

THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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July 12th 2009: THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



CHRIST GIVES POWER TO HIS APOSTLES

The Gospel reminds us how our Lord did not only work miracles Himself, but also gave the same powers He possessed to His Apostles. Thus they were able to drive out the devil and to heal the sick by anointing them with oil. The Apostles, too, shared this power with those upon whom they laid their hands in ordination, whom we call bishops and priests. This tells us the important truth that the Church is not merely the body of Christ's followers in all times and places, but is the *Mystical Body of Christ Himself*, endowed with His power in the Sacraments.

Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School (OPS) OFSTED REPORT

Clare Dickinson (Head Teacher at OPS) writes:

"We are delighted to announce that the school underwent a successful Ofsted inspection during June. The school has made many improvements since the last inspections. Areas previously judged to be satisfactory are now good and areas previously judged to be good are now outstanding.

The Ofsted report is excellent and reflects the hard work of all (staff, pupils, Governors, the Oratory Fathers, parents and carers) who go that 'extra mile' to make the Oratory School such a special and unique place.

We were graded '**outstanding**' for the way in which our learners' are aided in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development; how well the school works in partnership with others to promote learners' well-being; the overall personal development and well being of the children in the Early Years Foundation

Unit and the extent to which our learners' make a positive contribution to the community.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all staff for their continued dedication, innovative teaching and unfailing sense of humour, the pupils for their resilient attitude to learning, smiles and enthusiasm, the Oratory Fathers and Governors for their much appreciated advice, hard work, challenge and spiritual guidance and parents and carers who in so many ways contribute and support the school."

"This is a good school. Pupils of all backgrounds achieve well both in their academic work and in their personal development. Their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent. Far-sighted and energetic leadership is bringing substantial improvement to the school. Relationships with parents and the community are excellent."

Ofsted June 09

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Today's Second Collection will be for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea which does much important and hidden work among the enormous number of Catholic seafarers who earn their living at sea, bringing and taking cargoes of goods which are essential for our well-being. Many of them suffer under difficult conditions and find it difficult to practise their faith properly. The Apostleship provides chaplaincy services especially in ports, and also helps to keep seafarers in contact with their families and dependents from whom they can be separated for very long periods of time.

Sunday July 12th: Fifteenth Sunday (Green)

- **8.30 a.m. Low Mass**
- **9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass—1962 Missal**
- **10.30 a.m. Solemn High Mass**
- **12.00 p. m (Families with young children)**
- **5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational Mass**
- **7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers and Benediction**

FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Liturgical Calendar

Year 2 or B of the Lectionary at Mass and Psalter Week 3

Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.

Rosary at 7.45 p.m. Benediction on Tuesday. Exposition on Saturday: 8.30– 10 45 a.m.

Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass.

Monday 13th July: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of St Henry. (White)

- Blessing with St Philip's relic at 8 p.m.

St Henry (972-1024) Born in Bavaria, he was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 955 becoming Henry II (not to be confused with Henry II of England who was responsible for the death of St Thomas à Becket). Although a temporal and political leader, he was a humble and prayerful man, very concerned with the welfare of the Church and he assisted the Benedictines in the restoration of ecclesiastical and social discipline. With his wife Cunegund (also canonised) he did much to care for the needy and poor.

Tuesday 14th July: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of St Camillus of Lellis, Priest. (White)

- Benediction at 8 p.m.

St Camillus of Lellis (1550-1614) Having led a vicious and dissolute life as a soldier, he heard a sermon which changed his life. His own physical sufferings drew him to volunteer to help the sick, but he was shocked at the state of the hospitals and the brutality with which patients were treated. He became a penitent of St Philip Neri who advised him to become a priest. He found the *Camillians* to care for the sick, and they were the first recorded medical unit sent to assist troops. Despite great sufferings, he continued to tend the sick until his death.

Wednesday 15th July: St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Memoria. (White)

St Bonaventure (1221-74) As child he had been cured by St Francis of Assisi who exclaimed "O buono ventura!" ("good fortune"), hence his adopted name. He joined the Franciscans and was a renowned theologian becoming Cardinal Bishop of Albano.

Thursday 16th July: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. (White)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel commemorates the establishment in the Middle Ages of Christian hermitages on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land under our Lady's protection.

Friday 17th July: Feria. (Green) Optional memorias of St Kenelm. (White); or of Bls John Sugar and Robert Grissold, Martyrs. (Red)

St Kenelm (c. 800) Mentioned in the Canterbury tales, this prince of Mercia was reputedly martyred at Clent where a church is dedicated to him.

Bl John Sugar Born in Wombourne and raised an Anglican, he refused to take the Oath of Supremacy although preaching against the Catholic Church until his conversion. Following ordination, he worked among the poor Catholics in the Midlands, going about on foot. **Bl Robert Grissold** was his faithful servant and they were eventually both arrested at Baddesley Clinton. They were martyred together at Warwick on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1604.

Saturday 18th July: Our Lady on Saturday. (White) or **Feria.** (Green)

- Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30 to 10.45 a.m.
- Benediction at 10.45 a.m.
- Confessions from 10.55 a.m. to 12 noon & from 5.30 p.m.
- First Mass of Sunday (Sixteenth Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.

TODAY

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the Apostleship of the Sea, which is the Church's maritime welfare agency caring for seafarers from all over the world who visit our ports, frequently bringing in goods that we take for granted in our daily lives.. Please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers.

CLOISTER SALE for the GRAND ORDER OF BABYSITTERS (GOBS)

Takes place on Sunday, selling home-made cakes, bread and marmalade and lots more. Please give it your support. Proceeds will be used to take children to Lourdes. There are still some places remaining on the pilgrimage this August: details below.

PRO-LIFE PETITION DAY: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be collecting signatures this weekend to petition the Prime Minister to stop secondary schools being used as abortion referral centres. The concerns are: (1) The Government has given a clear remit to school nurses and advisers to refer children for abortions without informing parents; (2) It is insisting that information on obtaining abortions is included in sex education lessons; (3) It wants to establish school-based sexual 'health' clinics in secondary schools.

Please sign this very important petition

The PIETY STALL is open after Masses on Sunday.

THIS WEEK

The ALTAR SOCIETY meets on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Oratory House.

The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB next meets Tuesday 14th July 12-2 pm in Edgbaston to study Victoria Gillick's "A Mother's Tale". All women are welcome. Contact Jackie Parkes Tel 688 4154 rosary@blueyonder.co.uk

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT REDNAL will not take place during the remainder of the month of July.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A MISSION ADDEAT by the Second Heart Beat will be made at all

July 19th: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year. (Green)

Mass & Service Times:

- 8.30 a.m. Low Mass**
- 9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass 1962 Missal**
- 10.30 a.m. Latin High Mass**
- 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)**
- 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational in English**
- 7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers and Benediction**

Please pray for the sick: John Aston, Lin Greenhalgh, William O'Leary, Connie Hayward, Patrick Walsh, Pat Healey, David McLean, John Rose, Carole Halls, Celia Fernandez, Michael McCann and Sr Francis Clare.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Margaret Casey, Frank Gordon, Marie Therese Jones and Hannah Sutton; **and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Fr Geoffrey Wamsley of this Oratory, Kathleen McNamee, William Wall, Beryl Roebuck, Josephine Phelps, Stanley Pilley, Zigmund Denby, Sheila Newton, Jack L Jones and Bridget & William Corbett .

Hannah Sutton's funeral is on Monday at 2.15 p.m.

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, July 18th/19th, The Sixteenth Sunday of the Year:

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Anne Roebuck
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Murray Wilson-Brown
12.00 p.m.: Dennis Wood
5.30 p.m.: David Doran

Collections:
Fourteenth Sunday: 5th July, 2009

Offertory: £1,459
Second: Linacre Centre: £636
Thank you

Masses next Sunday, 18th/19th July.

AWARENESS RAISING DAY ABOUT DEMENTIA, organised by Father Hudson's Society, will take place on Saturday 1st August at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill. It is aimed primarily at those who are caring for a family member with dementia. The day will be free of charge and lunch will be provided. To book a place, or for more details, please contact Sally Scattergood at St Joseph's on 01675 434000 or at stjosephs2@fatherhudsons.org.uk

ROSARY RALLY TO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE & FOR YOUNG PEOPLE will be taking place at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire, on Sunday 16th August commencing with Mass at 3 p.m. and including Exposition, Blessing of the Sick and Benediction.

NOTICES

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: There are still a few places left on the 40th Anniversary Grand Order of Baby Sitters (GOBS) pilgrimage 21st-29th August 2009 - by luxury coach & ferry. Total cost £395, Deposit (non-returnable) £50 to book a place. Contact Maggie O'Rourke 01603443850 or Andrew Parkes 0121-688-4154

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Sun 6th – Saturday 12th September: c. £400 (sharing). Please speak to Stephanie on 0121 454 0496 if you are interested.

LATIN AND GREEK COURSE: The annual Latin and Greek summer school will be held at Maryvale Institute, next week, from the evening of 14 to lunch-time on 17 July. There is still room to study Latin at the Beginners' or Intermediate level, and Greek at the Beginners', Intermediate or Advanced level. You are still be able to gain a place by telephoning Sr. Valentina on 0121 360 8118.

VACANCIES — Oratory Primary School

Required for September 09: Two classroom Assistants (Level 2/ Level 3). Further details available on request. Visits to the school are most welcome.