

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We have had just had a run of martyrs' feasts, spanning in time from the 1st to the 19th centuries, and in space from Rome to Vietnam. This week, we are closer to home as we keep St Edmund Campion. Alongside this, our readings at daily Masses have included passages from the books of Maccabees, giving an account of (amongst others) the followers of Judas Maccabaeus in the 170s-160s BC. These Jews lived under the rule of the Seleucid Empire, a successor state to the vast conquests of Alexander the Great. The Seleucids were Greek in origin and maintained Hellenistic culture, speaking Greek and introducing their customs wherever they went. This included Judea and Jerusalem, and led ultimately to the Maccabean revolt: not because of the importing of Greek culture *per se*, but because of the bloody persecution of those who observed the Torah (especially by not eating pork and by having their sons circumcised). This culminated in an idol of Zeus being erected at the heart of the Jerusalem Temple. The Maccabean revolt was successful: it is from the accounts of the Temple's subsequent rededication that the Jewish tradition of Hanukkah comes. Such violence and persecution is of course not confined to the Bible, and it is a consequence of living in a fallen world that it is not absent between Christians either. Recall the smashing of images, despoiling of shrines, desecration of the sacred, stripping of the altars, from the time of Edmund Campion. Recall the revolutionaries in France, at Notre Dame in Paris, putting at the high altar -in place of the sacrifice of the Mass, the altar-stone, the crucifix- a dancer dressed as the Goddess of Reason (recall that, and ask for the prayers of the 16 Martyrs of Compiègne). Though there are martyrs made today, and Christians persecuted throughout the world, we can feel somewhat removed from that in Oxfordshire. But, while no one is going to smash our altars and trample on the Blessed Sacrament, it's far from impossible that we could end up effectively doing that for ourselves: Through our lukewarmness, indifference, hardness of heart, the results would be the same: no Faith, no Church, no Mass. Let us not neglect the works of mercy- including, in November, prayer for the dead. Let us honour the martyrs' memories, and continue to preach, and to live, the Gospel of the love of Christ our Saviour.

An act of prayer for the souls of the faithful departed

OUT OF THE DEPTHS I have cried unto thee O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive: to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities : Lord, who shall endure it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness :

and by reason of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on his word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even unto night : let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel : from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

O Lord, hear my prayer : and let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray: O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of your servants departed (*N. and N.*) the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings: First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8; Psalm 79; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37



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SUNDAY 26 November	CHRIST THE KING Saturday Vigil 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>Anthony Boreham RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Anthony Boreham RIP</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>James Troup McDaid RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Monday 27 November	<i>Feria (Monday of Week 34 per annum)</i> DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 28 November	<i>Feria (Tuesday of Week 34 per annum)</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Holy Souls (November List)</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 29 November	<i>Feria (Wednesday of Week 34 per annum)</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Holy Souls (November List)</i>
Thursday 30 November	St Andrew Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Patrick Hetherington RIP</i> <i>Holy Hour with Confessions 7.00-8.00pm</i>
Friday 1 December	St Edmund Campion Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Br Anthony Jukes S.S.S.'s Ints.</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>) <i>Conversion of England</i>
Saturday 2 December	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>for departed children and the unborn</i> <i>followed by Rosary; Confessions 9.30-10.00am</i>
SUNDAY 3 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1 Saturday Vigil 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>Pro populo</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>Companions of the Order of Malta</i> Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent 6.00pm Holy Rood

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

THE FUTURE OF YOUTH WORK IN THAMES ISIS | TODAY look out for a letter for you. The group supporting the work of Melanie Parris-Dollar, our Pastoral Area Youth Worker, is looking for the widest possible response to ensure that her work, and that of volunteers across our parishes, can be maintained after the grant from the Diocese ends in 2018. If you have been missed out, pick up a leaflet next week and let us know! We need you.

DO YOU HAVE SPACE AT YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE FOR A STUDENT THIS CHRISTMAS? | Oxford SU are running Community Christmas for the third time: a scheme to match students up with local families for Christmas day. If you would like to act as a host for one of two students this Christmas, please email vpandc@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk by Monday 27th November. Thanks!"

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 19 November 2017

Main collection plate: £808.32
Standing orders: £600

Parish giving info: Cheques should be made payable to: **PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady** Bank transfers to account number **00883337**, sort code **309304**. If you would like to Gift aid your donation please complete the gift aid declaration found at the back of the church and return it to the office in the envelopes provided.

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Wednesday 29 November
Alan and Stella

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 activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

The next children's Mass will be on the Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY: sign up for Nativity play and first rehearsal. Thank you to Sophie Crouch for directing the nativity play.

For more information, contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

YOUTH DIARY

'Waiting for the Coming of the Lord'
Advent Retreat, Saturday 2 December 2-4.30pm, Our Lady & St Edmund's Church, Abingdon, with Mgr Andrew Burnham

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF FAITH | Will you make an extra especial gift of faith this Christmas in support of the suffering church? £10 will get 10 ACN child's bibles, £25 will provide Christmas parcels for displaced children, £35 will provide a hot meal at Christmas for a needy family. For more information see leaflet in church or go to www.acnuk.org/giftsoffaith or call 020 8642 8668.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW | Volunteers are sought to share their thoughts on religion, art, and community in Oxford today. Please see: www.empiresoffaith.com/workshops or contact Dominic Dalglish on 07984745264 dominic.dalglish@wolfson.ox.ac.uk

ST EDMUND'S PRIMARY, ABINGDON

The Governing Body of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019-2020. It will run 7 November 2017 to 12 January 2018. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office or from www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk. Comments should be sent to: Chair of Admissions Committee, St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Radley Rd, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3PP by **12 noon on 12 January 2018**.

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, Mary Hodgkins, Moira Fryer

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED |

May Robinson, Anthony Boreham, Our departed families, friends, benefactors.

NB The list of the Sick and Those in Need will be renewed on Sunday 3 December (Advent Sunday). Please speak to Fr Daniel or the Office if you would like to add names, or for those presently on the list to continue to be included. Names may always be added by request in this way.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS |

Christians in Asia: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

OUR LADY'S ORGAN APPEAL |

Thanks to your generosity the total raised for the organ is £7,324.75 (this doesn't include the gift aid we'll be able to add on). The organ is now installed (before Christmas, as promised!), and needs only a new pedal-board for those low basso notes (this needs to be worked on, and is coming in the new year). As you know, our fundraising target was initially £6000, and it's clear we're well over that. But it doesn't end here: these extra funds, and all further donations to the organ fund will not only allow for continued maintenance, purchase of music books, and so forth, but will be able to contribute to further supporting and developing our music, in our worship and in our work in the community. God bless you for your generosity! *Fr Daniel*

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. Music Saturday 2 December Heinrich Isaac's Advent Propers

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT ✱ **6.00pm**

on Sunday 3 December at Holy Rood, followed by refreshments. All welcome. Bring a friend. Music by Britten, Howells, Ord, Gibbons, Palestrina, Naylor &c., &c.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Please fill out a Contact Details form, available at the back of church, and return to Fr Daniel or the Parish Office, so that we can make sure you're in the database in order to let you have information about our forthcoming events.

ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS ✱

Daily gospel meditations from Bishop Robert Barron directly to your inbox. To sign up go adventreflections.com

YOUTH GROUP | see Youth Diary opposite: 2 December in Abingdon.

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 LAETITIA. If you would like to join, please contact maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk.

MEN'S GROUP | As advertised.

ROSARY | Saturday mornings after the 9.00am Mass.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES |

Parents with children registered to attend these classes will hear from Fr Daniel this week. Please look out for an email on this subject!