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October 11th 2009: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself

THE FORTY HOURS

The Sanctuary has now returned to normal after the grandeur of the Forty Hours. Yet all is not the same as it was. For the graces that were given to all who took part in those two days of adoration are still alive and, God willing, producing a rich crop in our lives as individuals and as a Parish. How wonderful it will be if everyone who came last week to worship Our Lord and to pray for the many intentions we have might find a deeper sense of wonder and gratitude and awe in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament from now on! How wonderful, too, if everyone could now receive the same Lord in Holy Communion with even greater reverence and thankfulness to Him!

BR. LEWIS'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Friday this week is a very important occasion in Br. Lewis's life and in the life of the Oratory, when Br Lewis will be ordained deacon by Bishop Pargeter. Some of you may not know Br Lewis well yet, since he has spent most of the last few years studying in Rome. However, that will soon change, because Br. Lewis, as an ordained minister, will be spending more time in pastoral engagements.

The diaconate is the first of the three "grades" or stages of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. That means that a deacon shares in the graces of the Sacrament which is also received by priests and bishops. However, each of these three "stages" has its own particular character. The Bishop as a successor of the Apostles, has the "fullness of the priesthood". The Bishop has the authority to sanctify, teach and govern the church in communion with the other bishops gathered around the focal point of unity in the Church on earth, the Pope. Bishops therefore have the authority to celebrate all the sacraments and oversee the teaching of the faith throughout their jurisdiction. They alone have the power to ordain other men as bishops, priests and deacons. Priests share in this sacramental authority by the virtue of their own ordination, but in a more limited way. Priests are co-workers with the bishops especially in the governance and sanctification of the local units of the Church, the parishes. They have the most important of the sacramental powers of everyday Christian life: the celebration of the sacraments of reconciliation and, above all other, the Holy Eucharist. Which brings us to the Deacons, who are not ordained to priesthood, but, as the Second Vatican Council reminds us, "to ministry". Here is what the Council's Constitution on the Church, *"Lumen Gentium"* has to say about deacons:

"At a lower level of the hierarchy are to be found deacons, who receive the imposition of hands "not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry". For, strengthened by sacramental grace they are dedicated to the People of God, in conjunction with the bishop and his body of priests, in the service of the liturgy, of the Gospel and of works of charity. It pertains to the office of a deacon, in so far as it may be assigned to him by the competent authority, to administer Baptism solemnly, to be custodian and distributor of the Eucharist, in the name of the Church, to assist at and bless marriages, to bring Viaticum to the dying, to read the sacred scriptures to the faithful, to instruct and exhort the people, to preside over the worship and the prayer of the faithful, to administer sacramentals, and to officiate at funeral and burial services. Dedicated to works of charity and functions of administration, deacons should recall the admonition of St. Polycarp: "Let them be merciful, and zealous, and let them walk according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servants of all."

Sunday October 11th: Twenty-eighth 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. Vespers and Benediction

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Liturgical Calendar

Year 2 or B of the Lectionary at Mass and Psalter Week 4

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..

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 12th October: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of *St Wilfrid, Bishop.* (White) .

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

St Wilfrid (633-709) Educated at Lindisfarne and then Abbot there, he left for Rome to learn the rule of St Benedict. On his return, he founded a Benedictine and Roman monastery at Rippon and was appointed a bishop. At the Synod of Whitby, he supported proposals which brought the English Church into closer union with Rome.

Tuesday 13th October: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of *St Edward the Confessor, King.* (White)

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

St Edward the Confessor (1004-66) The last Anglo-Saxon king, he was a humble man loved by the poor for his generosity to them. He founded Westminster Abbey under the patronage of St Peter (then the Patron of England) because of his devotion to the Pope.

Wednesday 14th October: Feria. (Green) Optional memoria of *St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr.* (Red)

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

St Callistus (Martyred 222) Little is known of his early life, except he had been a slave. His papacy was marked with controversy due to his gentle treatment of penitents who had committed serious sins. He organised the first Roman Christian cemetery.

Thursday 15th October: St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church. (White)

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

St Teresa (1515-82) Born in Avila of a wealthy family, she joined the Carmelites. She was very concerned with the state of the Order, and amongst great opposition, she set about its reform with the help of the mystical poet-priest, St John of the Cross. A mystic herself, her books are still clearly readable, simple and profound aids to prayer.

Friday 16th October: Feria. (Green) Optional memorias of *St Hedwig, (White); or of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.* (White)

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

St Hedwig (1174-1243) A queen of Poland, and renowned for her charitable undertakings, she founded a Cistercian convent which she joined once widowed.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90) In visions she received from Our Lord, He requested the spread of devotion to His Sacred Heart as the symbol of His love for us.

Saturday 17th October: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr. (Red)

- **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-ninth Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.**

St Ignatius of Antioch (d. c.107) A disciple of St Peter before becoming Bishop of Antioch, he was captured and sent to Rome and martyrdom. On his journey, he wrote seven important letters which recount the Church's life and thought in those times.

October 18th: The Twenty-ninth 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. Vespers and Benediction**

Please pray for the sick May Roebuck, Ethel Priday, Chloe Heard, Connie Hayward, Agnes Broderick, Paul Beesley, Michael McCann, Philip McCann, David Pritchard, James Foynes, Carolyn Knight, Ray Colquhoun and May Colquhoun.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Thomas Smyth and Shelagh Pitt;

and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Charles Henry Nicholls, Bernard Wardell, Judith Heron, Sunnie Ramsay, Kathy Prince, Carl McCarthy and Martin Holland.

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, October 17th/18th, The Twenty-ninth Sunday:

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Jenni Hardwick
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Margaret Hawkins
12.00 p.m.: Denis Wood
5.30 p.m.: Brendan Cummins

Collections:

26th Sunday: 4th October, 2009
Offertory: £1,483
Second: Harvest Fast Day: £516

Thank you

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and the Second Collection will be for the APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith)

TODAY

The PIETY STALL will be open this weekend after all Sunday Masses. The bulk of our Christmas stock will be out very shortly. Meanwhile, **Christmas cards are on sale**, including those we are selling on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need.

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 (see 'October Devotions' below) 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.

The FRIENDS OF CARDINAL NEWMAN AGM is on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Lower Cloister Hall. Fr Paul will give a talk in reference to the Cause: "Where do we go from here?"

ADORATION AT REDNAL with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, commencing with Mass at 2.30 p.m. and ending with Benediction at c. 4.40 p.m.

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

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 due to numbers, the reception must be limited only to those guests who were sent invitations).

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB resumes on Friday 16th October from 12-2 pm for prayer & reflection on The Most Holy Rosary, particularly with regard to the Apparitions at Fatima. Fr Guy will speak. All women welcome. Please contact Mrs Jackie Parkes on 0121 688 4154 for details of the venue etc.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Vernon Road: Transition to the Vith Form Open Evening takes place on Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. in the New Hall, for those wishing to continue their education beyond 16. Girls are invited to attend as are their parents.

EX CATHEDRA CONCERT is taking place in church on Saturday evening at 7.30 p.m. (Please note that we do not handle ticket sales)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FR PETROC HOWELL'S golden jubilee of priestly ordination is on Sunday October 25th. He will preach at Mass at St Patrick's at 10:30 am on that day, Bishop Pargeter will also be present. An informal reception in St Patrick's school hall will follow. All welcome.

NOTICES

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 7179 if you can help.

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!

THE NEWMAN SINGERS, a choir based at St. Chad's Cathedral which sings sacred music, invites new members to join them. They meet on Monday evenings in term time from 7.45 to 9.15 in the Grimshaw Room at St. Chad's. No auditions are necessary. Contact: Pat Kiley (0121 476 1511); Anne Conlon (0121 476 2908); or Nigel Morris (0121 236 2251)

CATHOLIC SINGLES helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, "Catholic Networking". For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the web-site www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk