

A golden crozier with a blue enamel dragon and a winged figure. The crozier is ornate, featuring a blue enamel dragon with a golden cross-hatch pattern on its body. A golden winged figure, likely an angel, is depicted slaying the dragon with a spear. The crozier has a golden handle with blue enamel scrollwork and a golden base.

Douai Abbey

The Abbatial Blessing
of
The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB
11th Abbot of Douai
by
The Right Reverend Philip Egan
Bishop of Portsmouth

Thursday, 8 September 2022
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TO BE WORTHY of the task of governing a monastery, the abbot must always remember what his title signifies and act as a superior should. He is believed to hold the place of Christ in the monastery, since he is addressed by a title of Christ, as the Apostle indicates: You have received the spirit of adoption of sons by which we exclaim, *abba, father* (Rom 8:15). Therefore, the abbot must never teach or decree or command anything that would deviate from the Lord's instructions. On the contrary, everything he teaches and commands should, like the leaven of divine justice, permeate the minds of his disciples. Let the abbot always remember that at the fearful judgment of God, not only his teaching but also his disciples' obedience will come under scrutiny...

Furthermore, anyone who receives the name of abbot is to lead his disciples by a twofold teaching: he must point out to them all that is good and holy more by example than by words, proposing the commandments of the Lord to receptive disciples with words, but demonstrating God's instructions to the stubborn and the dull by a living example.

The abbot must always remember what he is and remember what he is called, aware that more will be expected of a man to whom more has been entrusted. He must know what a difficult and demanding burden he has undertaken: directing souls and serving a variety of temperaments, coaxing, reproving and encouraging them as appropriate. He must so accommodate and adapt himself to each one's character and intelligence that he will not only keep the flock entrusted to his care from dwindling, but will rejoice in the increase of a good flock.

The abbot must know that anyone undertaking the charge of souls must be ready to account for them. Whatever the number of brothers he has in his care, let him realise that on judgment day he will surely have to submit a reckoning to the Lord for all their souls—and indeed for his own as well...

The Rule of Saint Benedict, Chapter 2



The Procession



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Choir & Monastic Cantors

Ecumenical Clergy

Non-concelebrant Religious & Clergy

Monks & Nuns from Other Benedictine Houses

Monks of Douai Abbey

Concelebrant Religious & Clergy

Abbots

Archbishops & Bishops

Bishop of Portsmouth

Preludes:

Sonata Op.1, No.26 A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Sonata da Chiesa Op.3, No.2 A. Corelli (1653-1713)

Processional: *Grand plein jeu* J. Boyvin (1649-1706)

Introit:

The refrain is sung by the monastic cantors and repeated by ALL after each verse of Psalm 44

Intr. **G**

Aude- á-mus omnes in Dó- mi- no, di- em
festum ce- le- brán- tes sub honó- re Ma- rí- æ Vírgi-
nis : de cu- jus festi- vi- tá- te gaudent An- ge-
li, et colláu- dant Fí- li- um De- i.

[Let us rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, on whose festival the angels rejoice and highly praise the Son of God.]

Greeting & Penitential Act

Kyrie: *Missa de angelis* Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Kyrie I **ALL join in the conclusion as marked**

Cantor ALL
Ky-ri - e e - - - - le-i-son.

Kyrie II **Sung by the choir**

Christe I **Sung by ALL**

ALL
Chri- ste - - - e - le-i-son.

Christe II **Sung by the choir**

Kyrie III **Sung by ALL**

Ky-ri-e - - - e - le-i-son.

Kyrie IV **Sung by the choir**

Gloria: *Missa Beata Maria Virgine*

John Sanders (1933-2003)

Intoned by Bishop Philip

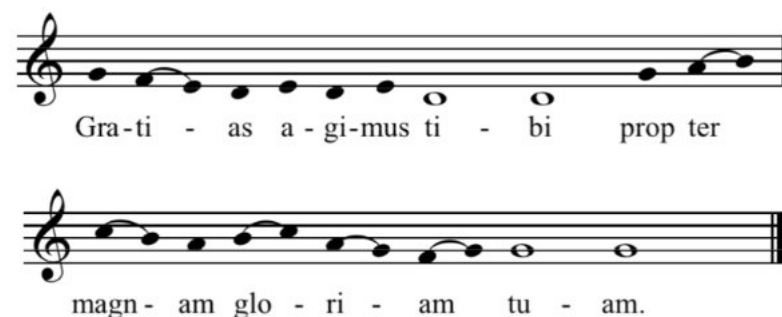
Glo-ri - a in ex-cel- sis - De - o.

Et in terra... Sung by ALL



Laudamus te... Sung by choir

Gratias agimus... Sung by ALL



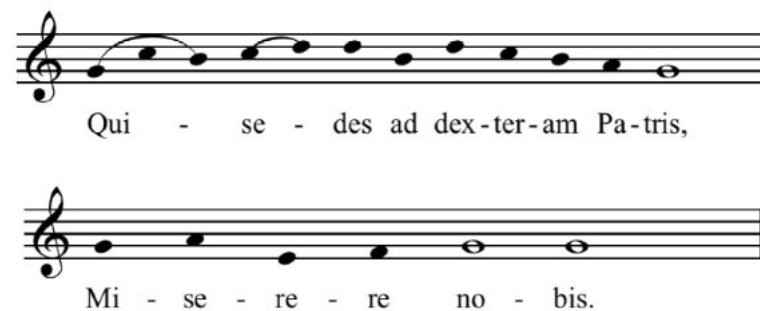
Domine Deus... Sung by choir

Domine Fili... Sung by ALL



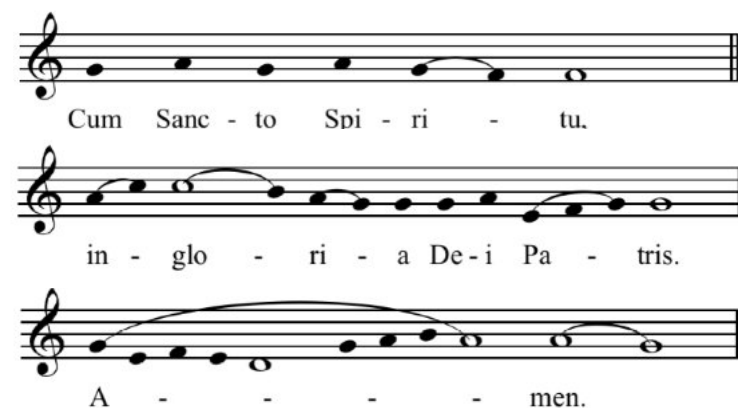
Qui tollis... Sung by choir

Qui sedes... Sung by ALL



Quoniam tu... Sung by choir

Cum Sancto... Sung by ALL



Collect

Please be seated after the Collect

First Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

Psalm: *12 (13):6-7*

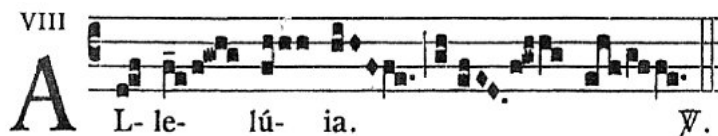
Julia Rowntree (2022)



Gospel Acclamation: (Verse) David Bednall (2022)

Please stand when the Alleluia is intoned

Alleluia is sung first by the cantors, then by ALL, and then repeated by ALL after the verse



(Verse) *Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, worthy of all praise; from you has arisen the sun of justice, Christ our God.*

Gospel: *Matthew 1:1-16*

Here follows the RITE OF BLESSING.
Please remain standing for the
Presentation of the Abbot-Elect

Father Prior addresses Bishop Philip as follows

Most Reverend Father, in the name of our community, I present to you the abbot-elect of our monastery of Saint Edmund, King and Martyr, of the Order of St Benedict, in the diocese of Portsmouth. We ask you to bless him as abbot of our monastery.

Bishop Philip: Has he been duly elected?

Father Prior: We know and testify that he has.

Bishop Philip: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Homily: The Rt. Rev'd Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds

Please remain seated for the Examination of the Abbot-Elect

Bishop Philip: My dear brother, when a man is chosen to stand in the place of Christ and to guide others in the way of the Spirit, it is right that he should be questioned on matters concerning his office and on the qualities he brings to it. This is the age-old teaching and requirement of our fathers in the spiritual life. Following their wise guidance, I now ask:

Will you persevere in your determination to observe the Rule of Saint Benedict and will you be diligent in teaching your brothers to do the same, and to encourage them in the love of God, in the life of the Gospel, and in fraternal charity?

Abbot Paul: I will.

Bishop Philip: Will you teach your brothers by your constant dedication to the monastic life, by sound doctrine, and by good example of your own deeds rather than by mere words?

Abbot Paul: I will.

Bishop Philip: Will you always be concerned for the spiritual good of those entrusted to your care, and seek to lead your brothers to God?

Abbot Paul: I will.

Bishop Philip: Will you be faithful in watching over the goods of your monastery and be prudent in using them for the benefit of your brothers, of the poor, and of the strangers at your gate?

Abbot Paul: I will.

Bishop Philip: Will you always and in all matters be loyal, obedient and reverent to holy Church and to our Holy Father the Pope and his successors?

Abbot Paul: I will.

Bishop Philip: May the Lord strengthen your resolve, give you every grace, and keep you always and everywhere in his protection.

ALL: Amen!


Please stand for the Invitation to Prayer

Bishop Philip: Dearly beloved, God has chosen Paul, his servant, to be the leader of his brothers. Let us pray that the Lord will sustain him with his grace.

Deacon: Let us kneel!

Please kneel for the Litany of the Saints

The Litany is intoned and led by the cantors,
with the responses sung by ALL



K ý-ri e, e-lé- i-son.ii. Christe, e-le- i-son.ii. Ký-ri e, e-lé- i-son.ii.

Pa- ter de cæ- lis De- us, R. Mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
Fi- li Red- émp- tor mundi De- us, R. Mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
Spi- ri- tus San-cte De- us, R. Mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
Sancta Trínitas, unus De- us, R. Mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

Sancta Ma-rí- a, R. O-ra pro nobis. R. Orá- te pro nobis.

Sancta Dei **G**enitrix, ora pro nobis
Sancta virgo **v**irginum, ora pro nobis
Sancti Michael, Gabriel et **R**aphael, orate pro nobis

Patriarchs and Prophets

Sancte **A**braham, ora pro nobis
Sancte **M**oyses, ora pro nobis
Sancte **E**lia, ora pro nobis
Sancte Ioannes **B**aptista, ora pro nobis
Sancte **I**oseph, ora pro nobis
Omnes sancti patriarchæ
et prophetæ orate pro nobis

Apostles and Disciples

Sancti Petre et **P**aule, orate pro nobis
Sancte **A**ndrea, ora pro nobis

Sancti Ioannes et Iacobe,	orate pro nobis
Omnes sancti Apostoli ,	orate pro nobis
Sancta Maria Magdalena,	ora pro nobis
Omnes sancti discipuli Domini ,	orate pro nobis

Martyrs

Sancte Stephane ,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ignati , [Antiochene]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Polycarpe,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Laurenti,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Cypriane,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Albane,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Georgii,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Bonifati,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Edmundae,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Thoma , [Becket]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Albane, [Roe]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ambrosi, [Barlow]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ioannes, [Wall]	ora pro nobis
Sanctæ Perpetua et Felicitas,	orate pro nobis
Sancta Teresia Benedicta a Cruce,	ora pro nobis
Beate Hugo , [Faringdon]	ora pro nobis
Beate Gulielme, [Gunter]	ora pro nobis
Beate Ioannes, [Sugar]	ora pro nobis
Omnes sancti martyres Angliæ, Galliæ, Scotiæ et Hiberniæ,	orate pro nobis
Sancte Augustine [Zhao Rong] et omnes sancti martyres Sinarum,	orate pro nobis
Beate Volodymyr [Pryjma] et omnes sancti martyres Ucrainæ,	orate pro nobis

Bishops

Papa Sancte Gregori Magne ,	ora pro nobis
Papa Sancte Pie , [Decime]	ora pro nobis
Papa Sancte Paule , [Sexte]	ora pro nobis
Papa Sancte Ioannes Paule , [Secunde]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ambrosi,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Augustine,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Basili,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ioannes Chrysostome,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Cedda,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Anselme,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Augustine [Cantaur]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Francisce [de Sales]	ora pro nobis
Beate Hildephonse [Schuster]	ora pro nobis

Monks and Nuns

Sancte Pater Benedicte,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Columba,	ora pro nobis
Sancti Beda,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Benedicte, [Biscop]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Aidane,	ora pro nobis
Sancti Abbates Cluniacenses,	orate pro nobis
Sancte Bernarde,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Aelrede,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Columba, [Marmion]	ora pro nobis
Sancta Scholastica,	ora pro nobis
Sancta Hilda,	ora pro nobis
Beate Cypriane [Tansi]	ora pro nobis

Priests, and Religious

Sancti Francisce et Dominice,	orate pro nobis
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Sancte Alberte ,	ora pro nobis
Sancte Thoma , [de Aquino]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ignati , [de Loyola]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ioseph Maria , [Tomasi]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ioannes Maria , [Vianney]	ora pro nobis
Sancte Ioannes Hen rice , [Newman]	ora pro nobis
Sancta Rita ,	ora pro nobis
Sancta Margarita Maria , [Alacoque]	ora pro nobis
Sancta Berna detta , [Soubirous]	ora pro nobis
Beate Dom inice , [Barberi]	ora pro nobis
Beate Antoni, [Rosmini]	ora pro nobis

Lay Faithful

Sancte Eduar de , [Confessor]	ora pro nobis
Sancti Francisce et Iac inta , [Martol]	orate pro nobis
Beate Freder ice , [Ozanam]	ora pro nobis
Beate Petre Geor gii , [Frassati]	ora pro nobis
Beate Caro li , [Acutis]	ora pro nobis
Omnes sancti et sanctæ Dei ,	orate pro nobis



Pro-pi-ti- us e-sto, R. Lí-be-ra nos, Dómi-ne.

[Be merciful]

[Deliver us, O Lord]

Ab omni **malo**,

[From all evil]

Libera nos, Domine

Ab omni **peccato**,

[From all sin]

Libera nos, Domine

A morte **perpetua**,

[From perpetual death]

Libera nos, Domine

Per incarnationem **tuam**,

[By your incarnation]

Libera nos, Domine

Per mortem et
resurrectionem **tuam**,

[By your death and resurrection]

Libera nos, Domine

Per effusionem **Spiritus**

Sancti,

Libera nos, Domine

[By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit]



Pecca-tó-res, R. Te ro-gá-mus, audi nos.

[Sinners]

[We beseech you, hear us]

Ut ecclesiam tuam sanctam†

régere et conservare **digneris**, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Guide and protect your holy Church]

Ut domum apostolicum et
omnes ecclesiasticos ordines†
in sancta religione conservare

digneris, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Keep the Pope and all the clergy in faithful service]

Ut cunctis populis† pacem et
veram concordiam donare

digneris, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Grant peace and true unity to all peoples]

Ut omnes, qui evangelica
profitemur consiliis,† Operi
redemptionis plenius sociare

digneris, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Give all who profess the Gospel counsels a fuller share in the work of redemption]

Ut omnibus familis tibi dicaris
Christi caritatem† Et
fundatorum spiritum conser-
vare et augere *digneris*, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Grant that all religious communities may live and grow in the love of Christ and the spirit of their founders]

Ut nosmetipsos in tuo sancto
servitio† confortare et
conservare *digneris*, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Encourage and uphold us in holy service of you]

Ut hunc Abbatem electum†
benedicere et adiuvere
digneris, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Bless and sustain this chosen Abbot]

Iesu, Fili Dei *vivi*, Te rogamus, audi nos

[Jesus, Son of the living God]



Christe, audi nos. ii. Christe, exaudi nos. ii.

Deacon: Let us stand!

Please stand for the Prayer of Blessing,
as Abbot Paul kneels before Bishop Philip,
who prays as follows with arms extended

Bishop Philip: Almighty God and Father, who sent your Son into the world to be the servant of all, the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep;

Listen to our prayer: bless + and strengthen Paul, your servant, chosen to be abbot of this monastery. May his manner of life show clearly that he is what he is called, a father, so that his teaching will, as a leaven of goodness, grow in the hearts of his spiritual family.

Let him realise, Lord, how demanding is the task to which he now sets his hand, how heavy the responsibility of guiding the souls of others, and of ministering to the many and various needs of a community.

Let him seek to help his brothers, rather than preside over them. Give him a heart full of compassion, wisdom and zeal, so that he may not lose even one of the flock entrusted to his charge. May he dispose all things with understanding, so that the members of the monastic family will steadily make progress in the love of Christ and of each other, and run with eager hearts in the way of your commandments.

Give him the gifts of your Spirit, set him on fire with love for your glory and for the service of your Church, and may he in turn inflame with zeal the hearts of his brothers.

In his life and in his teaching may he set Christ above all things, and when the day of judgment dawns, receive him, in the company of his brothers, into your kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Please remain standing for the Presentation of the Rule of Saint Benedict to Abbot Paul, who now comes before Bishop Philip, who now sits, wearing his mitre

Bishop Philip: Take this Rule which contains the tradition of holiness received from our spiritual fathers.

As God gives you strength and human frailty allows, use it to guide and sustain your brothers whom God has place in your care.

Please sit for the Presentation of the Pontifical Insignia. First, Bishop Philip places the ring on the right hand of Abbot Paul, saying

Bishop Philip: Take this ring, the seal of fidelity, wear it as the symbol of constancy and maintain this monastic family in the bond of brotherly love.

Next, the mitre is placed in silence on the head of Abbot Paul.
After this, Bishop Philip presents the crozier, saying

Bishop Philip: Take this shepherd's staff and show loving care for the brothers whom the Lord entrusted to you; for he will demand an account of your stewardship.

Bishop Philip gives the Kiss of Peace to Abbot Paul,
who then himself offers the Kiss of Peace
to all the abbots present, during which the choir sings

Motet: *Ubi caritas* M. Duruflé (1902-86)

[Where there is charity and love, there is God. The love of Christ has brought us together in unity. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God, and love each other from the depths of our heart.]

Please be seated as the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins,
with the Preparation of the Gifts, and join in singing

Hymn: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him

When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own.
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil, hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast!

After the hymn, please stand

Prayer over the Gifts & Preface



∇. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

∇. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

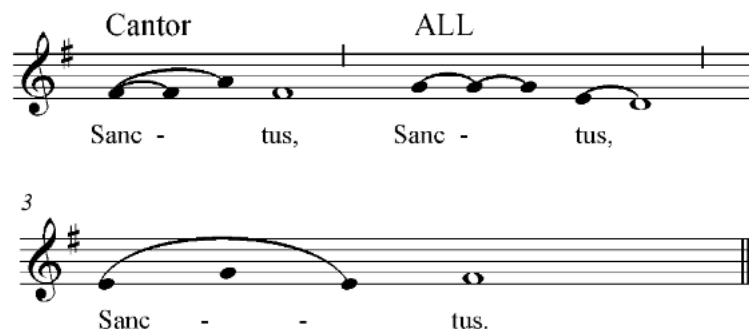
∇. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

After the preface, please remain standing
to sing with the choir the Sanctus

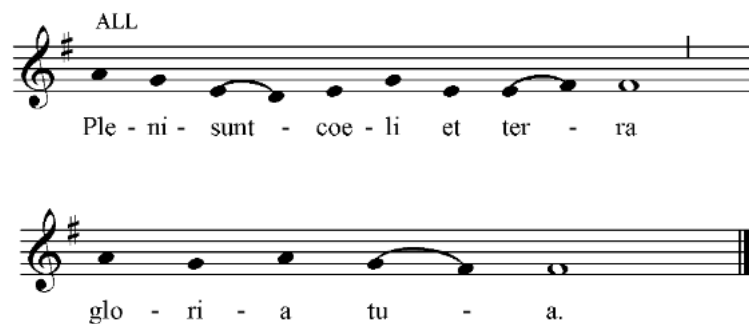
Sanctus: Missa Beata Maria Virgine (Sanders)

The Sanctus is intoned by the cantor, then
the choir and ALL alternate as marked



Domine Deus... Sung by choir

Pleni sunt... Sung by ALL



Hosanna in... Sung by choir

Benedictus qui... Sung by ALL

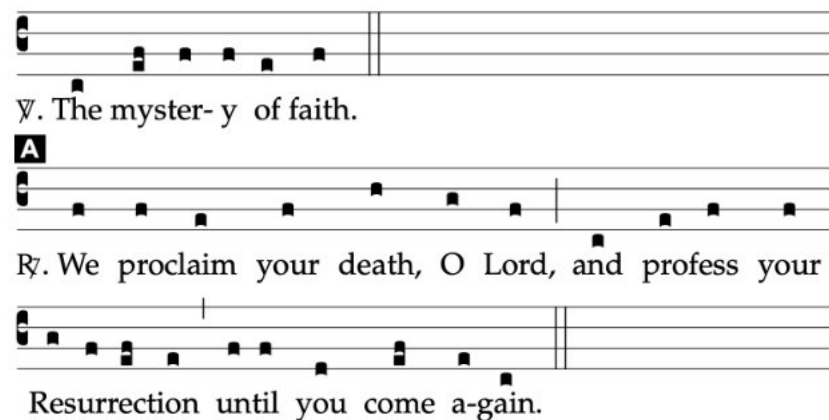
Hosanna in... Sung by choir



Please kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer III

Memorial Acclamation



Please stand for the Lord's Prayer
after the Doxology and Great Amen has been sung

Agnus Dei: Missa Beata Maria Virgine (Sanders)

The Agnus Dei is intoned by the cantor, then
the choir and ALL alternate as marked

Agnus Dei I **Sung by choir**

Miserere I **Sung by ALL**



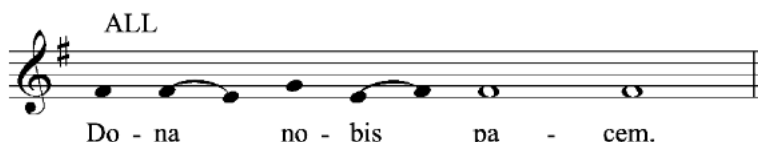
Agnus Dei II **Sung by choir**

Miserere II **Sung by ALL**



Agnus Dei III **Sung by cantors and choir**

Dona nobis... **Sung by ALL then concluded by choir**



Holy Communion

If you are not in full communion with the Catholic Church or do not wish to receive Holy Communion for some other reason, you may wish to make a Spiritual Communion (*below*). You may also complete this by going forward to receive a blessing from the priest or deacon. Please indicate that you wish to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I do not now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen.

**For the distribution of Holy Communion
the following will be sung**

Communion Antiphon:

“Behold a virgin” from *The Messiah*, G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

[Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel: God with us. O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.]

Communion Motet: *Oculi omnium* H. Schütz (1585-1672)

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine, et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno. Aperis tu manum tuam, et imple omne animal benedictione.

[The eyes of all look in hope to you, O Lord, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and fill every creature with blessing.]

Communion Hymn:

T. Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Tell out, my soul! The greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul! the greatness of his name!
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done:
 His mercy sure, from age to age the same:
 His Holy name—the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul! the greatness of his might
 Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 To children's children and for evermore.

Prayer after Communion

Please sit while Abbot Paul addresses the congregation
 When Abbot Paul has finished, please stand

Pontifical Blessing:

S IT nomen Dómi-ni bene-díctum. R̃. Ex hoc nunc et
 usque in sǽcu-lum. Ṽ. Adju-tó-ri-um nostrum in nómi-ne
 Dómi-ni. R̃. Qui fe-cit cǽ-lum et terram.

B Ene-dí-cat vos omní-pot-ens De-us : Pa-ter, et Fí-li-
 us, et Spí-ri-tus Sanctus. R̃. Amen.

Please remain standing. The *Te Deum* is intoned by Bishop Philip and sung by the monastic cantors alternating with ALL

III
T E De- um laudá-mus: * te Dómi-num confi-té-mur.

Te æ-térnum Patrem omnis terra vene-rá-tur. Ti-bi omnes

Ange-li, ti-bi Cæ-li et u-ni-vérsæ Pot-está-tes: Ti-bi

Ché-ru-bim et Sé-raphim incessá-bi-li vo-ce proclá-mant:


Sanctus: Sanctus: San-ctus Dóminus De- us Sába- oth.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra ma-jestá-tis gló-ri-æ tu- æ.

Te glo-ri- ó-sus Aposto-ló-rum cho- rus: Te Prophe-tá-rum

laudá-bi-lis núme-rus: Te Márti-rum candi-dá-tus laudat

ex-érci-tus. Te per orbem terrá-rum sancta confi-té-tur



Ecclé-si- a: Pa-trem imménsæ ma-jestá- tis: Ve-ne-rándum
 tu- um ve-rum, et ú-ni-cum Fí-li- um: Sanctum quoque
 Pa-rácli-tum Spí-ri-tum. Tu Rex gló-ri-æ, Chri-ste. Tu Patris
 sempi-térnus es Fí-li- us. Tu ad li-be-rándum susceptú-rus
 hó-mi-nem, non horru- ísti Vírgi-nis ú-te-rum. Tu de-vícto
 mortis a-cú-le-o, ape-ru- ísti credé-nti-bus regna cæ-ló-rum.
 Tu ad déxte-ram De- i se-des, in gló-ri- a Pa-tris. Judex
All kneel during the singing of this verse
 créde-ris esse ventú- rus. Te ergo quæ-sumus, tu- is fámu-
 lis súbve-ni, quos pre-ti- ó-so sán-gui-ne redemí-sti. Æ-tér-
 na fac cum sanctis tu- is in gló-ri- a nume-rá- ri. Salvum



fac pópu-lum tu- um Dó-mi-ne, et bé-ne-dic he-re-di-tá-ti
 tu- æ. Et re-ge e- os, et extól-le illos usque in
 ætér-num. Per síngu-los di- es, bene-dí-cimus te. Et lau-
 dámus nomen tu- um in sæcu-lum, et in sæcu-lum sæcu-li.
 Digná-re Dó-mine di- e isto si-ne peccá-to nos custo-
 dí- re. Mi-se-ré-re nostri Dó-mi-ne, mi-se-ré-re nostri.
 Fi- at mi-se-ri-córdi- a tu- a Dó-mi-ne super nos, quemádmo-
 dum spe-rá-vimus in te. In te Dó-mi-ne spe-rá- vi:
 non confúndar in æ-tér- num.

Please remain standing for the Procession from the Altar

Recessional Volunteers:

Te Deum

L. Marchand (1669-1732)

Magnificat Versets

N. Lebégue (1631-1702)


March from Joshua

G.F Handel (1685-1759)



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 The cover photo, by Fr Oliver Holt OSB, shows the crozier of Archbishop Benedict Scarisbrick OSB (1828-1908), a monk of Douai and sometime Bishop of Port Louis in Mauritius. The crozier was restored last year by Ormsby of Scarisbrick.

THE COMMUNITY WAS FOUNDED in Paris in 1615, and took as its patron Saint Edmund, king and martyr, who had been patron of the medieval monastery of Bury St Edmunds. Among the founding monks was the future martyr, Saint Alban Roe. The community provided a centre for English monks at the Sorbonne and also for English Catholic exiles including, after 1689, the Stuart royal family, housing the tomb of James II. The majority of the monks faced the perils of the English Mission, serving recusant Catholics.



During the French Revolution the monastery was closed down and the monks scattered. After the Revolution a few of the surviving monks made a fresh start at Douai in northern France, where the community developed a school and continued to serve the English Mission. It remained there until expelled by the French government in 1903. The community re-established a monastic house in Douai from 2005 to 2012.

The monks of Douai were welcomed to England in 1903 by the Bishop of Portsmouth and they settled at Woolhampton, taking over the parish and Saint Mary's College. This college was combined with the school the monks had run in France to form Douai School, which closed in 1999. The community continues to serve the Mission on parishes in various parts of England and Wales, as well as running a guesthouse and an outreach programme of retreats, courses on spirituality and the arts, conferences and training for various ministries in the Church.

Douai's abbey church was completed, to a design by Michael Blee, and consecrated in 1993, 60 years after the first part of the building, designed by Arnold Crush, was opened in 1933. The abbey church is the centre of the life of the monastic community, which celebrates the Liturgy of the Hours and Holy Mass each day. The abbey church is also popular for its regular series of concerts of sacred music.

ABBOT PAUL GUNTER

ABBOT PAUL GUNTER OSB was born in Wolverhampton in 1966 and grew up in Stratford-upon-Avon. He has been a monk of Douai Abbey since 1985 and was ordained priest in 1991 after graduating in theology from Heythrop College, University of London. Over ten years of parish ministry followed, first at Cheltenham in the Diocese of Clifton, then as parish priest of Studley in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

In 2002, he was sent to Rome to pursue further studies in Liturgy, gaining a Licence in 2004 and a Doctorate in 2006 from the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy attached to Sant' Anselmo, where he was organist from 2005 until 2016. After defending his doctoral thesis, "Edmund Bishop and the Genius of the Roman Rite," in June of 2006, he joined the faculty of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, where he taught courses and moderated seminars on the theology of the Liturgical Year in the Roman rite, liturgical history, liturgical theology, and liturgical catechesis. He continues to supervise doctoral students.

In 2008, he was named a consulter to the Office of the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff.

In 2012 he was appointed as Secretary to the Department for Christian Life and Worship of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and continues as liturgical adviser to the bishops.

In 2016 he returned to England and served as parish priest of Our Lady and St Joseph in Alcester, Warwickshire, in the Archdiocese of Birmingham until his election as the eleventh abbot of Douai on 11 May 2022.



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