

**The Parish Church of  
Saint Mary the Virgin, Bampton**



**A Service of Evening Prayer**

**to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the weekly  
Sunday celebration of Mass by the Roman  
Catholic Church in St Mary's**

**In the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio,  
The Most Reverend Antonio Mennini**

**Sunday 26th June, 2016**



## The Order for Evening Prayer

from the

Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Choir Introit

*Cantate Domino*

Welcome and Introduction

*The settings of the Preces, and the Versicles and Responses which follow the Creed, are by William Smith*

*(Stand)*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world  
without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

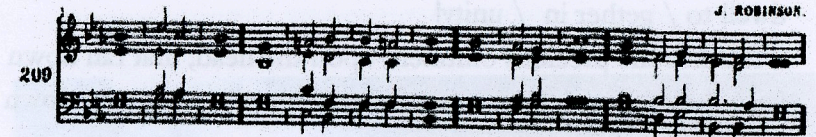
Hymn 557

*Praise to the Holiest in the height*

*(Sit)*

*Psalms 122 (121) and 133 (132) will be sung by the choir, unaccompanied, to the chants set in The Parish Psalter.*

PSALM 122. *Lactatus sum.*



I was glad when they said / unto / me : we will / go into the /  
house of the / Lord.

2 Our / feet shall / stand in thy / gates: / O Je / rusalem.

3 Jerusalem is / built as a / city : that is at / unity / in it / self.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the / tribes of the / Lord :  
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks / unto the / Name of the /  
Lord.

† 5 For there is the / seat of / judgement : even the / seat of the /  
house of / David.

6 O pray for the / peace of Je / rusalem : they shall / prosper  
that / love / thee.

7 Peace be with / in thy / walls : and plenteousness with / in  
thy / palaces.

8 For my brethren and com / panions' / sakes : I will / wish /  
thee pros / perity.

9 Yea because of the house of the / Lord our / God : I will /  
seek to / do thee / good.



PSALM 133. *Ecce, quam bonum!*

V. NOVELLO.



Behold how good and joyful a / thing it / is : brethren to /  
dwell to / gether in / unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down /  
unto the / beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went / down to  
the /skirts of his / clothing.

3 Like as the / dew of / Hermon : which fell up / on the / hill  
of / Sion.

4 For there the Lord / promised his / blessing : and / life for /  
ever / more.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son : and / to the /  
Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be : world  
without / end / A /men.

***The Old Testament Lesson***

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

*(Stand)*

***Magnificat***

*The Choir will sing the canticles to the setting by William Purcell in G.*

**My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his  
hand-maiden.**

**For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me  
blessed.**

THE HISTORY OF THE CELEBRATION OF MASS  
IN THE PARISH OF  
BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE



St Mary's Church, Bampton



There is mention of a Mass being said in Bampton in the mid-nineteenth century. It was celebrated by a Maltese priest, the Reverend Frances Guaci Azzopardi from Buckland, who travelled to Bampton Castle on alternate Sundays during the year 1856-57, to say Mass in a chapel over the gatehouse. Nothing more of this is known, except that it ceased after a year; but there must have been a Catholic community living in Bampton at that time.

Eighty years later, in the 1930s, the Eagle pub in Church View was run by the Catholic Mr and Mrs Martin. Father Lopes, then the newly-appointed parish priest of Eynsham, used to come to say Mass on Sunday mornings in a room above the pub, and after 1938 this service was taken over by the parish priest from Carterton. The Martins charged the parish £3.00 every quarter as rent for the use of their room. The rent came from the money made from the annual Jumble Sale.

When the Martins retired, in 1960, there was an opportunity to buy land for a Catholic chapel in Queen Street for £375.00, but planning permission was refused. Instead Mass was celebrated every Sunday in a room above the Fire Station in the Town Hall.

In 1964 the room upstairs in the Town Hall became unavailable, and the Mass centre had to find a new home. The Catholic congregation was offered the use of a room at the former Grammar School for Mass on Sundays at a rent of £30 a year. The rent came from the money made at the annual Jumble Sale in the W.I. Hall.

Early in 1968, Father Lees asked for permission to say Mass during the week at Haytor, in Lavender Square, the home of Major and Mrs Phillips; but this came to nothing as the Phillips family moved away for a few years.

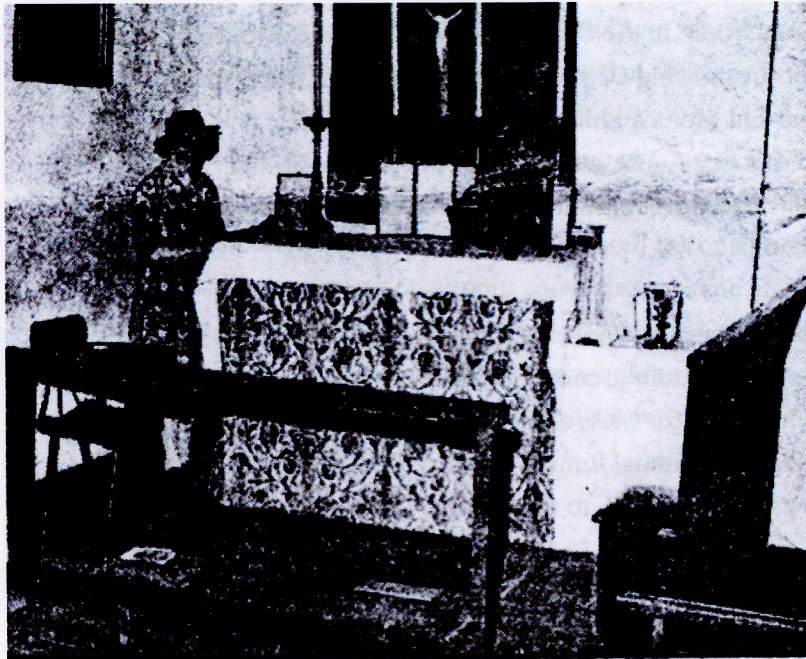
By 1974 the room in the Grammar School was becoming too small for the growing Catholic congregation; and it was then that nine-year-old Monica Phillips, as she walked to Mass one Sunday, remarked to Reg Rouse, a member of the choir at St Mary's, that the Anglicans had a big church while the Catholics only had a small room.

As a result, after many months of negotiation between the Church authorities, the Catholic congregation was invited to make use of St Mary's Church for Mass on Sundays. No fee was asked, but the money from the annual Jumble Sale was then given to St Mary's Church as a contribution to the heating.

A happy and successful ecumenical relationship has been fostered over the years; and since the closure of the Convent at Fernham and the Catholic Church in Buckland, the congregation has grown in size.

A celebration of the forty years of this ecumenical collaboration is to be held in June 2016.





Mrs Martin in  
the 'Upper Room' at the Eagle Inn,  
where Mass was said from 1930 until 1960

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him : through out all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

**He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

**He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

*The New Testament Lesson*

Ephesians 4: 1 - 6

*(Stand)*

*Nunc Dimittis*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation : which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**



*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholic Church;  
the Communion of Saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Kneel or Sit)*

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

**A Collect for the Unity of the Church**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine Apostles,  
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you':  
look not on our sins but on the faith of thy Church  
and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will;  
who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace and the Collect for Aid against all perils follow.*



***The Anthem***

***Maria rubens, rosa***

**Assumpta est Maria in caelum  
gaudent angeli laudantes benedicunt Dominum.**

**O Maria rubens rosa, delicatum lilium,  
dulcis mitis et formosa summum caeli gaudium.**

**Tu cella Christi lucida, tu vitis copiosa, exaudi nos miseros et  
ora pro nobis pia, et perduc nos ad filium tuum, virgo Maria.**

Mary is taken up into heaven,  
the angels rejoice and, praising, they bless the Lord.

O Mary, red rose, delicate lily, sweet, gentle, comely and the  
highest joy of heaven. You are the bright sanctuary of Christ, you  
are the fruitful vine; graciously hear us sinners and pray for us; and  
lead us to your Son, O Virgin Mary.

***The Prayers, ending with The Grace:***

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.**

**Archbishop Mennini will address the congregation.**

**Hymn 14**

***Glory to thee, my God, this night***

**The Blessing**