



The Library & Picture Collection of the late Martin Woolf Orskey (ORSKEY)

Wed, 26th Jun 2019

Viewing:

Tuesday 25 June 2019 from 9.00am to 6.00pm and on the morning of the sale from 9.00am onward.

Lot 1

Estimate: £10000 - £15000 + Fees

Book of Hours (Use of Rome). Illuminated manuscript, circa 1450

Book of Hours (Use of Rome). Illuminated manuscript on prepared parchment in Latin, Northern France or Flanders, circa 1450, 84 x 61 mm, 132 folios: 12 leaves of manuscript calendar at front, 118 leaves of text and illuminations, and one blank ruled leaf at end (complete), plus single 19th century parchment blank at front and two similar parchment blanks at end, 19th century red morocco-faced parchment endpapers (rear endpaper with 19th century printed ownership label of R. Robertson Glasgow of Montgreenan to recto), calendar with 17 lines per page in red and brown ink, ruled in red, with small initial to each month in liquid gold, blue, pink, and black pen outlines, heightened with white, main text with 15 lines per page in brown ink in a gothic textualis bookhand, with capitals in blue and red, or gold with pen-flourishing in red and black, numerous small two-line initials in liquid gold, blue, red, white and black, **TWELVE FULL-PAGE ILLUMINATED MINIATURES** in gold and colours, bordered in black, white and gold, with outer borders of foliage in black and green, and leaves and flowers in gold, green, blue, orange or red, each miniature with facing page of manuscript text in brown and red ink, with illuminated vertical border to the right in gold, red, blue and white outlined in black, decorated small initials in gold and blue, and large historiated five-line initial in gold, blue, red, green, pink and white, outer borders of foliage in black, gold, blue, red, green, pink, occasional light toning and handling marks to margins, generally in very good condition with no obvious defects, all edges gilt, gilt dentelles to inside covers with a pale green inset morocco panel to each, fine mid-19th century elaborately gilt decorated red morocco (unsigned), lettered in gilt to spine *Horae Beatae Virginis Mariae*, binding measures 9 x 6.7 cm (3.5 x 2.65 ins), housed in dark olive green morocco slipcase, similarly lettered to spine, a little rubbed

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