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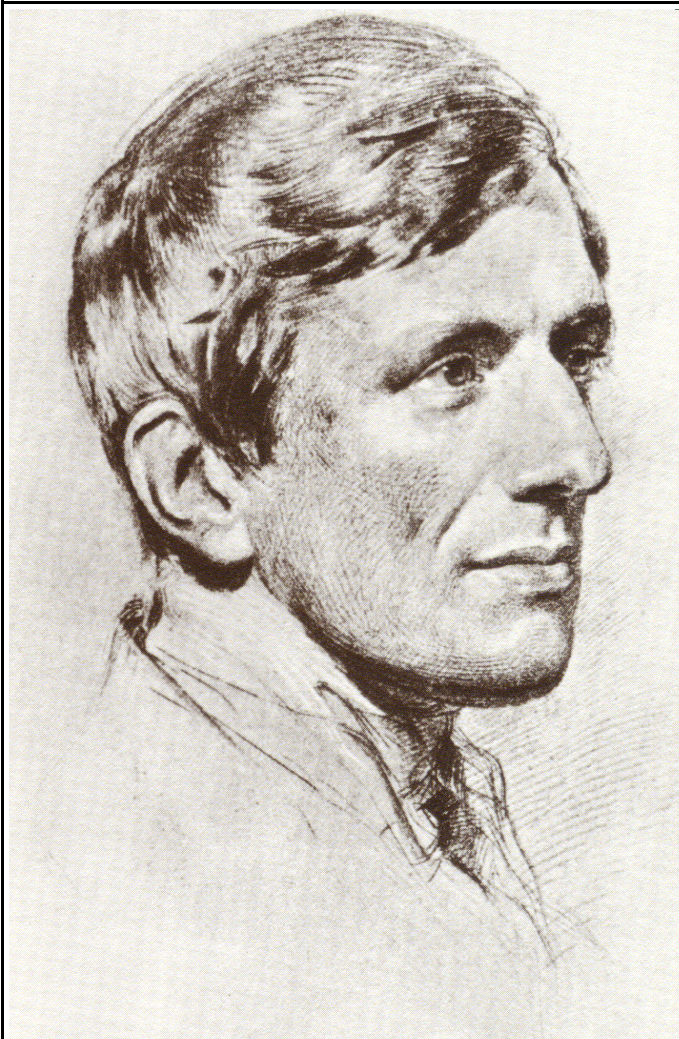
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July 5th 2009: THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



CARDINAL NEWMAN TO BE BEATIFIED

The Provost writes:

Many of you reading this will already be aware of the great news which reached us on Friday last, July 3rd. That morning, in Rome, Pope Benedict XVI authorised the issuing of a Decree recognising the authenticity of a miracle obtained through the intercession of Cardinal Newman.

The miraculous event took place in August 2001, when a permanent Deacon of the Archdiocese of Boston, USA, named Jack Sullivan, was cured of a crippling disease of the spine. His prayer to Newman had been prolonged and intense and finally on that August day, the prayer was answered. Careful investigation into the event, undertaken by both doctors and theologians, led to the conclusion that what had happened could not be explained in terms of medical science, and could be ascribed to Cardinal Newman's intercession. That verdict was accepted last month by the Cardinals and Prelates of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome, and on Friday by the Pope himself.

People all around the world have greeted this news with great joy and thanksgiving. It is the culmination of fifty years' work, centred here at the Birmingham Oratory, which has involved so many people, many known to us personally, and not a few no longer with us here on earth.

What happens next? Various conversations will take place in order to fix both a date and a place for the ceremony of Beatification. Given that summer holidays are now beginning, it may be a few weeks before these important decisions can be made. Once the ceremony has taken place, Cardinal Newman becomes "Blessed John Henry Newman" and he will have his own feast day in the Church's calendar, as well as special prayers and readings for his proper Mass and Office.

The significance of what is to happen is huge. Cardinal Newman has long been admired by people around the world, whether for the beauty of his prose, his deep theological and philosophical writings, his inspiring sermons and poetry. By beatifying him, Pope Benedict is holding up to the whole Church the life and teachings of Cardinal Newman as a sure guide for us to follow, and

as an inspiration for the Church today. Cardinal Newman foresaw many of the problems that both church and Society have to contend with in our day and age. He will be an authentic teacher for the Church in a new way now that he is to receive the 'honours of the altar'.

We should regard it as an enormous privilege to be able to come to the Oratory he founded, to walk in the spots where he walked, and to be in a very special way heirs to his great tradition. In the months to come this Oratory will be a world-wide focus of attention and there will be much work to be done as we prepare for the great day of the Beatification. Please keep the Fathers in your prayers at this time and especially thank God for the enormous grace He has bestowed on us through His faithful servant, John Henry Newman : ***Te Deum Laudamus!***

Sunday July 5th: Fourteenth 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**

FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Liturgical Calendar

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

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 6th July: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of *St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr.* (Red)

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

St Maria Goretti (1890-1902) Born in Ancona, Italy her father died of malaria and her mother struggled to feed her children. Maria was a pious girl and when a neighbour attempted to rape her, she said she would prefer to die than to lose her virginity. He stabbed her several times but before she died she forgave him. In prison, he was unremorseful until Maria appeared to him in a dream. He awoke a changed man, and lived out his remaining prison term completely reformed. When Maria was canonised in 1950, her attacker was present at the ceremony in St Peter's.

Tuesday 7th July: Feria. (Green)

- **Benediction at 8 p.m.**

Wednesday 8th July: Feria. (Green)

Thursday 9th July: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of *St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs.* (Red)

St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comps The freedom to practice Christianity in China has since earliest times, depended mainly on its relations with the outside world and the Church has been actively persecuted at various times. Augustine (1746-1815) was originally a soldier and following his conversion, he became a diocesan priest. Emperor Kia-Kin issued harsh decrees against Christians and Fr Augustine was arrested and cruelly tortured before his execution. On this day, we also remember the other 119 Catholic Chinese martyrs between 1648 and 1930.

Friday 10th July: Feria. (Green)

Saturday 11th July: St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe. (White)

- **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 (Fifteenth Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.**

St Benedict (c 480-530) Born of Italian nobility, he was sent to Rome to finish his education but observing the lax lives of his fellow students, he was drawn to live away from the world of pagan wars and vice, and giving away his wealth, went to live as a hermit. As his reputation for holiness grew others joined him and he set up communities, notably at Subiaco where he lived most of his life, and at Montecassino, (where he is buried). The rule of life he established was eventually adopted as the model for most of the monastic houses and Orders of the Western Church, and remains the rule followed by most monks. As a result of the enormous influence of Benedictine monks in European history, both spiritually and as those who preserved ancient civilisation through the Dark Ages, Benedict was the first saint to be declared "Patron of Europe".

July 12th: Fifteenth 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 Joan Maclellan, John Aston, Ray Colquhoun, Connie Hayward, Patrick Walshe, Pat Healey, Peter Young, David McLean, John Rose, Carole Halls, Marie-Therese Jones, 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: Mary Regan and Stephen Andrews;

and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr Henry Hayward, Ivor Worrall, Melinda Pulisciano, John & Rose Nulty, Mary McCann, Jack Healy and Vivian Beesley

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, July 11th/12th, The Fifteenth Sunday of the Year:

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Jenni Hardwick
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Margaret Hawkins
12.00 p.m.: Dulcie Robinson
5.30 p.m.: Simon Stacey

Collections:

Sts Peter & Paul: 28th/29th June, 2009

Offertory: £1,535

Second: Peter's Pence: £680

Thank you

TODAY

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for the *Day of Life* and will be for the Linacre Centre which defends and expounds all aspects of Catholic moral teaching.

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 Saturday evening Mass and all Masses on Sunday.

ECUMENICAL SONGS OF PRAISE is at 6 p.m. on 5th July, at St Augustine's. C of E, Lyttleton Rd, Edgbaston.

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT REDNAL will take place this week on Wednesday, commencing as usual with Holy Mass at 2.30 p.m. and ending with Benediction at c. 4.40 p.m. **The FRIENDS OF THE POOR CLARES**, Baddesley Clinton, are holding a quiz night at 7 p.m. on Saturday 11th July at Lapworth Village Hall, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth. Tickets £5, or £4 in advance: Please telephone Matthew Bowen: 07801 538 776

There will be a **SOLEMN HIGH MASS** in the **Extraordinary Form** at the church of St John Fisher, 1 Cofton Road, West Heath B31 3QT at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9 July. For more information contact Dr Matt Doyle (LMS rep) on 07967 729168.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLOISTER SALE for the GRAND ORDER OF BABYSITTERS (GOBS)

will take place next weekend of 11th/12th July, and amongst other things, home-made cakes, bread and marmalade will be on sale. *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.*

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

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 FATIMA: (Proposed dates) Sun 6th -12th September: c. £400 (sharing). Please speak to Stephanie on 0121 454 0496 if you are interested.

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

APF RED BOXES are due now as the quarter has come to an end.