



THE ORATORY

PARISH CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday, 16th February 2025

Sixth of the Year / Septuagesima Sunday

TODAY'S MUSIC

High Mass

Mass for five voices

William Byrd

Bonum est confiteri

William Sewell

Ave Maria Jacobus

Clemens non Papa

Toccatà D Minor 'Dorian' BWV 538 *J. S. Bach*

Vespers & Benediction

Lucis Creator

Victoria

Magnificat VII

Palestrina

Tantum Ergo

Déodat de Sévèrac

Lucis Creator

Edward Elgar

AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY is the feast of our own S. Valentine, as well as the birthday of S. John Henry Newman. The 5.45pm Mass will be a *Missa Cantata*.

YOUTH ORATORY for those aged 13-17 meets Saturday 22 February at 3.30pm in the Upper Cloister Hall.

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

7.30am (Latin), 8.30am (English), 10.30am High Mass (Latin), 12.15pm (English), 5.30pm (English)

WEEKDAYS

7.30am (English), 12.30pm (English), 5.45pm (Latin)

SATURDAY

9.00am (Latin), 11.00am (English), 5.30pm (English)

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Sundays at 4.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays 12.30 & 5.45pm
Saturday 9-12noon, 5.30pm
Sunday at all Masses

OTHER SERVICES

Exposition

Thursdays 6.15-6.50pm
Fridays 2.00-5.00pm
Saturday 9.30-10.50am

Rosary

Weekdays 5.25pm, Sat 9.45am

Relics (after Masses)

S. Philip – Mon after 12.30pm
S. John Henry – Sat after 11am



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, 16 February

5.30pm (Sat)

7.30am

8.30am

10.30am HIGH MASS

12.15pm

5.30pm

Sixth of the Year / Septuagesima Sunday

Pro populo

Siân and Michael (ints)

Benefactors

Alexander Woodall (ints)

Michael Millard, RIP

Evan Brandon Callum Phoenix

Mon, 17 February

7.30am

12.30pm

5.45pm

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order / Feria

CJB (ints)

Zdzisław Grazyna Krzysltof (ints), *followed by relic of S. Philip*

Christopher Anthony Millar, RIP

Tue, 18 February

7.30am

12.30pm

5.45pm

Feria

Zdzisław Grazyna Krzysltof (ints)

Fr. Desmond Campion, RIP

James Lee, RIP, *followed by Holy Face Devotions*

Wed, 19 February

7.30am

12.30pm

5.45pm

Feria

Holy Souls

Mary Lohan, RIP

Rory and family (ints)

Thu, 20 February

7.30am

12.30pm

5.45pm

Feria

Teresa Grant, RIP

HE Stephen Cardinal Chow (ints)

Carol and David (ints), *followed by Exposition and Benediction*

Fri, 21 February

7.30am

12.30pm

5.45pm *Missa Cantata*

S. Valentine

Catherine McVee, RIP

Safa (ints), *Exposition 2.00pm-5.00pm*

Milan Lukinic (ints)

Sat, 22 February

9.00am

11.00am

5.30pm

The Chair of S. Peter

Benefactors, *followed by Exposition and Benediction.*

Tom Timmons (ints), *followed by relic of S. John Henry.*

Pro populo

Sun, 23 February

7.30am

8.30am

10.30am HIGH MASS

12.15pm

5.30pm

Seventh of the Year / Sexagesima Sunday

Alexandra, Ania, and Izabella (ints)

Deceased Fathers and Brothers

Frank Risker, RIP

Harry Boyd, RIP

Linda Casey (ints)

NOTICES

FEAST OF S. VALENTINE, which is celebrated together with the birthday of S. John Henry Newman, is kept on Friday 21st February. The evening Mass will be a *Missa Cantata*.

THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF MARY wish to thank you all for your generous Christmas cribside offerings. The community has already grown in number, and is in the process of restoring the abbey, as well as purchasing some farm animals. They are a young community of nuns, and there is growing interest from other young women who are considering their vocation in life. Two of their community are former members of our parish, so it is good that we are able to support them.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY is today, for those who follow the old calendar. Thus, we begin the 70-day countdown to the Paschal mysteries. The theme of penance is introduced by the use of violet vestments, and the cessation of the word 'Alleluia' from the Mass and the Divine Office. For those using the new calendar, these changes do not happen until Ash Wednesday.

YOUTH ORATORY for those aged 13-17 next meets Saturday 22nd February at 3.30pm in the Upper Cloister Hall.

THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE will begin on Saturday 1st March at 2.30pm. The course will be conducted online. If you would like to participate, please email marriage@birminghamoratory.org.uk or speak to Fr Anton or Fr David for more information.

THIS WEEK'S SATURDAY TALK will be on Penance.

MEN'S ROSARY RALLY will take place Saturday 22nd February at 12.00 noon in Chamberlain Square, Birmingham City Centre. For more information contact Ben – 07885505116.

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SICK LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Maggie O'Rourke, Lyn Debney, Sian Gooding, Michael Smith, Jackie Russell, Anne Roebuck, Michael & Joseph Cronin, Evelyn Scullion, Marie Caulfield, Colin Tunicliffe, Mark Kuczerawy, Kevin Donnolly, Anne Norris, Joanne McAleenan, Marie and Angelina Farmer, Bridget Lawrence, Michael Wilson, Hazel Keigher, Lilymae Tang, Helen Molloy, Claire McGrath, Eileen Brown, Linda Powell, Thomas McHugh, Rebecca Hayes, and Elisa Lewis.

ANNIVERSARIES

Gertrude Arnold, Mary Farrelly, Elizabeth Haughton, Martina and Donal Hayes, Bridie McConnan, Ruth and Edward Seaver, Catherine Beard, and Maria Gomez, RIP.

SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Cash £2,485.

Card £1,141.

TOTAL £3,626.

2024 Crib Collection £4,400.

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PARISH GROUPS

Brothers of the Little Oratory

Sundays weekly, 3.15pm. Newman Shrine.

Women's Oratory

Fridays biweekly, 3pm. Oratory House.

Junior Oratory (5-12 years)

Saturdays biweekly, 2.30pm. Lower Cloister Hall.

Youth Oratory (13-17 years)

Saturdays monthly, 3.30pm. Upper Cloister Hall.

Oratory Young Adults (18-35 years)

Sundays after 10.30am and 12.15pm. Meet in the Cloister.

Saturday Talks – Faith, Scripture, and Liturgy

Saturdays weekly, 12 noon. Upper Cloister Hall.

Catechism for All

Wednesdays weekly, 8pm. Oratory House.

Legion of Mary

Mondays weekly, 7pm. Oratory House.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thursdays biweekly, 8pm. Oratory House.

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Friday is the feast of our own S. Valentine, whose relics are found in our church in the altar nearest the pulpit. They were gifted to F. John Henry Newman by Pope Pius IX in 1847. Little is known about the martyr Valentine; he did not even have a feast date when his relics were presented to Newman. Pius gave permission to keep Valentine's feast on Newman's birthday – 21st February – and so Friday is a celebration of our cardinal's earthly nativity, as well as our martyr's heavenly nativity. When the relics were brought through customs, they were described by the officer as a 'mummy'. The relics first were honoured in the old church before being placed in their present altar, which is customarily decorated with spring flowers for the feast. The picture above the altar, however, is not Valentine, but S. Athanasius, one of Newman's favourite Church Fathers. Athanasius holds his hand in a particular way: joining his thumb and forefinger, indicating the unity of God and two fingers together, signifying the union of the human and divine natures in Christ. SS. Valentine and Athanasius, pray for us!

SAFEGUARDING

The Oratory parish operates in accordance with the Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Rep is Maureen Wright. She can be contacted at: sg.theoratory.bham@rcaob.org.uk; alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at: 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.