

# THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Parish Weekly Newsletter

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## August 8th 2010: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### REAL TREASURE

Today's Gospel continues the lesson that we heard last Sunday, when Our Lord refused to adjudicate between two brothers squabbling over their father's inheritance.

Jesus tells two of His stories, or "parables" to illustrate what He wants to teach us about the danger of worldly wealth. In the first, He describes a household of servants waiting for their master to come home after a late-night feast. Of course they can't go to bed, or else they won't be ready if the Master arrives in the early hours—and what trouble they would be in then! So Our Lord tells us we should think of ourselves as standing ready to be called to account for our lives *at any moment*.

His second story is of a steward, a servant in charge of other servants, who becomes so arrogant and self-confident when his Master's homecoming is long delayed, that he forgets he is only a servant and begins to mistreat his fellow servants and abusing his master's goods by getting drunk and disorderly. We, too, must remember that we do not have absolute rights of ownership over those things God has put us in charge of, but must render an account, when He calls us, of how we have used them.

Jesus's final words today are a warning to us all: When you have had a great deal given you, a great deal will be expected of you in return. When God has given you a great deal on trust, He will expect even more from you on the day He calls on you to give an account of yourself. Those who know this but do not act on it will be punished just like servants who knew what their master wanted them to do but failed to do it.

### TRIDUO FOR THE ASSUMPTION

Next Sunday we keep Our Lady's greatest solemnity, and one of the oldest in the calendar—the Assumption. This memorial of Our Lady's triumphant journey to heaven at the end of her life on earth was originally kept in the Christian East and began to be kept in Rome and in the West from the 8th century. We will prepare ourselves to keep the feast with three days of prayers and devotions, that is, a "triduo", beginning on Thursday evening with Rosary at 7.45 p.m. and continuing at 8 p.m. with prayers in honour of Our Lady's being taken up, body and soul unseparated in death, to her Son's side in heaven. The Triduo service will end with Benediction. The same service will be celebrated on Friday night at the same time, while on Saturday the devotions will take place at the end of morning Adoration at 10.45 a.m.

Please come and join the Fathers for this act of love and honour towards the Mother of God, especially as we prepare this year for the beatification of that great servant of Our Lady's, our own Cardinal Newman, and for the visit of our holy Father Pope Benedict immediately after the Beatification Mass at Cofton Park, Rednall.

Please pray for our Oratory, dedicated to the Most Holy Virgin Mother of God by Cardinal Newman himself under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Pray for all the Fathers and Brothers, the parishioners and all those who come here to find Our Lord truly present on the Altar and in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Pray that the Blessed Mother may intercede for us all and bring us many graces from the beatification of Cardinal Newman and the visit of Pope Benedict.

### FR. PHILIP'S MOTHER

Please remember Fr Philip's Mother, Mrs. Joan Cleevely, in your prayers. Mrs. Cleevely died peacefully at home after a long illness, on Friday, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Please also pray for Fr Philip and his father, Mr Philip Cleevely snr. that they may find strength and consolation at this time from Our Lord and His Mother.

## Sunday August 8th: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

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

## Liturgical Calendar

*Year 2 of the Lectionary at Weekday Mass and Psalter Week 3 in the Divine Office*

*Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Rosary 7.45 p.m. (for Saturdays: see over)*

*Holy Hour: Each Weekday from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.*

*Benediction on Tuesday at 8 p.m.*

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

**Monday 9th August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr. Patron of Europe. Feast. (Red).**

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.** • **Blessing with St Philip's relic at 8 p.m.**

**St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** (1891-1942); Edith Stein was a Polish Jew and renowned philosopher and agnostic before converting to Catholicism in 1922. In 1933, she joined the Carmelites in Cologne and was subsequently moved to Eich in Holland because of the Nazi persecutions. However, in retaliation for the Dutch bishops' criticism of the Nazi regime, Jewish converts and other Catholics were captured. She died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz with her sister, Rosa.

**Tuesday 10th August: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr. Feast. (Red)**

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.** • **Benediction at 8 p.m.**

**St Lawrence** (d.258) A deacon of Pope Sixtus II, who was martyred a few days before him, Lawrence had managed to secrete the Church's material valuables. When asked to produce them, he gathered together the poor and sick, declaring them to be 'the Church's treasure'. He was martyred in 258 under the Emperor Valerian.

**Wednesday 11th August: St Clare, Religious. Memoria. (White)**

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.**
- **Mass at 7.30 p.m. (Anniversary of Cardinal Newman's death)**

**St Clare** (1194-1253) From a noble family in Assisi, she became a disciple of St Francis. She founded the *Poor Clares* and was Prioress of the first convent for forty-two years.

**Thursday 12th August: Feria. (Green). Optional memoria of St Jane Frances de Chantal. (White).**

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.** • **Triduo before the Assumption at 8 p.m.**

**St Jane Frances de Chantal** (1572-1641) A wealthy widow, her spiritual director was St Francis de Sales. With him, she founded the *Visitation Sisters* for single or widowed women who through age or other reasons were unsuited for more severe orders. St Vincent de Paul described her as one of the holiest people he had ever met.

**Friday 13th August: Feria. (Green). Optional memoria of Bl William Freeman, English Martyr. (Red)**

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.** • **Triduo before the Assumption at 8 p.m.**

**Bl William Freeman** (1558-95) After his ordination at Rheims, he returned working in the Midlands until his capture at Stratford on Avon. The authorities had no evidence of his priesthood but he was betrayed by a fellow prisoner and executed at Warwick..

**Saturday 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr. Memoria. (Red)**

- **Low Mass at 8 a.m.**
- **Low Mass at 11 a.m.**
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30—10.45 a.m.**
- **Confessions from 11 a.m. to 12 noon & from 5.30 p.m.**
- **First Mass of Sunday (Solemnity of the Assumption) at 5.45 p.m.**

**St Maximilian Kolbe** (1894-1941) A Polish Franciscan, he started the *Militia of the Immaculata* to promote devotion to Our Lady in Poland and Japan. At the start of WWII he harboured thousands of Jews and refugees before being imprisoned at Auschwitz. He gave his life in exchange for another prisoner and died on the eve of Our Lady's wonderful feast of the Assumption.

**August 15th: Solemnity of the Assumption: (White)**

### **Mass & Service Times:**

- **8.30 a.m. Low Mass**
- **9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass 1962 Missal**
- **10.30 a.m. High Mass**
- **12.00 p.m. Families with young children**
- **5.30 p.m. During August: Low Mass**
- **7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction**

**Please pray for the sick** Brenda Molloy, Elizabeth Priday, Jaqueline Packham, Thomas Agga, Josephine Spooner, Imelda Martinez, Nick Usher-Somers, Ute Bowyer, Thelma Havelin, May Colquhoun, Kevan Bleach, Tony Farmer, Michael McCann, Philip McCann, David Pritchard, Carolyn Knight, and Barbara Jarvis.

**Of your charity please pray for those who have died recently:** Joan Cleevly; Kathleen Fleming; **and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Fr Basil Lynch and Fr Michael Day, both of this Oratory, James Harnick, Phyllis Heaton, Florrie Wilson, Mary Proctor Blagolan, Nora Harrison and Bill Shields.

**The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, August 14th/15th The Solemnity of the Assumption**

*Saturday 5.45 p.m:* Anne Roebuck  
*Sunday 8.30 a.m.:* Margaret Hawkins  
*12.00 p.m.:* Chris Sammons  
*5.30 p.m.:* Simon Stacey

### **Collections last week:**

*18th Sunday of the Year: 1st August, 2010*

Offertory: £1,463

Second: Cardinal Newman's Shrine: £1,024

Separate Donations: Cardinal Newman's shrine: £8,350

(Target £45,000: Raised so far: £24,950)

*Very Many thanks*

### **TODAY**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** will be for the continuing expenses of Cardinal Newman's cause.

**THE PIETY STALL** is open after all Masses and has a large selection of items including DVDs and books.

### **THIS WEEK**

**There will be A HOLY HOUR** from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each weekday morning to pray for the success of Cardinal Newman's beatification and the Pope's visit.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** in the Cloister Chapel will take place this week on Wednesday this week starting at 3 p.m. and ending with Benediction at c. 5 p.m. (There will not be a Mass).

**120th ANNIVERSARY OF CARDINAL NEWMAN'S DEATH** is on Wednesday 11th and there will be a Mass (in English) at 7.30 p.m. (There will not be prayers at the graveside this year).

**The TRIDUO BEFORE THE ASSUMPTION:** Prayer and Benediction following will take place on Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.

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

**ORATORY YOUNG ADULTS** (for people aged 21—35 years) meet in the Oratory House on Thursday at **7.30 p.m. prompt**. Fr Anton will give a talk on Our Lady's Assumption.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**The ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY at GRACE DIEU MANOR**, Leicester, to pray for World Peace and for Young People, will take place on Sunday 22 August commencing with Mass at 3 p.m.

**'NEWMAN and BIRMINGHAM'** is the title of a lecture which will be given by Professor Sheridan Gilley, author of *Newman and His Age*, to mark the Beatification of Cardinal Newman. It takes place on Monday 13 Septem-

ber at 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham. The event is free but you must register your attendance with Aidan Thompson at a.p.thompson@bham.ac.uk, or 0121 414 3602.

**THE POPE'S VISIT:** When our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, comes to the Oratory on 19th September, straight after the beatification, he will be the first pilgrim to pray in the new shrine that will be in St Philip's Chapel. This is a tremendous honour, not only for Cardinal Newman, but also for our parish and community. For obvious reasons the visit will be very short **and it will be completely private.**

**THE NEW SHRINE:** We would like to say a very special thank you to all of you who have contributed so far towards setting up Blessed John Henry Newman's shrine and to fund the redecoration of St Philip's Chapel, making it ready to receive the relics of Blessed John Henry. We are more than half-way there, thanks to your generosity, but we still need another £20,000. For all donations, we would strongly urge those of you who are taxpayers to complete a Gift Aid form (to be found at the doors of the church) as we can increase your donation by claiming money back from Revenue & Customs.

**THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON** to honour the Martyrs of the Midlands, will take place on Sunday 5th September. The Mass will be at 3 p.m. and the Principal Celebrant will be His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley.

### **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY 5.30 MASS** : the choir is on holiday during the month of August. Sung Masses will resume on Sunday 5th September.

**SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER:** The day of the Beatification of Cardinal Newman and the Pope's Visit will obviously be different in many ways from a normal Sunday. Details about the schedule on that day will soon be available.