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Newsletter for Sunday 6 September 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 3

Inspiration from Our Lady

September is the month dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**. This September is an especially fitting time for us to find strength in this devotion, as we adjust to challenges with work and school, societal upheaval, and an unusually tempestuous weather. Our masked world can feel surreal, as we stay at least two metres apart from each other. Our Lady offers us, as always, the best possible consolation.

Immediately following August's devotion to the **Immaculate Heart**, and preceding October's devotion to **Our Lady of the Rosary**, **September is an ideal time to strengthen our connection to Mary**. So, what better moment is there to immerse ourselves in her sorrows? The love and compassion we feel as we meditate upon her sorrows allows us to forget or transcend our own for a time. Further, we are reminded that our Mother truly understands us and is with us with her love and prayer.

In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, "Turn your eyes incessantly to the Blessed Virgin; she, who is the Mother of Sorrows and also the Mother of Consolation, can understand you completely and help you. **Looking to her, praying to her, you will obtain that your tedium will become serenity, your anguish change into hope, and your grief into love.**" This month let's unite our sorrows to Mary's. Before we know it, we'll actually be more joyful!

For example, we all have problems or difficulties we face and cope with, let's offer them up this month for the reparation of Mary's Immaculate Heart. In this month of Mary's Sorrows, dwell less on your own troubles and cultivate joy just by thinking of the wonderful Blessed Mother we have! Feeling low? Say a Hail Mary on the spot. Offer to carry someone's cross a bit, like Simon of Cyrene. You could send a card, closely listen when someone wants to talk about a worry, a grief or a pain. Offer to pray or cook someone a meal that tastes so good they forget their troubles! Now that's real 'comfort food'.

Have you heard of the **Seven Sorrows Rosary**? The Seven Sorrows devotion involves praying seven Hail Marys a day, each one while meditating on one of Our Lady's seven sorrows, which are:

The prophecy of Simeon.

The flight into Egypt.

The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple.

The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross and preparation for burial.

The burial of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	5th	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
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	7th	9.15am	In thanksgiving
Tues	8th	<u>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)</u>	
		9.15am	Francesco Calardo & family RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Weds	9th	6.30pm	Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS (Latin old rite)
Thurs	10th	9.15am	George Senior Houston RIP
Fri	11th	6.30pm	Lucia Sepede & family RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sat	12th	9.15am	Emily Houston RIP
		10.30am-	Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
		12.30pm	Confessions available 10.30am-11.30am
		6.00pm	Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	13th	<u>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Venancio Castillo Sr RIP (A) – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	Connie Moulton 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.**

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Megan Eager, Abbie Elston, Leslie Betts, Nina Martoccia, John Moran, Paul Onions, Martin Hughes, Rev Fr Dennis Hare, Rev Sr Mary Giovanna Jose, Robert Mee and Harold Rose

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And the Seven Sorrows Rosary involves dwelling upon each of the seven sorrows as you would one of the mysteries of the Rosary, with seven Hail Marys instead of a decade. Begin each sorrow with an Our Father.

One practice I love, is singing hymns to Mary, Marian hymns, when around the house, in the garden or the shower! Washing the dishes or hoovering up. While driving or just humming in my head, songs, and words of devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Don't worry if you're a bit out of tune or claim you can't sing, by the time your words reach heaven they will sound perfect and lifted your soul!

Fr David Jones, OLV

FATIMA: A new film has just been released on the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917 and is getting very good reviews. There has apparently been a bit of artistic licence taken but it is basically faithful to the events as they really happened. You can watch it online. Check it out here: <https://www.fatimathemovie.com/watch-at-home/>

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life,

Walsingham, 27th September. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV or at the Basilica live stream <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00 noon. Full details are on the website, including the programme for the day: [Pro Life Pilgrimage](#)

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.

WHEN MAKING A PAYMENT TO ST MARY'S BY PAYPAL you will 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 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.

FROM THE SAINTS: St Jacinta of Fatima: “We must never be afraid of anything. The Lady will always help us. She is such a good friend of ours.”

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 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*

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