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Newsletter for Sunday 30 August 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 2

The Value of Our Crosses

In the lives of us all there is a cross of some description, and Our Lord tells us in today's Gospel that *"If anyone wants to be a follower of Mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me"* (Matthew 16:24). And although not included in today's readings, St Paul wrote, *"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church"* (Colossians 1:24). What does he mean?

When Our Lord was on the cross He suffered in the body He had taken from His Mother, Mary. But St Paul in Colossians is referring to the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. In other words, although Our Lord is now glorified in Heaven and the sufferings of His physical body are ended, He continues to suffer today in the members of His Mystical Body. That's us! Christ's Passion is still going on in the world today. Just think of all the places where Christians are persecuted throughout the world. A priest once said to a sick woman in hospital, *"Do you understand that Christ has asked for your human nature? That He is saying to you 'I cannot suffer again in this human nature which I took from Mary, because it is now glorified. But there are sinners who have to be redeemed. The work of the cross has to go on. So will you give Me your human nature so that I can suffer in you?'"* The woman replied that she had never thought of it like that before.

We can all help continue the redemptive work of Christ by bearing the trials of life patiently. So if you are suffering right now, Our Lord is using you to help others. God only knows we have to save the Church and the world from the grave crisis they are in. There are bishops and priests who need to be saved, politicians, all the lapsed, the atheists and all those who persecute Christ. By offering up our sufferings in union with His we can help achieve this. In August 1917 Our Lady of Fatima said, *"Pray much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell because there is no one to make sacrifices for them."* This is the mission of the Church – to save souls. Never underestimate the value of your sufferings and trials.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

FROM THE SAINTS: "Suffering born in a Christian way is the condition that God, the author of all grace and of all the gifts that lead to salvation, has established for granting us glory" (*St Padre Pio, 1887-1968*)

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	29th	6.00pm	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	30th	<u>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Criselda Castillo RIP – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	Vincent Paul Johns RIP – PUBLIC MASS
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	31st	9.15am	Intention for the living
Tues	1st	9.15am	Moyna McGlynn RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Weds	2nd	6.30pm	Intention for the living
Thurs	3rd	<u>St Gregory the Great (Feast)</u>	
		9.15am	Conway & Margaret Pinchbeck RIP
Fri	4th	6.30pm	First Friday: Our Deceased Relatives & Friends – PUBLIC MASS
Sat	5th	9.15am	Senior Citizens - Intentions
		10.30am-	Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
		12.30pm	Confessions available 10.30am-11.30am
		6.00pm	Mary Frilot RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	6th	<u>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	George William Alborough RIP – PUBLIC MASS

MASS INTENTIONS: Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the PRIVATE Masses (ie those Masses not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those particular times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

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

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Vittorio Acierno and Fr Charles Briggs **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Des Scrivens, Taylor Moreland, Nesia Orton, Dorothy Shipman, Nicola Palmieri, Lloyd Skelton, Christine Fornara, Gladys Bexon, Ken Lowe, Peggy Cimelli, Olimpia Buccheri, Susan Kearney, Hilda Bradshaw and Violet Bowler

ONLINE BOOKING FOR MASS: You can book places for Mass at St Mary's on the diocesan website at <https://massbooking.uk> up to four hours before Mass starts. There is now also a phone booking system in place. Please call **0115 648 1474**, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. This should make things easier for a lot of people. As numbers are now increasing considerably at weekend Masses you would be well advised to book to make sure you get in.
Fr Paul

NEWSLETTERS AND MISSALETTES: Please ensure you take your newsletters and missalettes home with you. They should not be left in the church at the end of Mass.

LATIN MASS: There will be no Latin Mass this coming **Wednesday 2nd September**. It will resume on **Wednesday 9th September**.

RETURN TO SCHOOL: Our children will be returning to school this **Tuesday 1st September**. Please keep them, the teachers and staff in your prayers for a successful term. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have received exam results. May God guide them in the next part of their journey.
Fr Paul

WHEN MAKING A PAYMENT TO ST MARY'S BY PAYPAL you will now be prompted to select what your payment is for from a drop-down menu. The options are: 'Donation', 'Mass Intention', (Sunday) 'Collection'. Although PayPal have made this an optional feature, it is important for accounts purposes that you use it. If you have any queries about using PayPal, please contact Louise at office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS: A reminder that there is a priest hearing Confessions in the church on Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30am, and by appointment.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES will resume in the autumn and it is anticipated that the children will make their First Communion in small groups during Parish Masses. There will be further information about this in due course.

TOILETS DURING MASS: Please note that for safety reasons it will not be possible to access the toilets via the sacristy and library during Mass. Instead you will need to exit the church by the Lady Altar and use the outside entrance to the hall, and then re-enter the church by the main double doors. All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

STUDENTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD: Please keep **Brother William Rees IC** in your prayers. Having now completed his two-year novitiate with the Rosminians, he will be making his First Vows at the Rosmini Centre on Tuesday 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. Later on he will be going to Rome for theological studies. There is also **Sam Hart**, one of our loyal Altar Servers, who has been accepted by Nottingham Diocese as a Seminarian. He will be going to Valladolid in Spain for his first year in October.

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.*

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY AGAINST DISEASE

Priest: The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. That very Star is now worthy to encompass the world, whose wars cut down the people with the sore of dreaded death.

All: **O glorious Star of the Sea, preserve us from pestilence; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honours Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.**

**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE PARISH WEBSITE
FOR UPDATES FROM ST MARY'S**

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PLEASE NOTE: As Louise is on holiday next week, the newsletter for Sunday 6th September will not be posted on the parish website, or sent out to subscribers, until Monday 7th September. Paper copies will however be available at Masses from Saturday 5th September.