

MS. 255

Nicholas de Aquavilla, *Sermones dominicales*

England; s. xv

Text

(pp. 1–302) ‘Hora est iam nos de sompno surgere etc. Ro.13^o. [i.e. Romans 13:11] In ista totali epistola monet nos apostolus ad 3^a Primum est ad nos de sompno peccati cito surgendum ... Gloria. laus. requiens. amor et concordia dulcis Ad illa gaudia eterna perducatur nos ihesus christus *Amen* ~ ~ || *Expliciunt Sermones dominicales tocius anni. cum sermonibus principalium festorum editi a magistro Nicholao de Aquevilla uniuersitatis parisiensis sacre pagine professore* ~’. (Schneyer, *Repertorium der lateinischen Sermones*, IV, pp.189–94, with a list of manuscripts, including the present one, at pp. 194–5; a few more are added by Sharpe, *Handlist*, p. 383). [\[Image\]](#) [\[Image\]](#)

Decoration

One four-line initial in blue with red penwork flourishing (p. 1) [\[Image\]](#); sections signalled with large plain blue markers. [\[Image\]](#)

Physical description

Paper, c.200–5 x c.165 mm.; watermarks are difficult to see, but apparently include a version of an ox head with a cross rising from between the horns; the margins heavily cropped, with the loss of marginal numbering, etc.

ff. ii + 152 + ii, paginated: i–iv, 1–97, 98a–c, 99–306 in 18th(?)–century ink on rectos only, except for pp.i–iv, 98a–c, and 303–306 paginated in modern pencil on recto and verso.

Quires mostly of fourteen or ten leaves each: 1–6¹⁴ (pp. 1–166), 7¹⁰ (pp. 167–186), 8¹² (pp. 187–210), 9–12¹⁰ (pp. 211–290), 13⁶ (pp. 291–302); no catchwords or leaf signatures visible.

Frame-ruled in faint leadpoint; the ruled space c.185 x c.125–30 mm.

Written with typically 30–35 lines per page in anglicana script.

Secundo folio: ‘bonum apud’ (p. 3).

Binding

Sewn on three thongs laced into pasteboards covered with plain parchment; the front board becoming detached, the spine with a paper label printed ‘24’.

Provenance

1. Written in England in the 15th century.
2. Inscribed, 18th(?) century: ‘Nicolaus de Aquevillâ. | D^r Parisiensis.’ (p.i). [\[Image\]](#)
3. Queen’s College: the inner face of the front board with the college bookplate, and inscribed with the former shelfmark ‘Q. 24.’ (cf. spine).

Bibliography

Coxe, *Catalogus*, p. 59.

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