 1536-37, the struggles known collectively to historians as the 'Pilgrimage of Grace' saw the Banner of the Five Wounds used as a rallying symbol for those who marched against Henry VIII (demanding as they did, amongst a broad and fervent programme, 'the suppression of heresies of Luther, Huss, Wycliffe, Tyndale and others', and a strengthening of tenants' rights against their landlords).

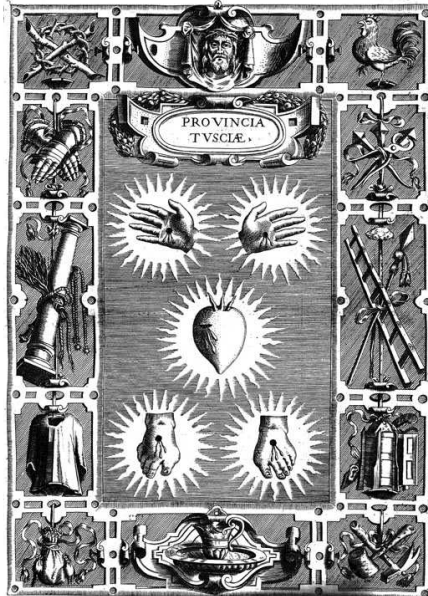
At length, there were included in the Missal the following collection of votive Masses for Fridays in Lent (Fridays, in anticipation of Good Friday) :

1. First Friday of Lent *The Feast of the Sacred Passion of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ*
2. Second Friday in Lent *The Feast of the Crown of Thorns of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
3. Third Friday in Lent *The Feast of the Lance and Nails of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
4. Fourth Friday in Lent *The Feast of the Five Wounds*
5. Fifth Friday in Lent *The Feast of the Precious Blood*

Friday following the fifth Lenten Sunday was also kept as 'Our Lady in Passiontide' (rather like Our Lady of Sorrows on 15 September, the day after the feast of the Holy Cross).

Perhaps the most obvious survival of this devotion today is that of First Friday masses dedicated to the Sacred Heart, but if you happen to be in Paris on any Friday in Lent (and any First Friday of the month), you may go to the cathedral of Notre-Dame at 3.00pm, and there venerate the relic of the Crown of Thorns. And, who knows? Perhaps in your prayer and meditation this Lent, you might find room for the Lent Friday devotions so beloved of our predecessors in the faith.

Fr Daniel



Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21



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SUNDAY 4 March	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B) Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Sung Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Nina Levingston RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Arthur & Margaret Cotterrell's Ints</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 5 March	<i>Monday of the Third Week of Lent</i> No Mass
Tuesday 6 March	<i>Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Mrs Cooper RIP</i> <u>Confirmation Class 5.30pm Presbytery</u> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 7 March	<i>Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent</i> (<i>Comm. of Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i>) Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Michal Giedroyc RIP</i>
Thursday 8 March	<i>Thursday of the Third Week of Lent</i> (<i>Comm. of St John of God</i>) Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Bernadette O'Gara Ints</i> Holy Hour and Confessions 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood
Friday 9 March	<i>Friday of the Third Week of Lent</i> (<i>Commemoration of St Frances of Rome</i>) Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Holy Lance and Nails</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>) <i>John Gillespie</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00-4.00pm Holy Rood
Saturday 10 March	<i>Saturday of the Third Week of Lent</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Private Intention</i> —followed by <i>Rosary; Confessions until 10.00am</i>
SUNDAY 11 March	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B) LAETARE SUNDAY MOTHERING SUNDAY REFRESHMENT SUNDAY Saturday Vigil Sung Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Sung Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pat Harrigan RIP (Anniv)</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Kathleen McDaid RIP (Anniv)</i>

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

APF RED MISSION BOXES ✨ (To be a Christian is to be a Missionary). Please return your Red Mission boxes to the churches for counting. Many thanks as always to BERNIE COWLEY, MAURA DENNEHY, CLAIRE GUEST, JESSIE WALKER, HELENA FELICI and ALAN FLOCKTON our parish promoters.
Barbara Pearson (Local Secretary)

CALLED AND GIFTED is coming to our area again starting on **Saturday 10 March 9am - 4pm in Abingdon!** If interested, please email Clare Simpson at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book a place.

MOTHERING SUNDAY | **11 March** with brunch, Irish dancing music and singing after Mass in the Rosary room. Sign up sheet for food is at the back of the church. All welcome!

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 25 February 2018
Main collection plate: £468.50
Standing orders: £600
CAFOD Lent Fast: £419.55
Parish giving info: Cheques should be made payable to: **PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady** Bank transfers to account number **00883337**, sort code **309304**. For Gift aid, please complete the gift aid declarations at the back of church

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS | **11 March** Clergy Assistance Fund; **18 March** St Barnabas Society

COUNTING ROTA
Monday 5 March
Jo and Gerald

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

CHILDREN'S DIARY
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday, during 9.15am Mass at OLOR.
11 March: Mothering Sunday Children's Mass, with the parish Girls' Choir. Brunch in Rosary Room after Mass.
Saturday 31 March – Stations of the Cross for Children and parish art/craft workshop. 2.30-4.30pm at the Rosary Room. Fr Daniel will be available for Confessions.
Palm Sunday - No Children's Liturgy
Easter Sunday - No Children's Liturgy. Easter egg hunt after Mass.
For any queries please contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

PARISH OUTING TO MILTON MANOR HOUSE in Abingdon on **Sunday 20 May** in the afternoon. It is a lovely house and garden with a Catholic Chapel in which Fr Daniel been given permission by the family to say Mass for us on the day. Last year entry fees were £8 for Adults and £4 for children under 14. If interested please sign up the sheet at the back of the church and please also indicate if you could help with transport. I need your response by **Monday 5 March** please. If you want more information please visit the house website www.miltonmanorhouse.com. Thanks, Monica White.

PILGRIMAGES ✨ HOLY LAND ✨
Celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Holy Land, 6 places available from the **1-10 June 2018**. For more details please see poster in church.
✨**LOURDES** ✨ Bishop Philip would like to invite all those who will finish their exams this summer to join him and a group of students and leaders from the USA for a week of prayer, formation and fun from **12-16 July**. Full board and flight £550.

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, Brian Hodgkins, Moira Fryer, Marian Miller, Bob Martin, Fr Robin Sanders
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |
Fr Terence Healy
PREPARING FOR BAPTISM AT EASTER | David Hume

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |
Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH ✨ 10-18 March You are invited to send in your petitions, which will be placed at St Joseph's Altar during the Novena to be remembered in the Masses and prayers. If you would like to have your deceased relatives and friends remembered or if you have any special intentions, please list them on the enclosed slip and return to the Novena Director before the 10 March. Please see poster in church with full contact details and address.

BLOOD DONATION | Consider giving blood this Lent time. Visit blood.co.uk for more information.

YOUTH GROUP | This Sunday 4 March, 9.30-11.00am at Holy Rood.
WOMEN'S READING GROUP | A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on a Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together AMORIS LÆTITIA. Please contact maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk.
ROSARY | Saturday morning after 9.00am Mass.

ORDINARIATE | Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinarate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Music of the Mass Saturday 10 March (Lent IV) Byrd, *Mass for Five Voices*; Tallis, *O Sacrum convivium*. Sunday 18 March 6.00pm *Passiontide Service of Music and Readings*

MUSIC AND READINGS FOR PASSIONTIDE | On **Sunday 18 March** (Passion Sunday) at 6.00pm at Holy Rood, we have our annual Passiontide Service of Music and Readings. Accompanied by the Newman Consort, who sing at the 5.00pm Saturday Mass, the music will include: Morley *Nolo mortem peccatoris*; Anerio, *Christus factus est*; Josquin, *Absalon fili mi*; Byrd, *Ave verum corpus*; Victoria, *O vos omnes*; Gibbons, *Drop, drop slow tears*; Tchaikovsky *Crown of roses*; Stainer, *God so loved the world*.

CONCERT AT HOLY ROOD CHURCH | The Cherwell Singers - 'Catholic Music from the Old & New Worlds.' On **Sunday 25 March** at 7.30pm. Please see poster in church for more details.

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