

Pontifical**Pontificale (London)**

Codicology: Vellum, mm 400 x 255, (15.7 x 10 in.), ff. 24 + celix, double columns of 30 lines. Cent. **xiv-xv**, in a fine upright black hand. Music on four-line stave.

Collation: 1⁴ (wants 1) 2¹⁰ (1 canc.) 3⁸ || 4⁴ 5⁸-7⁸ (+ slip after 1) 8⁸ 9⁸ (5 is half a leaf) 10⁸-13⁸ (+ slip after 3) 14⁸-19⁸ 20⁶ 21⁸-29⁸ (+ slip after 1) 30⁸-34⁸ (6-8 removed and replaced by) 35 (six) 36⁸ (+ slip after 7) 38 (five).

Provenance: Begun for Bishop Mona of St David's[□], the book must have been completed after 1407 when Mona[□] died and Clifford[□] was translated to London[□], and, in 1421, on Clifford[□]'s death passed to Morgan[□], who prefixed the first leaves. A Bishop in Henry VII[□]'s time must have added the Office for the reception of a Nuncio.

Additions: The decorative work is good throughout: the paintings not of high excellence. Photographic reproductions of a large number of them have been issued by the Alcuin Club under the editorship of the Rev. W. H. Frere^[Frere 1901].

Research: Liebermann, p. xxi^[Liebermann 1903], calls the MS. Cn and uses it for Excommunication form (p. 434).

Decoration: The following is a short list of the subjects represented, besides those specified above.

§ I.

Prima tonsura. Bust of tonsured youth.

Ostiarus. Two gold keys.

Lector. A clasped book.

Exorcist. Aspergillum.

Acolyte. Candle.

Subdeacon. Arm with maniple.

Deacon. Hand (and arm) holding stole.

Priest. Hand holding a blue cloth lined with red, ? part of chasuble,

f. vii, [31r]. Gregory[□]'s letter. Bust of Bishop.

Fine decorative initials and a multitude of small gold initials with admirable penwork in purple.

Foliation: ff. a-b + 1-41 + 41a + 42-91 + 91a + 92-215 + 215a + 216-272 + 272a + 273-286 + c-d.

Language: Latin and Middle English.

Contents:**Volume I****0.1.****1r-2r** *Reception of a papal nuncio offering the cap and sword to Henry VII[□]*

f. 1r is blank

On f. 1v, in a hand of cent. **xv late**, is an ordo

1v Quando recipitur Nuncius apostolicus qui portabit capellum et ensem domino Regi Anglie
The Pope mentioned is Innocent VIII[□] (1484-1492). The king is Henry (VII)[□]

0.2.**2v-3v** *Blessing of a crosier, ring and mitre of an abbot*

2v in a large hand of cent. **xv (early)**

2v Sequitur benedictio baculi pastoralis - anuli - mitre

3v blank

1.**4r-12v** *Marriage service**Ordo ad facienda sponsalia*

4r still in a hand of cent. **xv**, later than the body of the book. Fully bordered in good English style, conventional foliage

4r Ordo ad facienda sponsalia (with musical cues)

2.**13r-20v** *Penitential psalms, Benedictions for various occasions and Blessing of a hermit**Psalmi plures et benedictiones*

13r Seven Penitential Psalms. Another hand of cent. **xv**. Arms in initials of Philip Morgan[□], Bishop of Worcester 1419-1426, and of Ely 1426-1435

f. 16r sqq. a series of Benedictions, viz.

De S. Trinitate per totum annum. 2^a feria, 3^a, 4^a, 5^a, 6^a per tot. annum, in commem. S. Crucis. in sabbato per tot. ann.

De SS. Fabiano et Sebastiano, Benedicto, ad Vincula S. Petri, Bartholomeo, Egidio, Lucia, de quocumque translato, in cathedra S. Petri

- 18v Ordo induendi et benedicendi heremitam
18v () Init. Hermit bearded, in brown with white scapular (?), kneels to Bishop. Frere, pl. IX, fig. 28^[Frere 1901]
19r Benedictio vestium
19r () Small initial of the brown habit and white scapular on blue ground with white flourishing
[Nasmith:] [Præcedentes quaterniones post codicem exaratum additas videntur, ut ex tabula contentorum proxime sequenti colligi licet](#)
20v blank

Volume II

3.

21r-24v *Table of contents and prayer before mass*

Oratio sacerdotis

Here begins the main part of the book, of which the contents are enumerated by

Nasmith^[JamesNas-001]

- 21r *Rubric:* Pontificalis huius libri talis est ordo
Table of contents with reference to folios
Ends with Intronizatio archiepiscopi (f. 254v, [281v])
Prayer
22v *Incipit:* Summe sacerdos et uere pontifex
24v Ending

4.

25r-25v *Conditions for validity of ordinands*

Conditiones ordinandorum secundum sacros canones

After this begins the original foliation in red (often wanting because the corners of the leaves have been gnawed by mice)

- 25r (1r) *Seated bishop.* Fully bordered, with arms. Frere, pl. 1^[Frere 1901]. The shields are: L. bottom, Eglesfield[¶]. C. Henry IV[¶]. R. Clifford[¶]

5.

25v-30v

Hugh of Saint-Victor OSA[¶], De sacramentis christianae fidei, book 2, part 3, De ecclesiasticis ordinibus (paraphrased and excerpted)

Admonitio inforatoria ad primam tonsuram accipientes, et ad omnes alios ordines secundum Hugonem de sancto Victore[¶], libro de sacramentis

PL 176, cols. 421-30^[Migne 176]

6.

30v-31r *Standards of conduct of a bishop*

Quae episcopus in sua ordinatione profitetur se observaturum

7.

31r-33v *Edict on the office of a bishop*

Edictum quod dat summus pontifex episcopo cui benedicit

8.

33v-34r *Confirmation*

Ordo ad confirmandum pueros

9.

34r-35r *First tonsure*

Modus faciendi tonsuras primas et ordinandi clericos

10.
35r-36r *Vesting of a bishop for mass*
Modus induendi pontificem ad solenniter celebrandum
11.
36v-37v *Colour of vestments for services of the year*
De colore vestimentorum secundum Romanam ecclesiam quando et quoties per annum variis coloribus in ecclesia utendum est
12.
37v-40r *Psalms and prayers at vesting and divesting of a bishop*
Quae sunt dicenda induendo et exuendo episcopum
13.
40v-41v *Conditions for validity of ordinands*
Qualiter ordines agantur
14.
41v-42v *Ordinations of doorkeepers*
Ordinatio ostiariorum
41v () Miniature: Ordination of Ostiarii. Frere, fig. 2^[Frere 1901]
15.
42v-43r *Ordination of readers*
Ordinatio lectorum
42v () Miniature: Ordination of Lectores. Frere, fig. 3^[Frere 1901]
16.
43r-43v *Ordination of exorcists*
Ordinatio exorcistarum
43r () Miniature: Ordination of Exorcists. Frere, fig. 4^[Frere 1901]
17.
43v-45r *Ordination of acolytes*
Ordinatio acolitorum
43v () Miniature: Ordination of Acolytes. Frere, fig. 5^[Frere 1901]
18.
45r-46r *Ordination of subdeacons*
Ordinatio subdiaconorum
45r () Miniature: Ordination of Subdeacons. Frere, fig. 6^[Frere 1901]
19.
46r-50r *Litany for ordination of deacons*
Litania dicenda in ordinibus et dedicationibus ecclesiarum et aliis agendis
20.
46r-53v *Ordination and blessing of deacons*
Diaconorum ordinatio
46r () Miniature: Ordination of Deacons. Frere, fig. 7^[Frere 1901]
50r () Miniature: Blessing of Deacons. Frere, fig. 8^[Frere 1901]

21.
53v-58v *Ordination of priests*
Presbiterorum consecratio
53v () Miniature: Ordination of Priests. Frere, fig. 9^[Frere 1901]
22.
58v-60r *Ordinations in Lent*
De celebratione ordinum in quarta septimana quadragesimae et in vigilia paschae
23.
60r-60v *Confirmation of election and examination of a bishop (Roman form)*
Confirmatio et examinatio electorum in episcopos secundum Romanam ecclesiam
24.
61r-66r *Consecration of a bishop (Roman form)*
Consecratio pontificum secundum Romanam ecclesiam
Half of f. ~~xxxvii~~, [61r] cut away (in the Interrogationes of priests). The text, as Parker^[1] notes, recurs on f. ~~xliii~~, [67r]
25.
66r-67r *Presentation of bishop elect*
Decretum quod clerus et populus firmare debet de electo episcopo secundum modum Anglicanum
66v () Miniature: Presentation of Bishop Elect. Frere, fig. 10^[Frere 1901]
Busts of Bishop in initials (4)
26.
67r-68v *Confirmation of election and examination of a bishop (English form)*
Examinatio et confirmatio electorum in episcopos secundum modum Anglicanum
27.
69r-74v *Consecration of a bishop (English form)*
Consecratio pontificis secundum modum Anglicanum
28.
74v-76v *Pontifical mass at consecration of a bishop*
Missa episcopi pro seipso in die consecrationis
29.
76v-77v *Enthronement of a bishop*
Cathedratio episcopi consecrati cum ad sedem episcopii sui venerit
76v () Miniature: Enthronement of Bishop. Frere, fig. 11^[Frere 1901]
30.
77v-80v *Blessing of an abbot*
Abbatis benedictio
77v () Miniature: Blessing of an Abbot. Frere, fig. 12^[Frere 1901]
31.
80v-81r *Installation of an abbot or abbess*
Installatio abbatis vel abbatissae
80v () Miniature: Installation of an Abbot. Frere, fig. 13^[Frere 1901]

32.
81r-84r *Blessing of an abbess*
Abbatissae benedictio
81r () Miniature: Blessing of an Abbess. Frere, fig. 14^[Frere 1901]
33.
84r-92r *Consecration of a virgin*
Virginum sanctimonialium consecratio
84r () Miniature: Consecration of a Virgin. Frere, fig. 15^[Frere 1901]
91Ar () A rubric and prayer inserted on slip in Consecration of Virgins
34.
92r-94v *Profession of a nun*
Professio sanctimonialium non virginum
92r () Miniature: Profession of a Nun. Frere, fig. 16^[Frere 1901]
35.
94v-96r *Blessing of a widow*
Viduarum benedictio
94v () Miniature: Blessing of a Widow. Frere, fig. 17^[Frere 1901]
36.
96r-98r *Enclosing of an anchoress*
Ordo ad recludendum reclusum
96r () Miniature: Enclosing of a Recluse. Frere, fig. 18^[Frere 1901]
37.
98r-102r *Expulsion of the penitents on Ash Wednesday*
Ejectio penitentium feria quarta in capite jejunii
98r () Miniature: Penitents leaving the church door 'in capite ieiunii'
38.
102r-122r *Reconciliation of the penitents, Consecration of holy oils and mass on Maundy Thursday*
Reconciliatio penitentium et totum post officium in coena Domini
102r () Miniature: Reconciliation of Penitents
108v (lxxxv) Miniature: The Crucifixion with the Virgin and St John. Title, sun and moon: bones lie at the foot of the Cross. This is a tall oblong picture, occupying the lower part of col. 2 (otherwise blank), and is worn by kissing
108v () The Crucifixion, occupying lower part of a blank column on lxxxv, |108v| before the Canon, is much worn by kissing. The Canon has large decorative initials
109r (lxxxv) fine decorative initial to the Canon of the Mass
39.
122v-123v *Reconciliation of an apostate*
Ordo ad reconciliandum apostatam a iudaismo heresi vel gentilitate reverse vel diu in sententia excommunicationis obstinate
122v (90v) Miniature: Reconciliation of an Apostate
40.
123v-126v *Ordo for a synod*
Ordo qualiter ab episcopo synodus agatur
123v (99v) Miniature: A Synod
Two decorative initials on †0†, |125v|, †02, |126r|

41.

126v-147v *Coronation service of a king*

Ordo secundum quem rex debet coronari pariter et inungi

- 126v (102v) Miniature: Coronation of a King
136r () Busts of King in initials
H2v, [136v] sqq. In initials:
136v () The Sword
136v () The Armillae
137r () The Pallium
137r () The Crown, The King crowned
137v () The Ring (twice) 137v-138r
138v () The Sceptre
138v () The Rod

42.

147v-150v *Coronation service of a queen*

Coronatio reginas

- 147v (123v) Miniature: Coronation of a Queen
149r () Bust of Queen in initial

Volume III

43.

151r-179r *Consecration of a church*

Ordo Romanae ecclesiae ad benedicendam ecclesiam

The alphabets for dedication of a church are in gold capitals on ~~exxxiv~~, [156v], ~~exxxiii~~, [157r]

- 151r (127r) Miniature: Consecration of a Church, Frere, fig. 19^[Frere 1901]
151r () On this page are the arms of Guy de Mona or Mohun^[1], Bishop of St David's **1397-1407**
175r () *Terribilis*. Two surpliced boys sing at lectern

44.

179r-182v *Consecration of a cemetery*

Consecratio cimeterii quum ecclesia non dedicatur

- 179r (156r) Miniature: Consecration of a Cemetery. Frere, fig. 20^[Frere 1901]

45.

182v-192v *Consecration of an altar*

Dedicatio altaris solummodo

- 182v (158v) Miniature: Consecration of an Altar. Frere, fig. 21^[Frere 1901]

46.

192v-193r *Consecration of a portable altar*

Ordo de consecratione tabulae portabilis more Gallicano

- 192v (168v) Miniature: Consecration of a Portable Slab. Frere, fig. 22^[Frere 1901]

47.

193r-197r *Blessing of salt, water, ashes and wine, and consecration of altar slab*

Benedictio salis et aquae, cineris et vini

48.

197r-200r *Blessing of a portable altar slab*

Benedictio lapidis itinerarii secundum modum Romanae ecclesiae

- 197r (173r) Miniature: Benedictio lapidis itinerarii

49.

200r-206r *Reconciliation of a church or cemetery*

Reconciliatio ecclesiae violates vel cimiterii

200r (176r)Miniature: Reconciliation of a Church (scene in the churchyard)

50.

206r-206v *Blessing of the crozier, mitre, gloves and shoes of a bishop*

Ordo ad benedicenda parimenta pontificalia sive baculum sive cirothecas aut quaecunque alia

206r (182r)Miniature: Blessing of Episcopal Ornaments. Frere, fig. 23^[Frere 1901]

51.

206v-206v *Blessing of the seal of the bishop*

Benedictio novi sigilli episcopalis

52.

206v-207r *Blessing of altar cloths*

Benedictio lintheaminum altaris

53.

207r-207r *Blessing for various ornaments*

Benedictio ad quodcunque volueris

54.

207r-207v *Blessing of albs*

Benedictio vestimentorum sacerdotalium seu levitarum vel ordinatorum

55.

207v-207v *Blessing of girdles*

Benedictio zonae

56.

207v-207v *Blessing of stoles*

Benedictio stolae

57.

207v-208r *Blessing of stoles and maniples*

Benedictio stolae et manipuli

58.

208r-208r *Blessing of chasubles*

Benedictio casulae

59.

208r-208v *Blessing of albs (alternative)*

Alia benedictio ad vestimenta sacerdotalia vel levitica

60.

208v-208v *General blessing for church ornaments*

Benedictio generalis ad cultum ecclesiae

61.

- 208v-209r** *Blessing of corporals*
Benedictio corporalium
208v () In initial: The Lintheamen
- 62.**
209r-209r *Blessing of patens*
Benedictio patenae consecrandae
209r () In initial: Paten
- 63.**
209r-209v *Blessing of chalices*
Benedictio calicis consecrandi
209r () In initial: Chalice
- 64.**
209v-210r *Blessing of censers*
Benedictio thuribuli
209v () In initial: Censer
- 65.**
210r-212v *Blessing of bells*
Benedictio campanae
210r (186r)Miniature: Blessing of Bells. Frere, fig. 24^[Frere 1901]
- 66.**
212v-215av *Blessing of a crucifix*
Benedictio imaginis crucifixi
212v (188v)Miniature: Blessing of a Crucifix
After ~~elxxxix~~, [215v] is inserted a smaller leaf of cent. **xv late** with Benedictions of a ring and of a sceptre
The Benedictions include Alphege[¶], Dunstan[¶], Augustine[¶], Edmund of Canterbury[¶]. One is cut out between Peter[¶] and Paul[¶] and Magdalene[¶]
- 67.**
216r-216v *Blessing of an image of the virgin Mary*
Benedictio imaginis beatas Mariae virginis
216r (192r)Miniature: Blessing of an Image of the Virgin and Child
- 68.**
216v-217r *Blessing of an image of St John Evangelist*
Benedictio imaginis beati Ioannis evangelistae
216v () Miniature: Blessing of an Image of St John (apparently a Virgin Martyr holding a palm)
- 69.**
217r-217r *Blessing of pyxes or ciboria*
Benedictio pyxidis sive vasculi eucharistiae
- 70.**
217r-217v *Blessing of the offertory cloth*
Benedictio lintheaminis offertorii
- 71.**
217v-218r *Consecration of a baptistery*

Consecratio baptisterii cum missa pertinente

217v () In initial: A Font

72.

Blessing of service books

Benedictio librorum ecclesiasticorum

218r () In initial: A Book

73.

Blessing of gifts to the church

Benedictio cuiuscunque muneris vel donati

74.

Blessing of processional and military banners

Benedictio vexillorum processionalium vel militarium

219r () In initial: Three Banners, one silver with red cross, another gold with red lion, the third gold with red saltire and four red dots

75.

Blessing of reliquary caskets

Benedictio capsae reliquiarum vel corporum sanctorum

219v () In initial: A Silver Shrine

76.

Blessing of reliquary shrines

Benedictio feretri vel scrinii sanctorum

221v () In initial: A Gold Shrine

77.

Profession of canons regular

Receptio vel professio canonicorum regularium

78.

Profession of monks

Monachorum receptio et professio

79.

Blessing of oil for the sick

Benedictio generalis olei pro quacunquē infirmitate

80.

Blessing of a new well

Benedictio putei novi

227v () In initial: A well-head of stone

81.

Blessing of new fruit

Benedictio novorum fructuum

227v () In initial: Bean stalks growing

82.

Blessing of bread

- 227v () *Benedictio panis*
In initial: Loaves on a table
83.
227v-228r *Blessing of a new house*
Benedictio novae domus
227v () In initial: A house of stone, the sun above
84.
228r-228r *Liturgy for Excommunication*
Excommunicatio sacrilegorum
85.
228r-228v *Absolution at confession*
Absolutio in foro conscientiae id est secretae confessionis
86.
229r-254v *Episcopal benedictions at mass*
Benedictiones solemnes episcopi in missa super populum per totum annum
229r (205r) Miniature: The Episcopal Blessing at Mass. Frere, fig. 25^[Frere 1901]
The Blessings for the greater feasts have large decorative initials
87.
254v-265r *Baptism service*
Officium baptismi
There is a distinct change of hand at ~~eexxi~~, [255r], but the decoration remains the same
255r (231r) Miniature: Baptism. Frere, fig. 26^[Frere 1901]
The Litany on ~~eexxv~~, [249r] (this should be ~~eexxv~~, [259r]) is Sarum
88.
265r-269r *Marriage service*
Officium contrahendi sponsalia
89.
269r-281v *Visitation and anointing of the sick, Burial service*
Officium visitandi infirmos et inungendi et mortuos sepeliendi
On ~~eexlii~~, [269r] the first hand resumes
269r (242r) Miniature: Communion of the Sick. Frere, fig. 27^[Frere 1901]
272Ar() After ~~eexlv~~, [272v] is a slip (xv) with part of the office for Ordination of a Bishop
272v (245v) Miniature: Office of the dying. A dying man in bed, his soul leaving his mouth. A man and woman stand over him
The Litany on ~~eexlvi~~, [273r] has Alban[¶], Oswald[¶], Edmund[¶], (Thomas[¶]), Alphege[¶]; Augustine[¶], Dunstan[¶], Cuthbert[¶], Aldelm[¶], Swithun[¶], Edward[¶]; Brigida[¶], Editha[¶], Radegundis[¶]
277r (250r) Miniature: Coffin with black pall and white cross. Two surpliced singers at lectern. Four candles
90.
281v-286r *Enthronement of an archbishop and benedictions*
Inthronizatio archiepiscopi
After the Intronizatio follow three Benedictions in the hand of those on f. 16r etc., viz. for SS. Peter Martyr[¶], Francis[¶], Dominic[¶]

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