



Contents of the Bangor Pontifical

Opening flyleaves

- f. 4 C 65 'Sum Decani et Capituli Ecclesiae Cathedralis Bangor, ex dono
Humphredi Humphreys ...1701'
- 5 Benediction for the feast of Corpus Christi (added s. xv)
- Main sequence of ceremonies* (items marked * include musical notation)
- 6^{rv} Table of contents (very badly damaged; 33 numbered items)
- 7–8 Litany (f. 7 damaged)
- 8^v Full-page illumination of a bishop consecrating a church
[Lacuna]
- 9–15^v *Consecration of an altar [begins imperfectly]
- 16–18 *Deposition of relics in the altar
- 18–20 *Dedication of an altar
- 20–26^v *Dedication of an altar outside the church
- 26^v–29 *Collation of relics
- 29 *Dedication of a portable altar
- 29^v–33^v *Dedication of a cemetery
- 33^v–43 *Reconciliation of a desecrated altar or cemetery
- 43–53^v Ordination of those in holy orders: lectors, exorcists, acolytes, subdeacons,
deacons and priests
- 53^v–54^v *Blessing of candles on the Purification (2 Feb.)
- 55–56^v *Admission of penitents
- 56^v–57^v *Blessing of leaves, flowers and branches on Palm Sunday
- 58^{rv} Votive mass of the Holy Trinity
- 58^v–59 Votive mass of the Holy Spirit
- 59^v–60 Votive mass of the Cross
- 60^{rv} Votive mass of the Virgin Mary (*per annum*)
- 60^v–61^v Votive mass of the Virgin Mary in Advent
- 62^{rv} Votive mass of the Virgin Mary at Christmas
- 62^v–64^v Votive mass of the Dead
- 64^v Additional propers for priest, bishop, mother and father, living and dead
- 65^v–69^v *Noted prefaces and prayers for the Canon of the Mass for various
occasions





- 70–73^v Canon of the mass [begins imperfectly]
74–7 *Consecration of the holy cross
77–9 *Blessing of a bell
79–108 200 proper episcopal blessings used during the Canon of the Mass
(derived from John Pecham)
108^{fv} *Enthronement of an archbishop receiving the pallium from Rome
109^v–116^v *Election and consecration of a bishop
117–121^v *Consecration of a Benedictine nun
121^v–122^v Blessing of eucharistic vessels, thurible and incense
122^v–131^v *Consecration of oils for extreme unction and baptism
on Maundy Thursday
131^{fv} Blessing of fire made from the remains of a hair shirt at the Easter Vigil
131^v–135^v Blessing of a font followed by the Office of baptism
135^v–138 *Reconciliation of penitents on Maundy Thursday
138–40 *Blessing of a shrine, reliquary, or chest
140^{fv} Communion of the sick
140^v–142^v Anointing of the sick
142^v–145^v *Commendation of the Dead with short litany
146–149^v *Burial of a corpse
149^v–152 Blessing for use at the consecration of a Benedictine abbot
152 Special abbatial blessing
152^{fv} Blessing for vesting of a monk
152^v Blessing for a nun taking the veil
152^v–153 Blessing of the foundation stone of a church
153 Blessing of altar linen
153^{fv} Blessing for consecration of a paten
153^{fv} Blessing for consecration of a chalice
153^v–4 Blessing of the corporals
154 Blessing of incense
154^{fv} Blessing of various priestly garments
154^v Order for signing of boys
155 Blessing of bread to be distributed in church
155 Blessing of lamb and other meats
155^{fv} Blessing of cheese, milk and honey at Easter
155^v Blessing of a new home





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- 155^v Blessing of a hair shirt
155^v–56 Blessing of ashes
156–7^v Order of marriage
158–63 *Ceremony when a corpse is carried to the church
163^{rv} Blessing over an image or images (of the Virgin)
163^v–64^v Collect, secret and postcommunion for Masses of the Holy Spirit, for oneself, and for travellers
164^v ‘Iste liber est pontificalis domini aniani bangor’ epi[scopi]’ (in main hand)
164^v ‘Iste liber est pontificalis Fratris Ricardi Ednam Bangor’ Episcopi ...’
(dated 1485)

End flyleaves

- f. 165 Inserted leaf with transcriptions made by Alfred Stowe (1868) of the items that follow, all copied s. xv:
166 Letter of Bishop John excommunicating Thomas ap Howell ap Gron’
166 Letter of indulgence from Bishop Anian to all praying at Clare for Richard Christeshale (27 March 1279)
166 Letter of indulgence from Bishop Anian for pilgrims to and those at Clare (28 March 1279)
166 Heading for lost constitutions of Anian, made at the Synod of Llanfair Garthbrannan, Bangor (dated 21 July 1291)
166^v Oath by Willelmus de Colnaham, deacon in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield
166^v Oath by Willelmus de Hertwell, deacon in the Lincoln diocese (1324)

Source: Sally Harper, *Music in Welsh Culture before 1650: A Study of the Principal Sources* (Aldershot, 2007), 233–35, based on Neil Ker’s inventory in *Medieval Manuscripts in British Libraries*, ii, 48–52.

