

ORATORIAN COMMUNITY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

THE BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY IN FORMATION

Temporary address for correspondence, until Easter 2017:

The Priest's House Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of
Father DAVID PETER HUTTON
of the Congregation of the Oratory
and Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Hayes
who died on S David's Day, 1st March 2017
at S Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham
fortified by the Rites of Holy Church.

Requiem Masses (EF) at 8am on both Thursday 2nd & Tuesday 7th March
at the York Oratory-in-Formation YO1 7EN

Vespers of the Dead at 6pm on Thursday 9th March
Solemn Requiem Mass at 6pm on Friday 10th March
at the Oxford Oratory OX2 6HA

Funeral date yet to be announced.

5pm Reception of the Body at Our Lady of the Rosary, Hayes
7.30pm Requiem Mass at Hayes BR2 7BX

11.30am Solemn Requiem Mass at S Michael & All Angels, Farnborough BR6 8NN
followed by burial in S Mary's Churchyard, Hayes BR2 7LH

Family flowers only. Memorial donations divided between
the Bournemouth Oratory-in-Formation and S Christopher's Hospice.

Cheques payable to 'Rosary Church, Hayes' should be sent to The Treasurer at the above address.

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PRAYER for FATHER DAVID HUTTON, Cong. Orat.

Update 11 ~ 1st March 2017 ~ S David's day / Ash Wednesday

Father David died peacefully today, his feast day, shortly after 11am, as I was Anointing him (again) - his Mother and I having just arrived at S Christopher's Hospice to be told that his breathing had changed and, indeed, it died away gently within ten minutes. He seems to have held out, not only for his Feast Day, but also for our arrival, and for the Last Rites, which were followed by a blessing with the Relic of S Philip.

As this year's Ash Wednesday displaced the 1st March Feast of S David, we anticipated S David's Day on Tuesday, so that Parishioners could keep their Parish Priest's Feast Day, and Fr David was able to receive Holy Communion for the last time. His mouth had become increasingly restricted by tumours, needing smaller and smaller particles of the Sacred Host over the past few days, so that Communion would have been impossible today. Viaticum (Food for the Journey) was thus received on his anticipated feast day. An Oratorian said: "For Fr David to die on S David's Day, which is also Ash Wednesday, is a special grace that acknowledges a passing suffering while promising enduring glory".

While we have all been praying for a miracle of healing - and some may feel that God has let us down - He has nevertheless fulfilled my triple prayer, not merely for healing, but for his wholeness and holiness. While S Philip's words: 'I have never done any good', were not spoken by Fr David, that is certainly what he believed of himself. However, the contrary is proven by countless of messages which attest great good that he has done, and that much which is miraculous has happened to him since last Easter, including the revelations that (unbeknown to him until now) he has deeply influenced a number of young priestly vocations, and been instrumental in previously untold graces for many people. Hearing and reading hundreds of testimonials, Fr David's non-Catholic Mother said to him: "I didn't know that I had a saint for a son, and that you're so good at your job"!

S Philip Neri (to whom Fr David has grown increasingly close during these past few years) teaches us that 'The great thing is to be a saint', and also that we should 'love to be unknown'. Saintliness and humble obscurity are fine-honed in the crucible of intense suffering. May we all experience miraculous transformation of our own lives as we learn from Fr David's never-complaining, heroic example, and thus grow in humility and holiness during this sacred Season of Lent and come, not only to the joy of Easter, but to the glory of eternal life.

S Philip Neri, pray for us. Blessed John Henry Newman, pray for us.

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