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Newsletter for Sunday 18th August 2019 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 4

“I have come to Bring Fire to the Earth”

If our families and those closest to us both love and practice the Catholic Faith we are indeed very fortunate and should thank God for it. But more often than not the situation is very different. Some are not committed at all, while others settle for the bare minimum, and others might be at loggerheads over the issue. Thus Our Lord says in today's Gospel (Luke 12:49-53) He has not come to bring peace but division and to set households against one another.

Many of the saints suffered from this problem. There is a terrible story concerning **St Hermenegild** (564-585), the son of a Bavarian king in Spain. His father had him imprisoned because he refused to subscribe to the Arian heresy which denied Our Lord was fully God and equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit. His refusal caused his father to become so enraged that he ordered his son's execution. Then the parents of **St Thomas Aquinas** (1225-74) fiercely opposed his religious vocation to the Dominicans, so much so that his mother had him kidnapped and imprisoned for a year, but Thomas refused to change his mind. Even some of Our Lord's relatives thought He was mad (Mark 3:21).

England was once a Christian country, but it is a fact today that Christianity and Catholicism in particular are no longer politically correct. On top of this, many Christians throughout the world are suffering much at the hands of radical Islam and atheism and by those who oppose the Church's moral teaching. There are countless stories of churches being attacked, vandalised and even set on fire. How far are we prepared to go to live out our faith? Sometimes it can be very difficult – we may find friends abandon us if we refuse to compromise on our religious and moral values. We might even suffer the loss of a job or be dragged into court for being true to Christ. These things can be very painful, but to be a true follower of Our Lord our hearts need to be on fire for love of God and zeal for the salvation of our neighbour. Our Lord says in today's Gospel, “*I have come to bring fire to the earth.*” So let us pray to the Holy Spirit, the 'consuming fire' Whom we received in **Baptism and Confirmation**. Let us ask Him to be ablaze in our hearts, to sustain us and help us always to put God's Will first, no matter what others may think or what it may cost us.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	17 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	18 th	<u>Twentieth 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>
		NO Italian Mass	
Mon	19 th	9.15am	St John Eudes
Tues	20 th	9.15am	St Bernard
Weds	21 st	9.15am	St Pius X, pope
Thurs	22 nd	9.15am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri	23 rd	9.15am	St Rose of Lima
Sat	24 th	9.15am	St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	25 th	<u>Twenty-First 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	19 th	11.30am-1.00pm	Grub Club Activities – Hall
Tues	20 th	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church

NB: Italian Mass resumes at 4pm on Sunday 25th August.

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: We are coming towards the end of Summer Grub Club. There's just Monday and the Twin Lakes trip next Thursday. We'd like to thank the parishioners for their huge generosity. In fact, as we are going to receive a government grant we don't need any more donations at the present time. Many of the coats have now gone to families - a big thanks to Dr Murphy at Amherst for his work to make this project happen. We served 85 meals this week.
The Grub Club team

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: The next Holy Hour will be on **Thursday 5th September** at 7pm.
Fr Paul

THE RCIA GROUP (for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic) will have its first meeting on **Thursday 12th September at 7pm** in the library. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to Fr Paul before this meeting so that he can give you an application form to complete.

MASS FOR CATHOLICS WORKING IN HEALTHCARE: 11.30am, **Saturday 7th September** in St Barnabas Cathedral. Bishop Patrick will celebrate this special Mass which all Catholics working in the healthcare sectors in any capacity (nurses, doctors, healthcare professionals, support workers, paramedics, ancillary staff and hospital/hospice chaplains, etc) are welcome to attend. There will also be an opportunity to meet others working in healthcare. For more information, please contact Deacon David Knight: david@sthughslincoln.org.uk.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Clergy Health and Well-Being Coordinator sought by the Diocese of Nottingham. Please see the notice board for details.

FR PAUL will be away from **Monday 19th - Friday 30th August.**

FR PHILIP SCANLAN HAS MOVED: His new address is St Joseph's Presbytery, New Zealand Road, Cardiff CF14 3BR. Tel: 02920 411819. Email: philscan14@gmail.com.

FR CHARLES' 90th BIRTHDAY: We are going to make a large card or small booklet to be presented to Fr Charles on his birthday, **5th September**. If you would like to write a message for him, please pick up a piece of paper from the repository. The papers can be returned to Jane Monaghan, Bernie McEnery, Emily Vu or the parish office. As soon as possible please, thank you. The 9.15am Mass at St Mary's that day will be celebrated for him.

Please pray for those who have died: Gerard Fitzpatrick. **May he rest in peace.**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Taylor, Joan Van Ristell-Brown, Christopher Turner, Rev Sr Mary David Jeremy, Jeffrey Barrington, Edmond Mortell, Eileen Lieber, Vincenzo Pasquale, Thabani Ncube, Bruno Scaffali, Angela Billson, Barbara Bennett and Oliver Fahey

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.

FROM THE SAINTS: "Love your father, but not more than you love your God. Love your mother, but not more than you love the Mother that gave you birth to eternal life. Furthermore, from this same love of your parents, see how much you ought to love God and the Church. For if so much love is owed to those who begot you to a life that must end with your death, how much more grateful love is owed to those who begot you for an eternal destiny". (*St Augustine of Hippo, 324-430*)

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. **Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.** *Fr Paul*

DAILY MASS: Every Mass we attend devoutly obtains for us a greater degree of glory in Heaven, and according to St Anselm, one Mass attended devoutly in our lifetime is equivalent to many said for us after our death. These Masses will plead for us at our judgement and perhaps lessen our time in Purgatory. Get to daily Mass if you can. *Fr Paul*

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