



Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

21 May 2017 (Year A)

Mass intention: **Sheila and Bryan Hichisson Anniversary** (Hichisson)

Mass intention on Tuesday: **The conversion of Margaret**

Psalm response

Rosalie Bonighton (1946–2011). Calamus licence 2551



Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

The front of the news-sheet contains information useful in the Mass. Notices for the week and further ahead are overleaf.

The beginning of Mass

The prayers of preparation are said in the sacristy before Mass. If you would like the text of these prayers, please ask: they are contained in the blue *said* Order of Service.

Mass during Eastertide

Lots of things were restored at Easter, and we continue the use of Merbecke (at number **542** in the hymnbook) for the ordinary of the Mass including the *Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei*. Merbecke didn't set any of the Memorial Acclamations, so "The Mystery of Faith" will be **said**.

The end of Mass: Anthem to Our Lady

From Easter through to the Saturday after Whitsun, the Anthem to Our Lady which follows Mass is the **Regina Caeli**, on page 10. You probably know the tune, but if you would like the music, you can find it on page 7 of the Supplement: please ask for one.

About what we call each Sunday

The Ordinariate has its own calendar, which includes older titles like "Rogation Sunday" (see overleaf) and an older way of counting Ordinary Time — we count Sundays after Epiphany and Trinity, and the Sundays before Lent started with Septuagesima. The readings match the General Calendar.

On the website

As well as the revised **Mission Statement**, the website now features recordings of much of the **liturgical music** we use, on the Orders of Service page. If you'd like to get know our Mass settings better, or Compline, or the plainsong *Regina Caeli* which ends Compline between Easter and Trinity, it's all there. **Rotas** for Mass and the **current music list** are also available on the members' page. If you don't have access, please ask Andrew for details.

When receiving Communion please form a single line along the sanctuary step, kneeling if you are able to. If you receive in one kind only please wait until the chalice has passed you before moving back to your pew. One arm across your chest will show that you do not wish to receive the chalice.

Compline will be said at 8pm this evening, hosted by Robert and Jenny at 89 St Philip's Avenue.

The **Pastoral Committee** will meet on Tuesday at Bella Vista following an extra Mass in the Ordinariate Use at 10am. *This is at the same time as Fr Patrick (Paddy) Kenny's Funeral Mass at OLR. If you would like to attend a funeral Mass for Fr Paddy, a vigil Mass is celebrated tomorrow evening — see below.*

There will be another **Novena** between Ascension (25 May) and Pentecost, concluding with a Pentecost celebration. If you still have last year's booklet, please use that; further copies are available today.

May is the Month of our Lady, with special emphasis on praying the **Rosary**, including the opportunity to pray together at 4:30pm each Friday. Please ask for the location of this Friday's prayers.

The May edition of **The Portal** is available online from portalmag.co.uk and from the link in the sidebar of our website. This month features Bishop Richard Moth in his role as Bishop with responsibility for prisons.

The body of **Fr Patrick (Paddy) Kenny** will be received into church at OLR tomorrow at 4:00. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm — this will be a sung Mass but will not be in the Ordinariate Use. The Funeral Mass itself will be at 10:00 on Tuesday 23 May.

Polyphony Choir perform "Extreme Polyphony" tonight at All Saints' Chapel, Meads, at 7:45: a collection of sacred, easy-listening and popular pieces sung by this close-harmony ladies' choir. Bar and raffle raising money for Eastbourne Blind Society. Tickets £6.50 at the door.

If you are not participating in the Ordinariate pilgrimage in June, or you will have returned in time for the Mass on Sunday afternoon (25 June), please speak to Robert if you are able to help by reading a lesson on that day.

Dates for the diary

• **Enthronement & Crowning of the National Fatima Statue, and Veneration of the relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco: Warwick St, Saturday 10 June. Mass 11:00am.**

• **Ordinations to the Diaconate** will take place at St James, Spanish Place on Saturday 17 June, celebrated by Cardinal George Pell.

• **Corpus Christi** will be celebrated on Sunday 18 June.

• The Ordinariate **Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Saturday 24 June.

• **St Peter & St Paul**, a holy day of obligation, falls on Thursday 29 June.

Rogation Sunday precedes the *Rogation days*, which are the three days before the day when the Ascension is celebrated.

The Rogation days were introduced around 470 AD by Mamertus, bishop of Vienne, and eventually adopted elsewhere. Their observance was ordered by the Council of Orleans in 511, but it was not officially adopted into the Roman rite until the reign of Pope Leo III (r 795–816). The observance has never been suppressed, although it has declined since the reform of the Calendar in 1969.

The faithful typically observed the Rogation days by fasting and abstinence in preparation to celebrate the Ascension, and farmers often had their crops blessed by a priest at this time.

A common feature of Rogation days in former times within the Church of England was the ceremony of *beating the bounds*, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwardens, and choirboys, would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year.

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