

THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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October 4th 2009: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



ADORING OUR LORD

The Sanctuary is now prepared for the annual Forty Hours' Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament which begins on Tuesday evening with High Mass at 8 p.m. Please come and pray! There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to sign up to pray for half an hour during the Forty Hours' exposition of the Sacred Host. Remember, Our Lord will be there over the Altar **for you!**

Looking back over previous years, especially in the Newsletters immediately following the Forty Hours, I am struck by the number of times I have commented on the contrast between the numbers at Mass on Sundays and the numbers present to pray over the three days of the Forty Hours. It is wonderful that so many people do come, but why are there still so many who do *not* come?

Wednesday, the middle day of the Forty Hours this year, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and we recall that Our Lady identified herself to the children at Fatima as "The Lady of the Rosary", and encouraged them to pray the Rosary every day. Before they saw Our Lady, the same children were prepared for that great experience by an angel who was sent to them. This angel taught them to pray this prayer: **"O my God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope**

and do not love Thee." Are we to be among those who pray this prayer, or those for whom it is prayed? When we stand before Our Lord at the end of our life and look back, what would we rather we had done during this coming week? Would we rather we had only done our ordinary everyday routine or that we had made good use of this wonderful opportunity to adore Our Lord? By adoring Him we come closer to Him. Our faith will increase. Don't waste this never-to-be-repeated opportunity!

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION

Tuesday October 6th: Feria or St. Bruno.

- **OPENING SOLEMN MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 8 P.M. (White)**
- **Watching in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament till Midnight**

Wednesday October 7th. Our Lady of the Rosary

- **Watching recommences at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day.**
- **VOTIVE MASS FOR PEACE AT 8 P.M. (White)**
- **All-night Vigil from 10 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.**

Please note that a full programme of devotions is provided for the All Night Vigil and refreshments are on offer at various points throughout the night. Everyone is welcome to attend as much or as little of the Vigil as they can. Please try and spend a little time before Our Lord during the night!

Thursday October 8th: Feria

- **Watching continues throughout the day**
- **CLOSING SOLEMN MASS OF THE SACRED HEART, PROCESSION & BENEDICTION AT 8 P.M. (White)**

Sunday October 4th: Twenty-seventh Sunday (Green)

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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. October Devotions (incl. Rosary) at 7.45 p.m..

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR EXCEPTIONS THIS WEEK

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 5th October: St Luigi Scrosoppi, Oratorian Priest. (White) .

- **October Devotions at 7.45 p.m.**

St Luigi Scrosoppi (1804-1884) lived in Udine, Northern Italy, where he became a priest of the Oratory in 1846. Among his many pastoral works he founded an order of sisters to care for orphans, the Daughters of Divine Providence.

Tuesday 6th October: FERIA. (Green) Optional memoria of St Bruno, Bishop. (White)

St Bruno (d.1101) Founder of the Carthusians, the most austere monastic order, he was a man of great humility and refused several requests to become a bishop until Pope Urban II, a former pupil, asked him to Rome to be his adviser.

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Friday 9th October: FERIA. (Green) Optional memorias of St Denis, Bishop & Martyr, and his Companions, Martyrs. (Red); or of St John Leonardi, Priest. (White)

- **October Devotions at 7.45 p.m.**

St Denis & his Comps Denis was a priest and was martyred with several companions in 285, on Martyrs Hill ie *Montmartre*, in Paris. He is Patron of France.

St John Leonardi (d.1609) With help from St Philip Neri, he founded the *Order of the Mother of God*, lay people who worked in hospitals and prisons. He is also considered a founder of the Propagation of the Faith. He performed miracles in his lifetime.

Saturday 10th October: Our Lady on Saturday. (White). FERIA. (Green). Optional memoria of St Paulinus of York, Bishop. (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 (Twenty-eighth Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.**

St Paulinus of York (d.643) Sent by Pope St Gregory to England, he was consecrated Bishop of Kent (and later, Rochester) and soon converted the King of Kent and his son-in-law, the King of Northumbria. From their example Christianity rapidly spread.

October 11th: The Twenty-eighth 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**

Please pray for the sick: Chloe Heard, Connie Hayward, Agnes Broderick, Paul Beesley, Michael McCann, Philip McCann, David Pritchard, James Foyne, Carolyn Knight, Ray Colquhoun, May Colquhoun, Philip Nicklin, Sherryle Wenzel and Ethel Friday.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Margaret Healey;

and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr Ignatius Ryder and Fr Anthony Pohlen, both of this Oratory, Fr Volan Evans, John Roebuck, Margaret O'Leary., Patrick Martin, Brian Moran, Norah Barker, Angela Clarkson and Norah Maloney.

Grant Robert's funeral is on Monday at 11.00 a.m. Reception of remains before Mass.

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, October 10th/11th, The Twenty-eighth Sunday:

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Anne Roebuck
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Murray Wilson-Browne
12.00 p.m.: Morag Marinoni
5.30 p.m.: Simon Stacey

Collections:

25th Sunday: 27th September, 2009
Offertory: £1,459
Second: Fr Hudson's Society: £637

Thank you

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for Harvest Fast Day

TODAY

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE and to uphold the sacredness of human life takes place today. *We hope that you will join us. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2—5 p.m. during which our Rosaries will contribute to the several million being offered today throughout the world for these intentions.*

CANDLES FOR FORTY HOURS which will take place from Tuesday 6th—Thursday 8th October, are on sale outside the main church door. Please also remember the **Altar Society blue collection box** (outside St Charles' chapel at the front of the church) **for your offerings for flowers** to adorn the Altar during this very special and important time in our annual calendar.

The PIETY STALL will be open this weekend after all Sunday Masses, including on Saturday evening.

THIS WEEK

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Please remember that you can obtain a **PLENARY INDULGENCE** each day in October by praying five decades of the Rosary in Church or as a family or in a specially formed group, or even a **Partial Indulgence** by praying fewer than five decades.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS take place on Monday and Friday at 7.45 p.m. and include the Rosary, a short meditation and Benediction.

ADORATION AT REDNAL will not take place this Wednesday, due to Forty Hours.

The ANNUAL NEWMAN PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE is on Saturday, October 10th. Mass will be at the Church of Blessed Dominic Barberi at which the preacher will be Bishop Philip Boyce. There will also be an opportunity for confession. **There are still some seats left; please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.** Booking forms are to be found at the doors of the church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BROTHER LEWIS'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE takes place on Friday 16th at 7 P.m. The celebrant will be Rt Rev Bishop Pargeter. All of you are welcome to attend the Ordination. (Please note, however, that the reception has to be limited to those guests who were sent invitations).

NOTICES

EPIPHANY PRIZE DRAW: Once again we will be offering a 1st prize of £500 and a 2nd of £100 and **we would be grateful for donations!** **Please address to Fr Guy.**

SUNDAY 5.30 p.m. MASS CHOIR: If you wish to sing, please be in the Back Gallery by 5 p.m. No previous experience needed!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED: The SVP is looking for drivers to transport parishioners to Sunday Vigil Mass at 5.45 p.m. on Saturdays. Please telephone 0121 454 7170 if you can help.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK by St. John Vianney (Patron of Priests):

What joy did the Apostles feel after the Resurrection of Our Lord, at seeing the Master whom they had loved so much! The priest must feel the same joy, at seeing Our Lord whom he holds in his hands. Great value is attached to objects which have been laid in the drinking cup of the Blessed Virgin and of the Child Jesus, at Loreto. But the fingers of the priest, that have touched the adorable Flesh of Jesus Christ, that have been plunged into the chalice which contained His Blood, into the pyx where His Body has lain, are they not still more precious? The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.