

THE ORATORY

Sunday 24th February 2019

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



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SUNDAY MASSES and SERVICES

5pm Sat. International Vigil Mass *

8am Quiet Mass

10.30am Solemn Mass

12.30pm Mass in Polish

4pm Evening Mass

6pm Benediction

*1st/5th Saturdays in English, 2nd Sat. Portuguese
3rd Filipino/English, 4th Portuguese/English

CONFESSIONS at the ORATORY

Daily, 20 minutes before each Mass.
Saturdays 11am - 12 noon, & 4pm - 5pm.
Wednesdays 11am - 12 noon.
Also 1st Wednesdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES & Devotions

Mon. 25th: Masses: 7.30am & 12.15pm.
Feria

Blessing with St Philip's Relic after both Masses.

Tuesday 26th: Mass at 12.15pm (only).
Feria

Wed. 27th: Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm.
St Gregory of Narek, Religious
8am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration.
11am - 12 noon Confessions.

Thursday 28th: Mass at 12.15pm (only)
Requiem: Fr David Hutton, Cong Orat
(Co-Founder of our Oratory, 2nd Anniversary)

Fri. 1st: Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm.
St David, Patron of Wales, Feast
Sacred Heart devotions after 12.15pm Mass.

Saturday 2nd: Mass at 12.15pm.
Feria, or Our Lady on Saturday
*11am-12 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession.
Devotions to Our Lady after 12.15pm Mass.*

Rosary: Daily, after the 12.15pm Mass.

To have a Mass offered for your intention see the note at the foot of page 2, overleaf.

'WALK WITH ME' is the little Lent book of reflections and prayer on the daily Mass readings. The cover price is £1, but the Oratory special price is only 80 pence, so please pick up your copy from the back of Church today, to use every day during Lent.

LIVING A HOLY LIFE is the subtitle of this year's 'Walk with Me' booklet, and makes it an ideal basis for our Lent study course, especially in the Oratory where St Philip helps us to live holy lives. Each Monday in Lent begins at 10.30am with coffee/tea in 'The Newman Room' (the stage area in the Hall, access via the temporarily relocated Parish Office door at 13 Post Office Road, immediately opposite M-Ploy). At 11am one of the Fathers or Brothers begins the reflection on the week's topic, and we end by 12 noon in time for the 12.15pm daily Mass.

March 11th	Holy Temptation	April 1st	Humble Holiness
18th	Radiant Holiness	8th	Holy Forgiveness
25th	Holy Fruit	15th	Holy Cross

THIS WEEK'S UPHEAVAL is the laying of the carpet, which necessitates the 12.15pm Mass, this Monday and Tuesday, being relocated to the Lady Altar (as during the recent fortnight of the Sanctuary improvements). These occasions have enabled more people to experience the celebration of Mass *ad orientem* (towards the East) with priest and people facing in the same direction, as directed by Vatican 2 and the latest Instruction on the Missal.

...AND NEXT WEEK the major works on The Oratory House begin (after many delays) for 5 months, to the end of July. If you haven't already realised there is **no WC** accessible from the Church and hasn't been since the Oratorian Community was ousted from the House just before Holy Week last year. If you need a loo, Beales or the nearby hotel are the nearest options.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GUEST PREACHER is Fr Peter Waters, Director of our overseas Lenten Charity 'Let the Children Live!' Don't miss his amazing account of how the Street Children of Colombia looked after him when he was destitute, and how he's now looking after them in a desperate and dangerous city. Visit: www.letthechildrenlive.org

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri. Fr Dominic Jacob (Moderator), Fr Peter Edwards (Parish Priest), Br Andrew Wagstaff, Br Francisco Hintikka.

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PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

appointed to be read in all churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth
on 24th February 2019, the Seventh Sunday of the Year.

HEALING

Dear Friends, especially those of you who are unwell,

In the Gospels, Jesus went through towns and villages curing diseases and sickness, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the Good News.¹ The miracles Jesus worked revealed Who He was as God the Son, the Messiah, our Saviour, and the salvation He won for us by His Death and Resurrection. The Heart of Jesus abounds in mercy² and the Church today continues His saving work through the Sacraments and prayer, through teaching the Truth, and through the pastoral care of the sick and afflicted. With this in mind, I want to discuss healing, and to announce some new Norms on Healing Ministry.

Sickness, suffering and death are consequences of Original Sin,³ which is why those who are unwell turn instinctively to God for healing.⁴ They look to heaven for help and find it in Jesus and His preferential love for the sick. ⁵ The Letter of St James states that if anyone is ill, they should “send for the Priests of the Church. Let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil, and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons and the Lord will raise them up, and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.”⁶ In other words, those in need of spiritual, psychological, mental, emotional and physical healing can turn to Jesus. They can do this in Mass and Holy Communion, in the healing Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, in Adoration and Benediction, in the Rosary, in pilgrimages, devotions and the invocation of the saints, in prayers and blessings. Jesus told His disciples to heal the sick,⁷ which is why care of the sick, and the service of hospitals, hospices and care homes, is central to the ministry of every parish. In return, those unwell, strengthened by uniting their sufferings with the Lord, can share in His saving work, obtaining many graces and blessings for others.⁸ Thus the work of the Church compliments, sanctifies and enhances the work of doctors, nurses, psychologists and carers.

Let me now differentiate three overlapping ministries of healing. First, there is healing ministry proper, as just described. Secondly, and more rarely, there is deliverance ministry, that is, special prayer to remove obstacles, bondages, memories, entanglements and addictions of a spiritual origin that hold a person back, impair their well-being and prevent their restoration to spiritual and bodily health.⁹ And thirdly, very rarely, exorcism, that is, ritual prayer, performed by a priest-exorcist expressly appointed by the Bishop, to cast out Satan and the powers of darkness, which in some manner have taken possession of a person’s soul and faculties.

In recent years, a beautiful development in the life of the Church has been the growth of healing ministry in its many forms, such as prayer-groups that pray for healing or offer the laying on of hands.¹⁰ Some parishes organise healing Masses and special liturgies, with Confessions, the Sacrament of the Sick and Benediction. Again, days of renewal with healing and deliverance ministry are scheduled here and there. In a parish, the chief responsibility for pastoral care lies with the parish priest. But the Holy Spirit also bestows charismatic gifts of healing, deliverance and discernment of spirits upon individual members of the Church to prosper its life and mission. ¹¹ The Church takes care to discern these charisms, to order their use and to form those called and gifted to use them with prudence and circumspection.¹² No one may practice a ministry of healing, even less the ministry of deliverance, without appropriate permission and without appropriate formation. Such ministries, caring for the vulnerable, are to be exercised in accordance with the Church’s teaching and discipline.

To explain this in greater detail, I have issued for the Diocese some Norms on Healing Ministry and established a Healing Advisory Group as a point of reference. You can read more about this in Enews and on our diocesan web- site. The Norms are practical; for example, they remind us that in individual prayer for healing, national safeguarding policy requires that, in addition to the minister and the individual, at least one other person should be present. Sometimes the need for healing, say, the healing of memories, becomes evident in those seeking to join the Church or again, in those growing in faith through spiritual direction. This places a unique responsibility on ministers of welcome, on catechists in the RCIA process and on spiritual directors.

One of the best-loved sayings of the Lord is: “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.”¹³ God wants to give in abundance the gift of His healing love and so we rightly turn to Him in our need.¹⁴ The Anointing of the Sick is a powerful sacrament and in my own ministry I have often witnessed its miraculous help. If you or a loved one is frail, seriously ill or due to go into hospital, make sure you let the priest know, so that he can minister this Sacrament to them. Pray constantly for the sick and also for the generous medical staff, relatives and friends who care for them, confident that, as St. Thomas Aquinas says, there are some things God will give us only if we ask Him for them.¹⁵ Why not join us for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? Make sure you have a Communion set in your home with cloth, crucifix and candles. And try to keep Sunday special as a day of humble service of the sick, the infirm and the elderly.¹⁶ Indeed, turn often to Mary Immaculate, Health of the Sick, to our Patron St. Edmund, and to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who spent many evenings and weekends visiting the sick,¹⁷ that they may inspire us. May they help us in joy to share our Christian faith with everyone around especially the neediest, Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.

In Corde Iesu, + **Philip** Bishop of Portsmouth

1 Cf. Mt 9: 35. Eucharistic Prayer IV puts it well: “Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of heart, joy. To accomplish your plan, he gave himself up to death, and, rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.”

2 “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, ‘rich in mercy’ (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as ‘a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness’ (Ex 34: 6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the ‘fullness of time’ (Gal 4: 4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God” Pope Francis *Misericordiae Vultus*. Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy 11th April 2015 – online at www.vatican.va (February 2019)

3 For the Church’s teaching on Original Sin, see Catechism of the Catholic Church [henceforth CCC] 385- 421.

4 “Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death. Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him” CCC 1500-1501

5 “Christ’s compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that ‘God has visited his people’ and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: ‘I was sick and you visited me.’ His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them.” CCC 1503. Cf. Psalm 122.

6 The Roman Ritual Pastoral Care of the Sick. Rites of Anointing and Viaticum. English Translation approved for use in the dioceses of Ireland, England and Wales, Scotland (London, Geoffrey Chapman: 1983) Instruction p. 84. Cf. James 5: 14-15. The Council of Florence recognised the rite referred to here as one of the seven sacraments: see DS 1324-1325. Jesus’s preferential love for the sick is again shown by the fact that of the seven sacraments He instituted, one is expressly intended to strengthen those tried by illness.

7 Mt 10: 8. “The Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies” CCC 1509

8 CCC 1505

9 For more on this, see N. Broadbridge *Our God Heals* (Luton, New Life: 2016), especially p. 129f.

10 “These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name .. they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover” Mk 16: 17-18

11 1 Cor 12: 4-11, especially v. 9. Cf. CCC 1508. For a theological and practical account of gifts and charisms, see S. Weddell *Fruitful Discipleship* (Huntington, OSV: 2017).

12 See The Roman Ritual. Exorcisms and Related Supplications, English Translation according to the Typical Edition (2014) Introduction n. 14

13 Mt 7:7

14 “I am the Lord your healer” Ex 15: 26

15 Cited by St. Alphonsus Liguori in his treatise *On Prayer* in ed. B. Ulanov *The Way of St. Alphonsus Liguori. The Basic Writings* (Wheatthampstead, Anthony Clarke: 1961): “That prayer is the only ordinary means of receiving the divine gifts is .. distinctly proved by Saint Thomas in another place where he says that whatever graces God has from all eternity determined to give us, he will only give them if we pray for them” (p. 253)

16 CCC 2186

17 Teresa Vigna, a nurse-friend of Pier Giorgio’s, said: “He often spoke to me of the Kingdom of Heaven. He used to say ‘No human being should never be left abandoned, but the best of all charities is that consecrated to the sick. That is an exceptional work. Few have the courage to face its difficulties and dangers, to take on themselves the sufferings of others, in addition to their own needs and their own preoccupations and cares’” R. Claude *The Soul of Pier Giorgio Frassati* (Cork, Mercier: 1960) p. 29

40 DAYS FOR LIFE APPEAL

THANK YOU to everyone who offered their TIME in response to last weekend's appeal for volunteers to pray at the BPAS Abortion Centre during the 40 days of Lent, those who pledged to say a daily Rosary, and others who promised fasting or other self-denial to give spiritual support to this campaign. There a special pre-start meeting **next Sunday evening (3rd March) immediately after 6pm Benediction** (ie. 6.20pm) lasting no more than an hour. Please come so that we can explain the basics, identify who's doing what and when, and encourage each other. You'll hear more about what 40 Days for Life has already accomplished, and some really exciting local news to help save mothers and their babies.

40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/bournemouth

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ASH WEDNESDAY and the start of Lent is only ten days away. See the February monthly Newsletter for ideas about what to do for Lent, and make prayerful choices and decisions NOW (not on Shrove Tuesday!) You might think about coming to an extra Mass in the week (7.30am & 12.15pm), or the Lent Study Groups (Mondays 10.30am) or Friday Stations of the Cross (11.30am & 6pm). How about helping to clean our Church (Thursdays 9-11am), or volunteer to feed our rough-sleepers with Hope4Food (6 - 7.30pm)?

OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH SHOP is open after the 10.30am Solemn Sunday Mass for Christian greeting cards, including St Patrick's day (17th March), Mothering Sunday (31st March), and Easter (21st April). Meanwhile, Lent is a prayerful time for which we stock a plethora of prayer books, Novenas and much more. Also come to the Hall for fresh coffee and home-made cakes.

Next Sunday, 3rd March, and on the first Sunday of every month thereafter, there's an extra opening of the Shop after the 8am Mass when access (as on weekday mornings) is via the temporary relocated Parish Office entrance in Post Office Road (opposite M-ploy). Tony Burnham, our newest volunteer, will be pleased to help you with Catholic books, devotional needs or Christian greeting cards.

Would a few folk like to form a team on the first Sunday of each month to provide bacon butties or other simple breakfast fare so that eight o'clockers could have a meet'n'mingle social time to help our growing community to get to know each? Let us know...

Advertisement: A Parishioner needs an old car to buy to support his care work. Contact: alexuwaoma9@gmail.com 07735 018 777.

The Oratory Church is open daily: Weekdays 6.30am to 6.30pm.
Weekends from 7.30am. 1st Wednesdays until 9pm.

Mass Intentions: See page 2 of the Monthly Newsletter, displayed on the noticeboard. Help yourself to a copy of the Newsletter, which is also available on our website. Mass Intention envelopes are available at the back of the church, and can be returned via the collection, or Parish Office letterbox. Help yourself to an explanatory leaflet.

For a **Shrine Lamp** to burn for your intention (£10 for 7 days) contact the Parish Office. This week lamps: Phyllis Steele (Our Lady). Mairead Langan, wellbeing (St Joseph).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th

5pm Cath. Soc. Fellowship Group.

Monday 25th

Sanctuary carpet fitting (and Tuesday)
6pm Bell ringing practice.

7.30pm Choir practice for Solemn Mass.

Tuesday 26th 7.30pm Bible Study.

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm RCIA.

Friday 1st March

Fr David Hutton RIP, 2nd Anniversary
6pm EF Latin Mass (1st Friday).

Saturday 2nd March

9:30am First Communion & Parents.
11:30am Baptism Preparation Course

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 3rd March

Lent Charity: Let the Children Live!
Fr Peter Waters (Director) preaching.
6pm Benediction & 40 Days for Life
pre-start meeting (2nd Sacristy).

Monday 4th Oratory House work
begin (5 months to end of July).

Tuesday 5th Shrove Tuesday

Wed. 6th ASH WEDNESDAY
Masses at 7.30am & 12.15pm.
7pm Sung Mass - all with the
Blessing and Imposition of Ashes.

Friday 8th

11.30am & 6pm Stations of the Cross
6pm Brothers of the Little Oratory.

Saturday 9th

11am Rite of Election at St John's
Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth.

Sunday 10th 1st Sunday of Lent.

ST PHILIP NERI'S MAXIM:

We must never pray for a favour for anyone, except conditionally, saying, "If it please God," or the like. (1 March)

Thank you for last week's Collections:

Gift Aid Standing Orders

876.00

Gift Aid Weekly Envelopes 518.00

Non Gift Aid Standing Orders 67.51

Visitor yellow envelopes 44.00

Loose Cash 674.00

Daily Mass Collections 231.39

TOTAL £2,410.90

Sanctuary Carpet (to date) £1,262.04