

THE ORATORY

Sunday 15th March 2020

The Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)



SACRED HEART

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The Month of Saint Joseph

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 and 5th Saturday of the month in English,
2nd Saturday in Portuguese, 3rd Filipino / English,
4th Saturdays in Spanish / English (from 22nd Feb).

CONFESSIONS at the ORATORY

Daily, 20 minutes before each Mass
Saturdays 11am - 12 noon & 4pm - 5pm
Wednesdays 11am - 12 noon
1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 - 8.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES & Devotions

Mon. 16th: Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm
Lenten Feria

Blessing with St Philip's Relic after both Masses

Tuesday 17th: Mass at 12.15pm (only)
S Patrick, Bishop - Feast

Wed 18th: Masses at 7.30am & 12.15pm
Lenten Feria (S Cyril of Jerusalem)
8am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration
11am - 12 noon Confessions

Thursday 19th: Mass at 12.15pm
S Joseph (Solemnity) 6pm EF Latin Mass

Friday 20th: Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm
Lenten Feria

11.30am & 6pm Stations of the Cross
Sacred Heart devotions after 12.15pm Mass

Sat. 21st: Mass at 12.15pm
Lenten Feria
11am-12 Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions
Devotions to Our Lady after Saturday Mass

Rosary: Daily, after the 12.15pm Mass

*1st Saturdays Pro-Life Rosary for the Unborn
and their Mothers, and an end to abortion.*

CORONA VIRUS

Bishop Philip announces that we are entering the 2nd phase of the Virus and directs that both the Chalice and the Sign of Peace be suspended.

Everyone should practice good hand hygiene, especially after touching door handles and other commonly handled items, as **more germs and infection are transmitted by hand than by any other means**. Your Sunday Bulletin should be taken home with you: please don't try to hand it back to pass on your germs to others! There's plenty inside to take away and reflect on each week during Lent. For the same reason the Holy Water stoups have been emptied, and there is no Offertory procession. Sanitizing hand-gel is available for anyone to use in the Flower Room (by Our Lady of Sorrows' Altar). We do not shake hands.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

In response to many questions and concerns from Parishioners: world experts in immunology state that the risk of contagion is certainly no greater receiving Holy Communion on the tongue than in the hand.

Contrary to some opinion, scientific, medical, and practical experience demonstrate that **Communion on the tongue** is safer, and more hygienic, than receiving in the hand (which has touched multiple surfaces, and carries much bacteria). It is almost unavoidable to touch the Communicant's hand when putting the Host into a hand, whereas, properly ministered, there is no contact between the tongue and a Priest's finger when giving Communion on the tongue.

The Church's Canon Law is specific that Communion on the tongue is the universal norm, and that Communicants can never be denied their choice to receive kneeling and on the tongue, which is the most hygienic and safest means of receiving Our Lord.

MASS BOOKS and hymn books are advised to be taken out of circulation as multi-handled conveyors of germs and bacteria. Listening attentively to the Readings and prayers facilitates actual participation of heart and mind, or you could buy your own copy of the CTS Simple Prayer Book (£2.50). Now is an ideal opportunity to subscribe to the excellent monthly Magnificat (£45 per annum) at magnificat.co.uk or the very useful Universalis app. at universalis.com

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LENT ~ with our Oratorian Cardinal Saint John Henry Newman, Cong. Orat.

In his *Meditations & Devotions* our Cardinal says:

It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A short road to perfection - short, not because easy, but because pertinent and intelligible. There are no short ways to perfection, but there are sure ones.

It is easy to have vague ideas what perfection is, which serve well enough to talk about, when we do not intend to aim at it; but as soon as a person really desires and sets about seeking it himself, he is dissatisfied with anything but what is tangible and clear, and constitutes firm direction towards the practice of it.

Perfection does not mean any extraordinary service, anything out of the way, or especially heroic (not all have the opportunity of heroic acts, or sufferings) but it means what the word perfection ordinarily means. By perfect we mean that which has no flaw in it, which is complete, that which is consistent, which is sound - we mean the opposite to imperfect. As we know well what imperfection in religious service means, we know by the contrast what is meant by perfection.

He, then, is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection. You need not go out of the round of the day. I insist on this because I think it will simplify our views, and fix our exertions on a definite aim.

If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say this:

- 1 *Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising.*
- 2 *Give your first thoughts to God.*
- 3 ***Make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament.***
- 4 *Say the Angelus devoutly.*
- 5 *Eat and drink to God's glory.*
- 6 *Say the Rosary well.*
- 7 *Be recollected; keep out bad thoughts.*
- 8 ***Make your evening meditation well.***
- 9 *Examine your conscience daily.*
- 10 *Go to bed in good time -
and you are already perfect.*

During the six weeks of Lent we are exploring our Cardinal's sage guidance for perfection.

His points are numbered for practical use. On the First Sunday of Lent we looked at (1 & 10) *Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising, and Go to bed in good time.* Last week we considered: *Give your first thoughts to God.*

Today: *Make a good Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and Make your Evening Meditation well.*

Next week (4 & 6) *Say the Angelus devoutly, and Say the Rosary well.* 5th week: *Eat and drink to God's glory, and Be recollected, keep out bad thoughts.* Palm Sunday (9) *Examine your conscience daily.*

Lent Week 3:

St John Henry's 3rd and 8th Maxims:

MAKE A GOOD VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and MAKE YOUR EVENING MEDITATION WELL

Last week's consideration of the Morning Offering began to sanctify the day which continues in regular prayer, eg. the Angelus and the Rosary (next week), and in the recommended Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and a period of daily Meditation.

Not everyone is able to make a daily visit to Jesus in the tabernacle where He awaits us - but if we can, we should - and kneel before Him who is really substantially present, as in the manger at Bethlehem, as on the Cross at Calvary, and as on every altar in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

If we can't get to a Catholic Church, it a good practice, recommended by many Saints, to turn towards the tabernacle in our nearest Catholic Church, or turn toward the East, for our daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Sacred Heart TV provides a similar opportunity to focus on the tabernacle 24/7. We receive messages from around the world attesting how people value this resource (via the Oratory website) especially those who are sick or housebound, while acknowledging that it is no substitute for actually being physically present in front of the tabernacle enshrining the Blessed Sacrament. This daily visit builds a deep relationship with Jesus.

The current edition of the Simple Prayerbook (CTS £3.50) has a simple "Visit to the Blessed Sacrament" (pages 102-4), and older editions have prayers and reflections for "A Quarter of an Hour Before the Blessed Sacrament".

*Every time I pass a Church
I pay a little Visit,
so when, at last, I'm carried in,
the Lord won't ask: "Who is it?" !*

The Daily Meditation, recommended by our Cardinal in the evening, is often made in the early morning - but, whenever, it is a regular part of the daily prayer of those who take the Faith and our spiritual lives seriously.

The Readings from the daily Mass (or Gospel for the coming Sunday) are obvious sources, keeping us in tune with the Church's seasons, feasts and Saints' days. See page 1 re magnificat.co.uk and universalis.com

"Picture, Ponder, Pray, Promise" provides an easy and memorable outline as we first read the text, then picture the scene (with all its detail, Jesus, the Disciples, the people etc), perhaps imagining ourselves to be present. Then ruminating on the words of Jesus, and making a spiritually conversational response, concluding with a clear resolution.

There are many different ways of meditating, and S Philip guided the Oratory Fathers to help each person to pray in their own way, developing a personal relationship with God.

During this third week of Lent may each of us make some form of Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and devote a time to Meditation.

The Re-Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations'. This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple. History shows us that when the people pray a surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary.

Bishop Philip writes...

At Mass on Sunday 29 March, 5th Sunday of Lent, Sunday after the Solemnity of the Annunciation, every Catholic in England is invited to rededicate themselves personally to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that England can shine once again as the Dowry of Mary. Those who wish, may also gain a Plenary Indulgence (on the usual conditions). The re-dedication follows in the footsteps of King Richard II, who in the face of great political turmoil in 1381 went to the shrine of Our Lady of Puy in Westminster Abbey to seek her guidance and protection. Today the Catholics of England, faced with the personal and national challenges of our times, turn to Her once again and offer our faith as She leads us to Christ Her Son.

On the 3 days prior to Sunday 29th March, we are invited privately to say the Angelus prayer, with some special elements. Then at Masses on Sunday 29th March we will all say the Prayer and the Act of Entrustment of England to the Virgin Mary.

Here at the Oratory our Sunday 6pm Benediction will include the Angelus, the Act of Entrustment, and other Marian Devotions - so do make a special effort to come at 6pm on Sunday 20th.

If the current virus prevents people gathering in large numbers (in Shrines and Cathedrals etc) the personal nature of this Entrustment enables it to be equally valuable and effective to be made individually in our homes. Sacred Heart TV enables us all to tune in at 6pm that evening to participate in the Entrustment and Devotions.

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REGULAR EVENTS

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 grey leaflet.

For a **Shrine Lamp** to burn for your intention (£10 for 7 days) contact the Parish Office.

This week: Aid to the Church in Need (Our Lady), 40 Days for Life (St Joseph)

WEEKDAYS IN LENT

7.30am Holy Mass (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays).

12.15pm Holy Mass (Mondays - Saturdays).

12.45pm Rosary (after 12.15pm Mass).

Oratory - silent prayer with the Fathers & Brothers.

Evening Oratory concludes with the Oratory Exercises (ie. Litany etc in Latin or English). 7am and 6pm (5.25pm Mondays)

TUESDAYS IN LENT 7.30pm Bible Study - Newman Library.

A Biblical walk through Christ's Passion.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Eucharistic Adoration - 8am to 12 noon.

Come for as long or short a time as you wish.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

11.30am Stations of the Cross (before the 12.15pm Mass), and at 6pm (6.45pm on 1st Fridays, after the 6pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass)

SATURDAYS IN LENT

11am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

4pm - 5pm Confessions

LENTEN CHARITY PROJECTS: Aid to the Church in Need helping persecuted and oppressed Christians in the Middle East, and our own **Hope for Food** distributing food parcels to local families in dire need. Items needed: Cereals, Baked beans, Pasta, Rice, Sauce for pasta/rice. Tins of spaghetti, potatoes, vegetables, tuna, meat, fruit. Tea / coffee, jam / marmalade, ketchup / brown sauce / mayo, rice pudding, sweet biscuits, cream crackers. tinned milk, custard. Collection box by the Sacristy door.

OUR CATHOLIC SHOP: Your last chance to buy cards and/or gifts for St Patrick's Day (17 March) or Mothering Sunday (22 March). We have lots of booklets on Lent and Stations of the Cross, and a wide selection of Christian Easter cards. Shop opening times see the side bar >

SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN on PERFECTION: See inside this Bulletin for our weekly Lenten reflection on the words of Jesus: "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect".

Oratory Weekdays 7am & 6pm (5.25pm Mon)
Half-an-hour silent prayer with the Fathers and Brothers (evening ends with the Oratory Exercises in Latin or English).

Sundays 6pm Cath. Soc. Fellowship Group for all Students and young people (18-35yrs) Benediction, Faith formation, and food.

Mondays 6pm Bell-ringing practice
7.30pm Choir practice

Tuesdays 7.30pm Lent Bible Study - Library

Wednesdays 7.30pm Adult Faith Formation

Thursdays 8-11am Church Cleaning
2pm SVP Tea Party, 3rd Thursdays

The SVP Tea Party is cancelled this month because of the Corona Virus.

Fridays 11.30 Stations of the Cross
6pm Stations of the Cross (6.45 on 1st Fri)
6pm Extraordinary Form Mass, 1st Fridays
6pm Brothers of the Secular Oratory
2nd & 4th Fridays (includes Stations)

Saturdays 9am First Communion Class
9.30am Confirmation Course - Library
6.30pm Monthly Movie Night, 1st Sat.

WORKING with CHARITIES in our **HALL**

Hope for Food: 6.30pm

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (feeding 80+ homeless rough-sleepers daily)

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7.45pm Monday

Narcotics Anonymous: Tue 7.45 / Wed 7pm

OUR CATHOLIC SHOP IS OPEN:

Sundays after the 10.30am Solemn Mass, after the 8am on 1st Sunday of the month, weekdays 9am - 12noon via the Parish Office 13 Post Office Rd (opposite M-ploy at 24).

BISHOP PHILIP invites you to sign up FREE to his E-News direct to your in box: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside one of Bournemouth's abortion centres. Register to help at 40daysforlife.com/bournemouth for your chosen hours, or text 07 535 937 865, or 40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

'The God Who Speaks' Year of the Word
3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

Read a few verses of this Gospel each day.

Thank you for last week's Collections:

Gift Aid Standing Orders	841.97
Gift Aid Weekly Envelopes	444.00
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	86.29
Visitor yellow envelopes	26.00
Loose Cash	616.68
Weekday Mass Collections	299.71
TOTAL	2,314.65

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