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Newsletter for Sunday 4th October 2020 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rosary Sunday

Psalter Week 3

The Miracle of the Rosary

Seventy-five years ago on 6th August 1945, when the nuclear bomb was dropped on **Hiroshima in Japan**, the whole city was destroyed and around 80,000 people were killed instantaneously by the blast. In the midst of this something truly miraculous happened. Eight Jesuits who were living less than a mile away from where the bomb dropped escaped virtually unscathed from the effects of the bomb. Their house remained standing, while all the buildings around were flattened. **Fr Hubert Schiffer** (1915-1982) one of the survivors, said, he had a few quite minor injuries, but nothing serious, and indeed later examinations by the American army doctors and scientists showed that neither he, nor any of his companions had suffered any ill-effects from the radiation or from the bomb. Fr Schiffer and his fellow Jesuits said, *“that we survived because we were living the message of Our Lady of Fatima. We lived and prayed the Rosary daily in that home.”* Fr Schiffer was told his body would soon begin to deteriorate because of the radiation, but it never happened. Scientists examined the priests more than 200 times over the next 30 years, and no ill effects were ever found.

October is the month specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary and today is **Rosary Sunday**. We must never forget how much importance Heaven places on the Holy Rosary. **Pope Leo XIII** (1810-1903) said that *“the origin of this prayer is divine and not human”*, hence its power. Just as the Rosary and living the message of Fatima saved Fr Schiffer and his fellow Jesuits from physical harm and death, this is a sign that if we say the Rosary devoutly, it will save us from spiritual death, which of course is much worse. Satan is terrified of the Rosary because he has no weapon powerful enough to overcome it.

At Lourdes, Fatima, Beauraing and Banneux Our Lady carried the Rosary on her person. At Fatima she said, *“I am the Lady of the Rosary.”* At all the approved Marian apparitions, the Rosary always features big because it is the remedy for the ills of our world. When we pray it against the works of Satan, such as the destruction of marriage and the family, abortion, drug addiction, pornography, the occult, scandals and heresies in the Church, it changes things. It will protect you and your family and help you to arrive safely in Heaven. What a great gift God has given us in His Mother and in the Holy Rosary. Make the commitment today to say the daily Rosary, and if you already do so, seek to say it with ever greater devotion.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	3rd	6.00pm	Sylvia Alborough RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	4th	<u>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rosary Sunday)</u>	
		9.00am	Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	5th	9.15am	Sylvia Alborough RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Tues	6th	9.15am	Intention for the living
Weds	7th	<u>Our Lady of the Rosary (Memoria)</u>	
		7.15pm	John McEnergy RIP – PUBLIC MASS (Latin old rite)
Thurs	8th	9.15am	John McEnergy RIP
Fri	9th	<u>St John Henry Newman (Feast)</u>	
		6.30pm	In Thanksgiving – PUBLIC MASS
Sat	10th	9.15am	Private Intention
		10.30am-	Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
		12.30pm	Confessions available 10.30am-11.30am
		6.00pm	Albert & Jean Robinson RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	11th	<u>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Catherine Fields RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

MASS INTENTIONS: Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the PRIVATE Masses (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those 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 who have recently died: Fr Terry Fellows, Peter Hinchey, Salvatore Fele and Janet Edwards **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francesco Muffato, Peter Foreman, Amanda Giorgio, Venessa Ponchon, Margaret Camp, Rev Sr Mary Angela Bennett, Giovanni Russo, Vera Sparks, Rev Fr Tim Maloney, Pawel Topoloveanu, John Connell, Ted Betts, Barbara Arden-Rowe, Frank McKeown, Vincenzo Sozzo, Sheila Edmundson and Kathleen Leakey

ROSARY SUNDAY: October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and the first Sunday of October is traditionally known as Rosary Sunday on which we may celebrate one Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will do this at the 11.15am Mass today but with the readings of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Fr Paul*

LATIN MASS: The Latin Mass next Wednesday **7th October** will be a Sung Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. While still no congregational singing is permitted, we can have a small group of people singing the necessary. Mass on this occasion will begin at **7.15pm**. All are welcome to attend. *Fr Paul*

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: After a pause of eight months there will be a revival of our monthly Holy Hour for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Thursday 15th October at 7pm**. See what good it's done already! "*Ask and you will receive.*" You don't need to book. Just come and join us. *Fr Paul*

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: This Friday, **9th October**, is his feast day. As you know he visited Fr Gentili here at St Mary's in 1845 just after his conversion to the Catholic Faith. We have a picture of him in the church near the statue of St Padre Pio. Mass will be at 6.30pm that day.

VENERABLE CARLO ACUTIS, who died aged 15 in 2006 and is a wonderful example particularly for young people, is being beatified on **10th October** in Assisi. You can learn more about his fascinating life at: www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/date-set-forbeatification-of-catholic-computer-programming-teen-carlo-acutis-22071.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY will be on Friday **9th October**. This year the focus of the Harvest Family Fast Day is 'Survive, Rebuild, Heal' and CAFOD are launching a series of online events and resources so that we can all come together as one family and bring hope and help to our brothers and sisters affected by the coronavirus. All resources can be found at: <http://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fest>. Envelopes are at the back of the church and will be collected next Sunday.

HERMITAGE OF OUR LADY & SAINT BENEDICT, ELSTON: The Hermitage Father's, David & Richard in Elston are available to offer spiritual direction and Confession at their 'Hermitage.' in a safe and socially distanced setting. To enquire please telephone: 01636 526947 or email: hermitage.fathers@gmail.com.

BROTHER NICHOLAS PALMER will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at Mount St Bernard's by Bishop Patrick on Thursday **15th October**. Please keep him and the community in your prayers as he moves towards the Priesthood.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Thank you so much to everyone who supported the coffee morning. I have sent **£188** to Macmillan, and the total overall is **£233** with the online donations. If anyone would still like to donate, the link to my giving page is <https://thyg.uk/BUU004245836>. *Jean Lopez Lopez*

THE NEXT COLLECTION FOR THE LOUGHBOROUGH FOOD BANK will be on **Saturday 17th October** between 10.30 and 11.00am in the church car park. The John Storer House team have suggested the following items: soft drinks in cans or small cartons, tea bags, instant coffee, drinking chocolate in jars or small sachets, chocolate and plain biscuits, chocolate confectionary, bottles of fruit squash to dilute, packets of dried soup. Very many thanks for your continued support of this venture. Parishioners will be in the car park and as usual we will observe social distancing with mask and glove wearing. Thank you for your continued support in this venture. *Jane Monaghan*

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.

FROM THE SAINTS: “The Rosary is the prayer which God, through His Church and Our Lady has recommended most insistently to us all as a road to and a gateway to salvation. ‘Pray the Rosary every day’” (*Venerable Sister Lúcia dos Santos of Fatima, 1907-2005*).

PRE-BOOKING PLACES FOR MASS: Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at <https://massbooking.uk> Telephone bookings can be made by calling 0115 648 1474, Monday-Friday between 9am and 4pm. Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that **the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible** to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

Second collection this weekend: Peter’s Pence. (It should have taken place on 29th June but we have been asked by the diocese to have it this weekend.)

LAST WEEK’S FINANCE:	
First Collection: £690 , of which £425 was gift-aided	
Formation training support for Sam Hart: £550	
Standing orders: £767	<i>Thank you</i>