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THE XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8th October 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Mary Cusack RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Michael McTernan RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Deceased Toolan Family

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 9th Saint John Henry Newman

9:30am Holy Mass

Canon Paul McNally

Tuesday 10th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Frank Richardson RIP Anniv

Wednesday 11th Pope Saint John XXIII

--- NO Mass

Thursday 12th Saint Wilfrid

--- NO Mass

Friday 13th Saint Edward the Confessor

--- NO Mass

Saturday 14th Our Lady on Saturday

--- NO Morning Mass

THE XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Mary Cahillane RIP

Deceased Finneran Family

SUNDAY 15th

9:00am Holy Mass

Mary & Jimmy Early RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Alf Hanson RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions - 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

“Great acts take time,” wrote John Henry Newman, who in his thirties was already one of the most esteemed preachers of the Church of England. The acts of God, too, undergo a long and hidden preparation. Such was the “journey,” as Newman would call it, that led this Oxford professor, a moral and a literary giant of his time, into the Catholic Church.

He became a beloved pastor, while lecturing and tutoring at Oriel College, Oxford.

At Oriel, Newman began to study the Fathers of the Church, those great figures of the early Church who articulated the foundations of the Christian faith. Something stirred inside of him. The Fathers had a vision of the Church alive in her faith, unified and growing. “Some portions of their teaching,” Newman wrote, “came like music to my inward ear.”

“Heart speaks to heart”

Two years later, in Rome, Newman was ordained a Catholic priest. He entered the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, bringing that community’s form of priestly life to England the following year. From 1854-1858, he was in Dublin, at the Irish bishops’ request that he begin a Catholic university there. Back in England, he was a priest tending to poor immigrants and factory workers who worshipped at the Oratory.

“Lead, kindly Light ... lead Thou me on!”

Great acts take time, and in 1890, God’s act of fashioning the life of his servant was completed. “Lead, kindly Light,” the young Newman had prayed. God did lead him: out of the places, ideas and relationships in which he had been comfortable, until finally, in the words inscribed on his tombstone, John Henry Newman stepped “out of the shadows and images into the truth.” Pope Francis canonized him in 2019.

THE VOCATION TO HOLINESS

“God calls all the souls he has created to love him with their whole being, here and thereafter, which means that he calls all of them to holiness, to perfection, to a close following of him and obedience to his will. But he does not ask all souls to show their love by the same works, to climb to heaven by the same ladder, to achieve goodness in the same way. What sort of work, then, must I do? Which is my road to heaven? In what kind of life am I to sanctify myself?”

Blessed Charles de Foucauld

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Kenneth Brumant, John Cunniam, William Smith.

Patrick Gavigan, Frank Shovlin

Patricia & Denis Bassett,

Requiem 27th October 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the intentions of the McGrory & McCartney Families.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

01.10.23 - Gift Aid: £98.97 Non-Gift Aid: £335.17
Total: £434.14

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend - Cafod Harvest Fast – Gift Aid Envelopes available.

22.10.23 – APF World Mission.

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at:

sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Office Hours: The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH DIARY

OCTOBER

Saturday 28th Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00am

NOVEMBER

The Solemnity of All Saints – *Holyday of Obligation*

Tuesday 31st Oct Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Wednesday 1st Holy Mass 9:30am & 7:00pm

Thursday 2nd **All Souls**

Holy Mass 9:30am, 12noon & 6:00pm

Tuesday 7th Archdiocese Vision – Meeting

Saint John Fisher Room 6:45pm



To find out more or to get involved in this campaign of peaceful, legal prayer near an abortion centre, contact Isabel: 07773 501721.

Vigil location: Outside St Joseph and St Helen's RC Church, Station Road, B30 1JG.

Vigil hours: 8am-8pm daily (September 27th – November 5th)

FR JAN NOWOTNIK

Fr Jan Nowotnik is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. You are invited to attend a Mass of thanksgiving at St Chad's Cathedral on Friday 10th November at 7:30pm followed by a reception. If you would like to attend please sign the sheet in the porch by Sunday 15th October. (Transport isn't provided)

AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so successful. £1710.00 was raised to support families with a dementia sufferer. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – 18th NOVEMBER

Anyone who would like to help at the Bazaar there will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 10th October at 6:30pm in the Saint John Fisher Room. We need the following donations which can be left at the piety stall.

Bottles for the stall (in date)

Gifts for the tombola.

Good quality 'bric a brac'

Chocolate and sweets.

Raffle prizes.

Many thanks for all your help and support.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £250

Result for 3rd October 2023 - **Winning Numbers 02-15-12-19**

Next Draw Monday 9th October after morning Mass

1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = £5 + 1 FREE GO

Match 4 = Share Jackpot £250+. Match 3 = share £75+

JACKPOT NOW £250