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DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS & THEIR DEPENDANTS

AMID TH' ENCIRCLING GLOOM

I AM FORTUNATE to have been, forty years ago, a student at the Oxford college where John Henry Newman had been a Fellow and Tutor for over twenty years in the early 19th century. For anyone with even a vague knowledge of the history of Christianity in this country this was a great privilege: Newman was one of the most important religious and literary figures of 19th century England. His canonisation this Sunday by Pope Francis in Rome, attended by most of the bishops from here and hundreds of pilgrims, is a very important event in the life of the Church in this country. It is the first canonisation of an English person since the Forty Martyrs were raised to the altars in 1970, and the first of a non-martyr from England for many centuries. Many of you were at the Mass in Birmingham nine years ago, not far from his original burial place, when Pope Benedict XVI beatified him.



Most of the illustrations around this weekend are of him dressed as a cardinal in old age: this picture is of Newman as a young Oxford don.

There is no shortage of material available from various sources about our new saint, and there is so much one could write about him that it's difficult to know where to start. There are (at least) two new and affordable books which have appeared – one by Mgr Rod Strange, who was Fr Steve's seminary Rector in Rome, *Newman: The Heart of Holiness*, and one by the great Professor Eamon Duffy from Cambridge, *John Henry Newman: A Very Brief History*. I suppose for those of us who have converted to Catholicism he is particularly special because he took that step himself, rather dramatically and at a time when it was far more costly than it is today; for in 1845 he was a significant national figure, and his last decade in the Church of England had been controversial. He wrote one of his best-known books about the whole process, his *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, in response to a charge of dishonesty some years later from Charles Kingsley (the author of *The Water Babies*), so we are well informed about why he did it. It is also worth remembering that at a time when converting to Catholicism entailed being cut off from family and friends, Newman tried hard to retain friendships with the major Anglican figures who had been his colleagues. His feast day, last Wednesday, is the anniversary of his reception into the Church in 1845.

The second thing which is important now, linked in a way to the process of his conversion, was his insights about how Christian doctrine develops during the history of the Church. The essential

core remains the same, but in other ways our understanding of those truths is not static, but grows and matures. This insight is part of what makes him a great theologian and it was influential in the drawing up of the documents of Vatican II: a theologian who has always admired him is Joseph Ratzinger, Benedict XVI. For all his stress on development, he was all his life an opponent of what he saw as liberalism in religion.

But these things don't make a saint. What comes across in all his prolific writings is his holiness, humility and trust in God, and it is these virtues which are particularly important this weekend; Cardinal Nichols has also stressed Newman's devoted ministry as a parish priest in what was then a poor part of Birmingham, for most of his life as a Catholic. But let St John Henry Newman speak for himself. As Catholics we're

familiar with *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*, from the great *Dream of Gerontius*. We probably sing less often the hymn he wrote as an Anglican, in 1833. As we honour this great English saint this weekend, we're conscious that we're at a dark time in our country's history; so these words might be helpful as we ask him to pray for us and for our country:

**Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on;
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.**

**I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead Thou me on;
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.**

**So long Thy pow'r has blest me, sure it still
Wilt lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.**



**ST EDMUND'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 7 December**

**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN
PLANNING AND MANNING THE STALLS**

**WE WILL MEET ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER IN
11 VILLAGE WAY AT 7.30PM
PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN**

**WE WILL SHORTLY BE ASKING FOR
DONATIONS OF:**

- BOTTLES**
- CAKES**
- CHUTNEY**
- PRESERVES**
- TOILETRIES**

**GOOD QUALITY UNUSED PRESENTS
and will let you know when these can be
dropped off.
THANK YOU**

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019

As the autumn days arrive it is the time of year for our Christmas shoebox appeal!

We are once again collecting shoeboxes for Blythswood. They will be distributed to people living in desperate poverty. If you would like to fill a shoebox to bring happiness to someone in need this Christmas, please take a leaflet from the back of church which suggests items you might put in your box. Please do try to include the essential highlighted items. Your boxes this year will be handed to people in Albania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

Filled boxes can be left at the back of church after all Sunday masses until **Sunday 3rd November**.

If you have any questions, please call Susie or Lucienne – 020 8778 3101 or 07884 184534.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Y3 AT ST MARY'S**

Sacramental preparation classes for children at St Mary's School will commence in January 2020. If your child is currently in Year 3 you will need to register them now for classes via ChurchSuite :

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.co.uk/events/yfo4doag>

Registration closes on **Saturday 19 October**.

No applications will be accepted after this date.

If you have any questions please email
beckenhammondayfhc@rcaos.org.uk

LEUKAEMIA CARE

Some of you will remember that our younger daughter Iris was diagnosed with Leukaemia in July 2017. It was a great shock at the time and the first few weeks were challenging, but she's done very well and the treatment ended officially last weekend. Our thanks to God for his goodness in this time and to Our Lady and the saints for their prayers; and we would also like to pay tribute to our wonderful National Health Service, so vulnerable at this time, particularly the staff of the three hospitals who cared for Iris - St George's Tooting (in the early weeks), Kings College Hospital (Toni and Guy ward and the Paediatric Oncology team) and the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, together with the Bromley Community Nurses team based at Phoenix House. Our thanks to you for your support and prayers in lots of ways, here in the parish and in Coloma: thank you so much. When I put a post up about this on Facebook (including the parish page) a link was created to enable people to make donations to *Leukaemia Care*, a charity which, among other things, tries to provide resources to improve early diagnosis of the disease, and many of you have made generous donations. Details of how of this can be found on www.leukaemiacare.org.uk If you wish to donate by cheque the Office will be happy to receive them.

Please remember others suffering from cancer, especially those anxious about the availability of medicines after the end of this month.

Fr Ashley

CHILDREN'S Liturgy



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: PLEASE JOIN
THE TEAM**

Children's Liturgy for our primary school children takes place on the second Sunday of each month. To make sure we can carry on running Children's Liturgy for the children we really need some new helpers so if you could spare just one hour a month at 9.30am Mass on Sunday please do join us. Joining this friendly group is a great way to get to know new people in the parish and doesn't require a huge commitment of time.

All we need is your help setting up and running the Children's Liturgy from 9.10am on the second Sunday of each month. If you would like to join us or to find out more, please contact Alison Cartin (07939 224312).

LAW SURGERY

Will be on Monday 14 October in no11 from 7.00 pm. Please arrive before 7.00 as the solicitor will leave as soon as the final person has been seen.

Please remember that the solicitor can offer advice on a particular matter only on a one off basis.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Remember please that the priests need a clear six months to process all the paperwork that needs to be completed before you are able to marry in a Catholic church. There are no short cuts.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

Our parish school St Mary's Catholic Primary School, will be holding their open mornings for parents of children due to start Reception in September 2020 at 10.30am on **14 October and 17 December**. If you would like to attend any of these open mornings please contact Mrs Tracey - School Admissions Officer on 020 8650 2355 or email at admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missio is the Church's official agency for the support of foreign missions. Next weekend's second collection will go in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the church is new, young or poor. The money collected goes directly to the bishops in the mission territories to ensure that the funds are spread equitably and justly.

Please use the envelopes provided.

REMINDER: DEANERY YOUTH COUNCIL

Saturday 19 October 12 noon - 2.00 pm

St Joseph's Church, Bromley, Upper Room

Bromley Deanery is launching an exciting new initiative called a Youth Council. This is a board of young people whose views and opinions will help to develop the programme of youth ministry for the Deanery and which will have a key role in making decisions on behalf of the young people in our parishes. The Youth Council will comprise 2 or 3 representatives from each parish, ideally aged 15yrs+. Our first meeting will be very relaxed, and will provide an opportunity to get to know one another, share some preliminary thoughts and pizza! So, if you would like to have your say, represent the youth in your parish as a Youth Councillor and make new friends from parishes all over the deanery, please see your parish priest or contact CYM Coordinator, Susan Longhurst email: susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org

PERSONAL CARE PROVIDER

Female personal assistant required to provide 1:1 support to our 35 year old daughter (in our home in Catford) who has autism, mild learning disabilities and some mental health issues connected to autism. Similar or younger age person with enhanced DBS Certificate required (or it can be applied for). £12.90/hour gross pay, up to approx 16 hours per week spread across the week. Contact 07944 711594 between 11.00am and 9.00pm Mon-Sat.

Bromley,
Lewisham &
Greenwich



Bromley, Lewisham & Greenwich Mind is looking for Benefits Assessment Support Service volunteers who will meet with clients, help them prepare for the assessment, attend the assessment with them and meet with them for a short follow up if required.

If you are interested, please see further details at

<https://www.blgmind.org.uk/news/job/benefits-assessment-support-service-volunteers/>

Today is a Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependants and we have a speaker after all Sunday Masses from Pact

"Pact is the major Catholic charity providing support for prisoners and their families, working in most prisons across England and Wales. This work is a direct expression of our discipleship and a very concrete expression of our desire to serve the Lord in those who are most vulnerable."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Pact's President

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for all who are captive in prison and for those who are affected by or involved in their imprisonment.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love, prisoners, their families, friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in his strength and his spirit, now and every day.

Amen



Prisoners · Families · Communities

A Fresh Start Together

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If you are admitted to hospital, whether it be the PRUH, Kings or Lewisham and wish to be visited by a priest whilst you are there, please inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and ask them to tell the Chaplaincy Team.

If you are a friend or relative of someone who has been admitted you too can contact the Chaplaincy Team via the hospital switchboard or can let the parish office know and we will contact the team on your behalf.

ONLINE GIVING AND STANDING ORDERS

A very big thank you to all who have signed up for on-line giving through ChurchSuite or who donate monthly by standing order. Not only do payments made this way help us have a better idea of regular income for the parish but it also assists our team of counters by reducing the volume of cash for counting. There are currently 100 people paying by standing order and 166 paying by on-line giving through ChurchSuite. If you have any queries about setting up a standing order or signing up to on-line giving please contact the parish office and we can help you.



MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Monday 14 October | Feria |
| 8.15 am Church | Fr Steve & family, living and dec'd |
| 10.00 am Church | Monica Grima RIP |
| 7.30 pm 27 VW | Adoration |
| Tuesday 15 October | St Teresa of Avila |
| 8.15 am Claver | Anthony Pinkett RIP |
| 10.00 am Church | Ann Elmer |
| Wednesday 16 October | Feria (St Hedwig) |
| 8.15 am Claver | Ints of Sr Monica |
| 10.00 am Church | Paula Marbach RIP |
| 7.30 pm Church | Ints of the Banfield family |
| Thursday 17 October | St Ignatius of Antioch |
| 8.15 am Claver | Sr Monica |
| 10.00 am Church | Birthday ints of Clara Mayungbe |
| 8.00 pm Claver | Adoration |
| Friday 18 October | Saint Luke |
| 8.15 am Claver | Kitty & Ray Sharpe RIP |
| 9.10 am St Mary's | Lee Preston RIP |
| 10.00 am Church | Simon Burrell RIP |
| Saturday 19 October | Feria (SS John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Martyrs) |
| 8.15 am Claver | Angela & Colin Dowling |
| 10.00 am Church | Lee & Rodolfo Cabilin RIP |
| 3.30 pm Church | Memorial Mass for Leonard Pope |
| 6.00 pm v Church | Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP |
| Sunday 20 October | Twenty Ninth Sunday |
| 8.00 am Church | For the people |
| 9.30 am Church | Gino, Alice & Secondina Rabbini RIP |
| 11.00 am Church | John Sylvester RIP LATIN |
| 2.00 pm Church | Marriage of Sadie Wakefield & Peter Talabi |
| 5.30 pm Church | Edward Piatek RIP |
| 7.00 pm Church | Peter Cole RIP |

*Confessions on Saturdays from 10.30 - 11.00 am and 5.00pm - 5.55 pm and at other times by request.
Rosary is said Monday to Saturday from 9.40 am and Adoration is for an hour after 10.00 am Mass.*

During October the Rosary will be prayed at 3.00 pm on Monday to Friday at the Claver Convent.

DIARY DATES

Meditation every Monday in no11 from 5.30 - 6.15 pm - except on Bank Holidays
Open door for the bereaved on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon.
Law Surgery every second Monday of the month in no11 at 7pm
Prayer Meeting last Friday of the month in no11 at 7.30pm

OCTOBER

Mon 14 Law Surgery in no11 at 7.00 pm
Sat 26 Contemplative Saturday in no11 - 11.00am

NOVEMBER

Sat 16 Annual Day of Recollection for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sat 30 Contemplative Saturday in no11 - 11.00am

DECEMBER

Sat 7 Parish Christmas Fair
Sat 21 Contemplative Saturday in no11 - 11.00am

COLLECTION

Our collection last weekend raised £1764.73 with a further £3076.12 from Standing Orders and through ChurchSuite.

The Cafod Harvest Fast Day collection raised £2532.58
Thank you.

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: The Church Shop has been measured up for a new grille :
: which will be installed soon. :
: We are sorry for the inconvenience this is causing but we :
: are sure you will continue to support the shop and the :
: tireless band of helpers who staff it when it reopens :
: shortly. :
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Readings for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle 1 Psalter Wk 1

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalms 120

2 Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

We pray for those who have died recently: Beverley Veronica Castle, Marina Douse, Andrea Lambiase, Deacon Jim Gilligan, Fr Colin Ward, Ramon Harvey, Ewa Dworakowska and Maureen Dowling.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Anna and Tom Knell, John Wallis, Peter Fagan Snr, Peter Fagan, Geoffrey Burnham. James McGilloway, Patrick Joseph Cummins, Istvan Mod, Beatrice Erskine, Fr Paul Weir, Billy Cannon, Eileen McGrath, Paula Marbach, Betty Banfield, Christopher Gunapala, Dave Webb, Jacyntha Dutton, Christina Pamment, Patricia McGrory, Claud Coleman and Margaret Elizabeth Coleman.

We pray for the sick: Bernice, Emma-Jane, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Arthur Cromwell, Christine, John Crouch, Fr John Cunningham, Ilean Curry, Giacomo Dillon, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Cecil Dutton, David Edwards, Ann Elmer, Felicity, Erika Gebbes, Chris Grant, Hans Halpin, Eileen Hayes, Maude Herring, Jerry Jacob, John, Pauline Kirk, Bernadette McGilloway, Mary McGrath, Eddie Mitchell, Barbara Moyce, Orla O'Regan, John Quaife, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, Siobhan, Angela Stolle, Charlie Wynn and Patricia Weal.