

# THE ORATORY

## Parish Church of the Immaculate Conception

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### TIMES OF MASS AND OTHER SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, 7.30am Low Mass (Latin), 8.30am, 10.30am High Mass (Latin), 12.15pm, 4.30pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, 5.30pm

#### WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday: 7.30am, 12.30pm, 5.45pm (Latin)

Saturday: 9.00am (Latin), 11.00am

#### CONFESSIONS

Monday – Friday: Before all midday and evening Masses;  
Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm and before 5.30pm Mass; Sunday before all Masses

#### OTHER SERVICES

Thursday: Exposition and Benediction after evening Mass

Friday: 2.00pm – 5.00pm Exposition

Saturday: Exposition and Benediction between Masses

Monday: Relic of S. Philip after midday Mass

Saturday: Relic of S. John Henry after 11.00am Mass

Monday – Friday: 5.25pm Rosary (Saturday during Exposition)

Other seasonal devotions as announced

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Christ the King / XXIV Post Pent.*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm** *Pro populo*

**Sunday 7.30am Low Mass** Jadwiga and Bromslaw Wojtusiak

**8.30am** Albartowicz Family

**10.30am High Mass** Zara Shaen Edith Albright (ints)

**12.15pm** William Donoghue, RIP

**5.30pm** Holy Souls

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – S. Cecilia

7.30am Scott Stephens, RIP

12.30pm Andrew and Penelope (ints)

5.45pm Holy Souls; followed by Vespers of the Dead

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – S. Clement

7.30am Holy Souls

12.30pm Matthew Reilly (ints)

5.45pm Ernest Wilson (ints); followed by Holy Face Devotions

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – S. Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp. / S. John of the Cross

7.30am Holy Souls

12.30pm Pete Gair, RIP

5.45pm Margaret-Anne Stuart (ints)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – S. Catherine of Alexandria

7.30am Blaise Rosario, RIP

12.30pm Holy Souls

5.45pm Helena Slyzyk (ints); followed by Exposition and Benediction

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Feria / S. Sylvester

7.30am Holy Souls; followed by School Benediction

12.30pm Deceased Fathers and Brothers; followed by Stations of the Cross for Holy Souls

5.45pm Rory McLaren Family; followed by Stations of the Cross for Holy Souls

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Our Lady's Saturday

9.00am Benefactors; followed by Exposition and Benediction

11.00am Requiem for Benefactors

5.30pm *Pro populo*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – First Sunday of Advent

7.30am Joseph Copley (ints)

8.30am Holy Souls

10.30am For the safe delivery of a baby

12.15pm Kitty Sugrue, RIP

5.30pm Aidan Keane, RIP

## NOTICES

**Sick:** Please pray for F. Paul Chavasse, Tony Perks, Lucy Egessa, Martin Conway, Rupert May, Catherine Campbell, Penny Oliver, Duncan Mather, Marie & Bala Selvadurai, Simon Lovering, Anthony Pooler, Bella Maxwell, Dennis Minnis, Joseph & Angelina Farmer, Nicola Williams, Michael Connors, Br. Isidore & Joseph Cronin, Steve Gilford, Angela Dunn, Maggie O'Rourke, Bridie O'Boyle, Mary Byrne, Ernest Wilson, Ben Mackel, Kevin Donnelly, Jane Evitts, Sylvia Rabbage, Patrick Cleere, and the sick of our parish.

**Lately dead.** Bridget McAlindan, RIP

**Anniversaries:** F. Edmund Hodgson and Joseph du Moulin-Browne of this Oratory, Tony Nicholls, Nancy Owen, Juliana and Sheila Donoghue, Rita Maloney, Peter Ransom, Pat Logan, Timothy Harwitch-Smith, David Egidio, Gelsomino Pulisciano, Doug Morgan, Carmel McHugh, Alan Grindley, and Mrs. Seally, RIP.

**Collections last Sunday:** Cash: £2,132. Card: £620.

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**Collections.** There is now only one collection at Sunday Masses. Please put all of your church offering into this collection, including envelopes.

**Month of the Holy Souls.** Vespers of the Dead Monday evenings after the 5.45pm Mass. Stations of the Cross for the dead after the 12.30pm and 5.45pm Masses Fridays.

**Traditional Carols Service.** Led by His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm. To be followed by light refreshments in the lower Cloister Hall.

**Confirmations in the Traditional Latin Rite (Extraordinary Form).** Will be administered by His Grace the Archbishop on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm. Please see F. Anton if you wish to register. Lessons in preparation will take place from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December after Sunday High Mass in the upper Cloister Hall. **Confirmations for the Oratory Primary School.** Year 6 Confirmations will take place in July 2022.

**Junior Oratory.** The next meeting will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in the upper Cloister Hall.

## ORATORY PARISH ORGANISATIONS

**Brothers of the Little Oratory.** Sundays weekly – 3.15pm in the Newman Shrine. F. Anton.

**Women's Oratory.** Fridays fortnightly – 8.00pm in the Oratory House. F. Richard.

**Oratory Young Adults.** Thursdays fortnightly – 8.00pm in the Lower Cloister Hall. Br. David.

**Junior Oratory.** Saturdays fortnightly – 2.30pm in the Lower Cloister Hall. F. Anton.

## FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In a niche above S. Philip's shrine is a statue of S. Cecilia. She holds a small pipe organ, denoting the fact that she is the patroness of music. Her presence in our church is significant, as it was on S. Cecilia's Day – 22 November 1853 – that the old Oratory Church was opened on this site.

From the outset, music has been an important feature of Oratorian life and worship; the very word *oratorio* derives its origins from the spiritual exercises of the Oratory. We know that these exercises, initiated by S. Philip with his companions, always included the singing of a vernacular hymn. Very soon, sacred polyphony was to play an essential role in Oratory devotion and worship. The Renaissance composer and choir master at the papal court Giovanni Animuccia was a Brother of the Little Oratory in Rome, and his successor Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina had very close links with the Oratory as well. It is said that Palestrina died in S. Philip's arms. Their Spanish counterpart, Tomás Luis de Victoria, was a priest of the Oratory. The wonderful compositions of these men, so characteristic of the Catholic Counter-Reformation, were sung in the Oratory Church of the Vallicella, and also on the Seven Churches' pilgrimage. Our own beloved Cardinal was himself something of a musician and even a composer, having signed an original piece under the Italianised name 'Giovanni Enrico Neandrini.' Musical Oratory, an informal service of reflections, hymns, and instrumental music, is also an important part of Oratory life. Over the past couple of years, it has not been possible to hold these services in our church, although the Brothers of the Little Oratory do have their own Musical Oratory in Advent.

We are grateful to our musicians and singers, who help us in our apostolate of maintaining liturgical devotion and splendour in an authentic Oratorian way.