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Newsletter for Sunday 22nd September 2019 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 1

The Canonisation of Cardinal Newman

On **Sunday 13th October** this year, Pope Francis will raise to the altars **Cardinal John Henry Newman** (1801-90). That is he will be made a saint. He will be the first Englishman who has lived since the seventeenth century to be canonised and is one of the most significant figures of the nineteenth century with his writings having had much influence. **Pope Benedict XVI**, who is a great admirer of Newman, beatified him during his visit to England in 2010.

Newman was ordained as a priest in the Church of England and became the leader of the **Oxford Movement** (which developed into High Anglicanism), but converted to Catholicism in 1845 for which he sacrificed a great deal. He founded the **Birmingham Oratory** (where Fr David was ordained last year) and in 1879 was made a Cardinal. When he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral.

Before his conversion Newman was very anti-Catholic. He had been brought up to believe that the Church of Rome was the Antichrist. But the more he studied, his objections broke down and he came to see it as the True Church founded on the Apostles. He came to realise that Roman Catholicism didn't just claim to offer the truth; it *was* the Truth.

Prior to his conversion, Newman had always avoided Catholics and Catholic services, but after his conversion, to his surprise, what struck him most was the **reservation of the Blessed Sacrament** in Catholic churches. He wrote, *"It is really most wonderful to see this Divine Presence looking out almost into the open streets from the various churches ... I never knew what worship was, as an objective fact, till I entered the Catholic Church."*

Newman had many links with the **Rosminians** although he never managed to meet **Blessed Rosmini** himself. One of Newman's disciples, **William Lockhart**, became a Catholic before him and joined the Rosminian Fathers. And when **Fr Luigi Gentili**, the first Rosminian in England was Parish Priest at St Mary's, Loughborough, Newman visited him here in 1845 just after becoming a Catholic. So very shortly we will have a canonised saint who came to our parish!

In preparation for Cardinal Newman's canonisation, which will be a great day for the Universal Church, the Bishops would like us to make a **novena** from Friday 4th October till Saturday 12th October. Booklets with the text will be printed for you to take and the link is already on the parish website. Let us pray that Newman's legacy will become more widely known and lead many to the Truth which is Christ.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	21 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	22 nd	<u>Twenty-Fifth 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
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	23 rd	9.15am	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Tues	24 th	9.15am	Our Lady of Walsingham
Weds	25 th	9.15am	Feria
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	26 th	9.15am	Sts Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs
Fri	27 th	9.15am	St Vincent de Paul, Martyr
Sat	28 th	9.15am	St Wenceslaus, Martyr
		10 – 11.00am	Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	29 th	<u>Twenty-Sixth 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

Sun	22 nd	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch – Hall
Tues	24 th	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
Weds	25 th	7.30pm	UCM – Library
Thurs	26 th	7.00pm	RCIA – Library

THE NEXT HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS will be on Thursday 10th October at 7pm.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Harvest Lunch this Sunday 22nd September at 12.30pm in the parish hall - £10 adults, £5 children, £20 family. Lunch tickets and **raffle tickets** are on sale after all Masses this weekend, and on the door. Tin goods will go to the Carpenter's Arms. **Fresh fruit and vegetable will be sold after 11am Mass in the parish hall.** All monies raised will be sent to the Aid To The Church In Need (www.acnuk.org). Please support if you can. *Bernie*

GRUB CLUB was awarded a certificate of achievement for our work at a Holiday Activates and Food Programme Celebration Event this week. An interesting and inspiring evening, hosted by Leicestershire and Rutland Sport, highlighted the needs of children who are less fortunate.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 28th September, 10am-1pm, at Jean Lopez Lopez's home 81 Station Street. Look forward to seeing you there.

UKULELE ORCHESTRA: Why not join the Senior Citizens Group on **Wednesday 2nd October** between 2 and 4pm, in the parish hall, for an entertaining sing-along with the Barrow on Soar Ukulele Orchestra. Tea and biscuits for only £2 per person. All welcome.

OUR SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP, which meets every second Wednesday, needs a new leader. Terri Carroll is retiring from the post in December after 20 years. Anyone interested or able to help is asked to contact the parish office.

'LET EARTH BE GLAD': An ecumenical and inter-religious day looking at our Care of Creation on **Saturday 5th October** at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, 10am-3pm. There will be speakers from different faiths, followed by workshops. Please bring food for a shared table. To book, contact Fran Wickes fran.wickes@icloud.com or Patricia Stoat - pmstoat@gmail.com

CARE OF THE DYING PATIENT: The Fourth Annual Catholic Medical Association Youth Conference is held on **Saturday 5th October**, 1.30-6pm, at St Aloysius' Catholic Church Hall, Euston. It is for 18-40 year old Catholics in healthcare. The speakers will explore the importance of good quality palliative care and challenges Catholics face in the workplace. Cost £5 student, £10 waged, to be paid on the door. It is essential to register at <https://codp.eventbrite.co.uk>

A MORNING WITH MARY takes place on **Saturday 5th October**, from 9.15am-1pm, at St Paul's Catholic Church, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2BY. The special event, is being organized by the World Apostolate of Fatima in England and Wales, includes the Rosary (9.15am), Holy Mass (10am), Exposition, Confessions, a talk on the Rosary, **veneration of the diocesan Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco**, and a video about Fatima. Fatima books, booklets and DVDs are available to be purchased. For more details please phone 07817 839415 or email donal.foley@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk Please see poster on the noticeboard.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm, at Sacred Heart church hall. Price £6 (£3 students) includes a wine and cheese supper. All proceeds will go towards the Retired Priests Fund. Don't worry if you are coming on your own; teams can be formed on the night. Please contact Will Holland on 07811 353248; this helps with the catering.

Please pray for those who have died: Mary Scrivens. **May she rest in peace.**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sami Batatio, Doris Couzens, John Mucklow, Margaret Warren, Joseph Sheen, Sarah James, Giuseppina diCosmo, Margaret Kuzniar, Bridget Fay, Andrew Leonard, Norah Willems and Moira Webb

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: “We must make up our minds to be ignorant of much, if we would know anything” (*Blessed John Henry Newman, 1801-90*).

CELEBRATION OF FR LUIGI GENTILI'S MISSION: The Rosminians are gathering in St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on **Thursday 21st November** at 1pm for a great celebration of the missionary work of Fr Luigi Gentili whom Blessed Antonio Rosmini (our Founder) sent to this country in 1835. For a time Fr Gentili was Parish Priest at St Mary's and converted thousands to the Catholic Faith in this area. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass with us and Bishop John Arnold of Salford will preach. Please put this date in you diaries. We may organise a coach.
Fr Paul

LOUGHBOROUGH AMHERST SCHOOL OPEN DAY: **Saturday 28th September,** 9.30am-1.30pm. If you are looking for a Catholic independent school for a son or daughter aged 4-18, please come along. More details can be found at <https://lsf.org/amherst/> or by telephoning 01509 638280.

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN: The next day at St Joseph's, Leicester will be on **Saturday 26th October,** 10.30am-4pm. The theme is “*What is your Calling? What are your Gifts?*”. Our interviewees are women working to make a social difference in their communities and in our society. For more information and to book a place: catholicwomenspeak.com/find-a-group/east-midlands-group-leicester-uk or contact catherinemarybrady@gmail.com (There is no charge for the day: lunch to order is £3.50).

DID YOU KNOW THAT? The Patron Saint of politicians is St Thomas More (1478-1535).

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 705	Second Collection for Home Mission Sunday: £230
Standing Orders: £ 665 @ 31/07	<i>Thank you</i>