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Psalter Week 1

Persistence in Prayer

People often complain that God never seems to hear their prayers and so they give up praying. It's also the case that we live in a society that wants everything NOW and as a result we have little patience. But today's readings remind us, among other things that we need to be *persistent* in our prayer. After giving us the **Parable of the Persistent Friend at Midnight**, Our Lord tells us, "*For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; and the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him.*" So we see God wants to answer our prayers, but we have to pray with faith, whilst always asking **that His Will be done** because He knows what is best for us. St Thomas More once remarked that God could not take vengeance on a man more easily in this world than by granting his own foolish wishes!

But **persistence** is the word. St Monica prayed for thirty years for the conversion of her son who became the great saint and Doctor of the Church, St Augustine. My family prayed many years for my father's conversion, and I offered many Masses for that intention. I baptised him at his request two days before he died. In the end God seems to require persistence for some things and we must not give up or become discouraged. We just have to keep praying: "Pray, pray, pray" said St Teresa of Avila.

Then this coming **Thursday 1st August at 7pm** we have our monthly **Holy Hour for Vocations**. Please put down whatever you'll be doing and come and spend just one hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, praying for good, strong, holy vocations from our Parish of St Mary's that will help renew the Church and our country. God raises up great saints in all ages to combat the problems and to renew the Church. May the Lord give us saints now.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

FROM THE SAINTS: "What an extraordinary thing it is, the efficiency of prayer! Like a queen, it has access at all times to the royal Presence, and can get whatever it asks for" (*St. Thérèse of Lisieux, 1873-1897*).

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	28 th	<u>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		2.15pm	<i>Baptism</i>
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Vespers & Benediction
Mon	29 th	9.15am	St Martha, Virgin
Tues	30 th	9.15am	Feria
Weds	31 st	9.15am	St Ignatius Loyola, Confessor
Thurs	1 st	9.15am	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
		7.00pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
Fri	2 nd	9.15am	First Friday - St Peter Julian Eymard
Sat	3 rd	9.15am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Devotion of the First Five Saturdays</i>
		2.30pm	<i>Baptism</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	4 th	<u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon	29 th	11.30am-1.00pm	Grub Club Activities – Hall
Tues	30 th	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
Thurs	1 st	11.30am-1.00pm	Grub Club Activities – Hall

NB: Due to the new government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.

GRUB CLUB: It's been a good week at Grub Club. There was a great atmosphere, an increase in numbers led to more activities being played, both outside with a football coach, and indoors with a dance class. Led craft activities consisted of making grass heads and weaving. Numerous board games were played, and lots of wonderful artwork was added to our very well-stocked gallery. We have some new volunteers, including pupils from De Lisle and Amherst, one of whom is a talented pianist who played as we ate. In the kitchen we served 100+ meals. Turkey bolognese pasta was enjoyed by many, including Father Paul and Father Chris who came to eat and chat with the families. For dessert fruit kebabs with ice cream went down well, as you might imagine in this weather. Slow start to the coats but we'll try harder to move them next week. And we made the front page of The Echo again! Well done, Grub Clubbers. *The Grub Club team*

CARPENTER'S ARMS/JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE: The box for depositing goods for the Carpenter's Arms/Joseph's Storehouse is now situated under the table and blue display board on the left hand side as you enter the church. Please keep supporting this venture, particularly during the summer holidays when demand is greater for families. With many thanks for your continued support. *Jane Monaghan*

THE WEEKEND MASS ROTAS for the period August to November are now available to collect from the back of the church.

OPEN GARDEN ON BEHALF OF UCM at the home of Dorothy and Terry Hutchings today **Sunday 28th July**, 1.00-6.00pm. Refreshments will be available. All money raised will be donated to Kwediboma.

OUR NEXT HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS will be this **Thursday 1st August at 7pm**. We need priests and religious for our diocese. JESUS said, "*Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He send labourers into His harvest*" (Matt 9:38). Catholics must get on their knees before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and in the tabernacle, and pray fervently for vocations. And then in time, if enough of us do this, we will surely reap a harvest. "*Could you not watch with Me one hour?*" (Matt 26:40). Please make an effort to come. *Fr Paul*

for those who have died: May they rest in peace.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Estrella Marti, Helen Mitchell, Carmel Lopez-Lopez, Carmen Langley, Aldo Giampalma, baby Sheila Barradell, baby Catherine Barradell, Kathleen Winfield, Gerrard Nicholson, Bernie Wyatt, Jane Row, Derek Brewin, Len Sepede, Norman Boyce, Pina Giancola, Andy Tchorzewski and Pina Stanyard

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

- LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: This Sunday at 6pm.

ITALIAN MASS: After today (**Sunday 28th July**) there will be no 4pm Italian Mass until Sunday 25th August. *Fr Belsito*

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY falls on **Thursday 15th August** and is a Holyday of Obligation, which means all Catholics are bound to attend Mass unless a *serious* reason prevents you from doing so. Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm. *Fr Paul*

CARMELITE DAY: Heather Ward will be coming to St Mary's on **Saturday 31st August** to talk about Carmelite Spirituality. The title of the day is "In the Company of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - the Carmelite Way of Prayer." The venue is the Parish hall and the day will run from 11.15am finishing at 3.45pm. All are welcome to attend. *Fr Paul*

ROSMINI CENTRE: The next event will be **14th September** - With God in My Life: Invitation, Mission, Gratitude, presented by Rev Seamus O'Looskan. Tel: 01509 813078, email: rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 553	
Standing Orders: £ 667 @ 30/06	<i>Thank you</i>