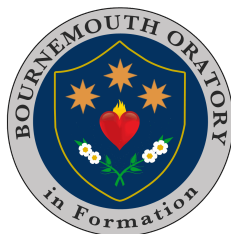


THE ORATORY

Sunday 27th January 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



SACRED HEART

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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. 28th: Masses: 7.30am & 12.15pm.
St Thomas Aquinas, Dominican
Blessing with St Philip's Relic after both Masses.

Tuesday 29th: Mass at 12.15pm (only).
Feria - Week 3, Weekday Readings Cycle I.

Wed. 30th: Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm.
Bl. Sebastian Valfre, of the Turin Oratory
8am - 12noon Eucharistic Adoration.
11am - 12noon Confessions.

Thursday 31st: Mass at 12.15pm (only).
St John Bosco, Founder of the Salesians

Fri. 1st Feb: Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm.
1st Friday Sacred Heart Votive Masses
Sacred Heart devotions after 12.15pm Mass.

Saturday 2nd: Mass at 12.15pm.
Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
with Candlemas Procession, and First
Holy Communion of Constance Coleman
11am-12 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession.
Devotions to Our Lady after 12.15pm Mass.
4pm - 5pm Confessions.

Rosary: Daily, after the 12.15pm Mass.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION is for OUR CATHEDRAL of St John, in Portsmouth. Please be generous in supporting the Mother Church of our Catholic Diocese. Envelopes are available at today's Masses for those who do not have gift-aided planned-giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

BLESSED SEBASTIAN VALFRE, of the Turin Oratory, has his feast day this Wednesday. Read his biography overleaf, ask for his prayers, and come to one of the Masses this Wednesday. Please pray for the Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory, that we may follow the example of Blessed Sebastian, and help you to do so too!



MONTHLY MASSES in honour of the SACRED HEART are traditionally offered on the first Friday of each month (unless impeded by a Saint's day). Masses here every Friday are at 7.30am and 12.15pm. Come and pray for our Parish of the Sacred Heart - that we may all be more aware of God's love for us, and be more loving to those around us.

THIS SATURDAY is CANDLEMAS - Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (also the Purification of Blessed Mary), when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem, forty days after His Birth. Read about it in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 22-40. Mass begins with the traditional Procession of Candles - So don't be late, or you'll miss it! Candlemas is the end of Christmastide, and thus of the Christmas Crib - so this week is our last chance to visit.

BLESSING OF THROATS is celebrated on the Feast of St Blaise (3rd February). Although, this year his feast is superseded by Sunday, the traditional Blessing of Throats is available after all Masses. Just come and kneel at the Communion Rails. St Blaise, a physician who became Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, cured a boy who was dying of a fish bone lodged in his throat. This and other miracles happened *en route* to St Blaise's martyrdom in 316.

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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Blessed Sebastian Valfrè, born in 1629 at Verduno in the southern Alps, of poor farming parents, felt called to the Priesthood at an early age, and began his studies at the age of twelve. At one stage he had to stay up most nights copying out books to pay for his education, which later continued with the Jesuits in Turin.

Also at Turin was the Oratory, which had earlier been influential, particularly on the city's youth, but by 1650 was down-at-heel: with only one priest remaining, and he described as 'ragged and eccentric'! But Sebastian joined it on St Philip's Day, 26 May 1651. Three new priests then arrived, so by the time he was ordained priest in February 1652, the Oratory showed signs of new vitality.

Turin had its share of poverty, which Sebastian did much to alleviate, being unafraid to ask the rich for alms to give to the poor, but taking care to be discreet, doing the distribution at night (like St Philip) so as to remain anonymous. His activities took on extra importance during Piedmont's famine (1678 - 1680) and during its war with Louis XIV, when Turin suffered a seventeen-week siege, causing the people great hardship and anxiety - and which Sebastian's prayer was efficacious in bringing to a successful end.

His spiritual and corporal works of mercy went hand in hand, and his reputation spread throughout the city. His blending careful attention to detail with genuine compassion brought penitents to his Confessional from every walk of life, sparking something of a revival of religious observance in Turin. Like St Philip, he had the gift of discernment of spirits, and an ability to read souls.

Sebastian Valfrè's life was not one of extravagant and heroic deeds for God, but the sanctification of an existence of regular routine, year in, year out, and of service to God in the circumstances of ordinary life. His cheerful and attractive manner were an example.

He had his difficulties which he worked hard to overcome, being, for example, rather petulant and sensitive by nature, and easily offended: he remedied this by trying to be unfailingly polite even to those who hurt him. He also knew what it was to suffer from spiritual darkness, finding prayer a real struggle at times, and study even more unattractive. But his perseverance, which manifested itself from his earliest years, stood him in good stead.

Sebastian died on 30 January 1710. Miracles began even before he could be buried,. He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in 1834.

Grant us, we beseech You, O Lord, that, as You wonderfully raised Your priest Blessed Sebastian, for the salvation of many, so we may persevere in Your love, for the sake of helping souls. Though Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday Second Collection for our Cathedral of St John, in Portsmouth.

2.45pm Marriage Preparation Course meets in the 'Newman Room' (Hall).

5pm Cath. Soc. Fellowship Group.

Monday 6pm Bell ringing practice.

7.30 Choir practice for Solemn Mass.

Tuesday 7.30pm Bible Study.

Wednesday 7.30pm RCIA Convert Class meets in the 2nd Sacristy.

Friday 6pm Extraordinary Form Mass: Candlemas Vigil. (1st Friday).

7pm RAG (Redevelopment Advisory Group) meets in the 2nd Sacristy.

Saturday 12.15pm Candlemas Procession, and a First Communion.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 5pm Catholic Society Fellowship Group (18-35 year olds).

Monday 4th 6pm Bell ringing.

7.30 Choir practice for Solemn Mass.

Tuesday 5th Dedication Anniversary of our Church, Consecrated in 1975.

7.30pm Bible Study.

Wednesday 6th (1st Wednesdays):

6 - 9pm Eucharistic Adoration

7.30 - 8.30pm Confessions

8.45pm Benediction

[No RCIA on first Wednesdays.]

Thursday 8th 3pm SVP meets in the 2nd Sacristy (1s & 3rd Thursdays).

Friday 9th 6pm Brothers of the Little Oratory (2nd & 4th Fridays).

Saturday 10th 9.15am First Holy Communion (with Parents).

11.30am Baptism Preparation.

Thank you for last week's Collections:

Gift Aid Standing Orders	873.83
Gift Aid Weekly Envelopes	621.90
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	69.76
Visitor yellow envelopes	10.00
Loose Cash	739.83
Daily Mass Collections	185.56

TOTAL £2,500.88

Crib Offerings (to date) 566.57
for the charitable works of the
Knights of Malta in the Holy Land.

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 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.