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October 7th 2007: The Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION—A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

It is wonderful to be able to thank to God for so many blessings that He has given during the Forty Hours, trusting that He will give even more for the sake of all the prayer and devotion that has been sent up to Him by so many of you in those precious hours before Our Lord upon the Altar.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS AND THE ROSARY

Each evening in October we extend our usual nightly Rosary into a short service beginning at 8 p.m. and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. October has been the month of the Rosary since Pope St Pius V declared that it should be kept in thanksgiving for a wonderful naval victory in 1570, which saved Europe from being conquered by Mohammedanism. The Pope had asked all Christians to pray the Rosary for Our Lady's help and intervention, and it was spectacularly successful as she appeared at the battle and put the enemy to flight. On that day not only was Christian Europe saved, but many thousands of Christian galley-slaves in the Turkish ships were saved as well, and without too great a loss of life on any side.

Today is the anniversary of that victory, and also the 5th anniversary of the consecration of our Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace and for the defence of sacred human life. For all these reasons, then, today we are holding a special afternoon of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Prayer of the Rosary. Please come and pray with us!



Our Lady has appeared many times in private revelations to encourage her children to pray the Rosary and the Church has always followed this guidance. In fact, during the month of October, anyone who prays the Rosary, either alone or in a group, is granted a Plenary Indulgence—a free gift of God's infinite mercy which eliminates the need for punishment for sins already forgiven.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

Today's Second Collection is the Harvest-Tide Fast day collection for the S.V.P. which works in our parish and throughout the world to alleviate the needs of the poor and destitute. It is a wonderful work of charity. Last week in the Gospel we heard Our Lord's parable of poor Lazarus and the Rich Man. In that story Our Lord warns us all of the danger of selfishly enjoying the good things of this life and ignoring the needs of those who are in dire need. The week before, in the story of the Steward who fiddled his master's accounts, Our Lord ended with the moral: "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends—and thus make sure that when money fails you, the poor will welcome you into the tents of eternity." Our Lord tells these stories to make sure that we don't neglect the poor. We must never think of the good things God has given us as "our own property". They have been given us by God **on trust**, to allow us to do good to others with them, and in that way to win friends who will help us into heaven. But as well as giving money to assist the poor in so many ways, why not also give some of your precious time? Wherever the SVP exists in many parishes it needs more members to help do the work that your money makes possible. But without the volunteers, what good would your money do? Please consider seriously, not just with a passing thought, what YOU can do for God and His needy people, the ones He cares about so much. You wouldn't want to find, at the end of your life, that He was angry with you for neglecting all those He expected you to help, would you?

ORATORY HOUSE, REDNAL—AN UPDATE

It is a long time since we were asking for prayers for the safety of Rednal and many of your have been asking what is happening now. As you may recall, we asked for prayers in preparation for an Appeal we made against the Planning Authority's refusal to give retrospective permission for the new perimeter fence. The Appeal seemed to go well. The Inspector was able to see at first hand the quality of the fence, the importance of the site as the place of Cardinal Newman's grave, the effectiveness of the security and the beauty of the Grounds now that they are free from invasion by vandals. But to our amazement it was refused with no room for compromise. However, the decision was communicated in such a way that our Agent has advised us to challenge its legality in the Courts. This will take over a year and even if we succeed, we will still have to appeal all over again. Nonetheless, in the meantime the fence stays in place and we ask you to continue praying for this cause. That is why we are continuing to invite you to come to Rednal each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the long-term safety of the house, the grounds and the cemetery, and for the cause of Cardinal Newman's beatification.

Sunday October 7th: The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Green)

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- 8.30 a.m. Low Mass
- 10.30 a.m. High Mass
- 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)
- 12.45 p.m. Tridentine Mass (in the Cloister Chapel)
- 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational Mass
- Vespers and Benediction at 7.30 p.m.

The TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR: Liturgical Calendar

Monday and Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. October Devotions (including the Rosary) at 8 p.m. Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass

Monday October 8th: Feria. (Green).

- **October Devotions at 8 p.m.**

Tuesday October 9th: Feria. (Green). *Optional memoria of St Denis, Bishop, and his companions, martyrs. (Red) or of St John Leonardi, Priest. (White)*

- **October Devotions at 8 p.m.**

St Denis (d. 258), was a missionary who is believed to have founded, and been the first bishop of, the Church in Paris, where he is buried. He was put to death for the faith on "Martyrs' Hill" (Montmartre) along with a priest, Rusticus and a Deacon, Eleutherius.

St John Leonardi (d. 1609) was the founder of the Congregation of Clerics of the Mother of God. He was also associated with the first society of priests dedicated to the foreign missions, which later was to become the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Wednesday October 10th: Feria. (Green). *Optional memoria of St Paulinus of York, Bishop. (White)*

- **October Devotions at 8 p.m.**

St Paulinus (d. 644) was the first bishop of York, sent to England by Pope St Gregory the Great. After pagans overran York he fled to Kent and founded the see of Rochester.

Thursday October 11th: Feria. (Green). *Optional memoria of Bl William Howard, English Martyr*

- **October Devotions at 8 p.m.**

Bl William Howard (d. 1680) was the grandson of St. Philip Howard, who was also a martyr for the faith. William was falsely implicated in the notorious anti-Catholic Titus Oates "plot" allegedly conspiring to kill King Charles I. As Lord Stafford, he was tried by the Lords on the charge of High Treason, but he acquitted himself and defended his faith with great courage and dignity. He was, however, convicted and executed on Tower Hill.

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

- **October Devotions at 8 p.m.**

St Wilfrid (d. 709) was born in Northumbria and educated at Lindisfarne. As Abbot of Ripon he strongly advocated adopting Roman practices for the sake of Church unity. Appointed bishop of York in 666, he went to France to be ordained, but was away so long that St. Chad was appointed in his place. On his return he reclaimed his see but was instrumental in having Chad appointed the first bishop of Lichfield soon afterwards.

Saturday October 13th: Our Lady on Saturday (White); or Feria. (Green); or optional memoria of St Edward the Confessor, King of England. (White)

- **Mass 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 and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass**
- **Vigil Mass of the TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR at 5.45 p.m. (Green)**

St Edward (d.1066) was the last Anglo-Saxon King of England and was much loved by his people on account of his love for the poor and his easy accessibility to his subjects. He founded Westminster Abbey and dedicated it in honour of St. Peter, as an act of loyal homage to the see of Rome. His tomb in the Abbey is still intact. Being that of a king, Henry VIII did not destroy it, unlike every other saint's shrine throughout the land.

Sunday October 14th: The TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Green)

Mass Times:

- **8.30 a.m. Low Mass**
- **10.30 a.m. High Mass**
- **12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)**
- **12.45 p.m. Latin Mass 1962 Missal (In the Cloister Chapel)**
- **5.30 p.m. Low Mass**
- **Vespers and Benediction: 7.30**

Please pray for the sick: Barbara Carey, Frank McGuinness, Miles Drew, Olive Shelton, Carole Halls, Margaret Corbett, Karen Scragg, Peggy Archer, Desmond Williams, Elizabeth Snape, Edward Snape, Mary Mackay, John McCann, Emily Nugent, Kerry Mooney, Emma Wilson, Jacqueline Griffiths and Maria Constantinou. **Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:** John Butler, Bernard Faulkner and Ian Wardle; **and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Fr Ignatius Ryder of this Oratory, Charles Henry Nicholls, Alfred Mealand, Bernard Wardell, Howard Caswall, Nora Butler, Angela Clarkson, Sonnie Ramsey, Margaret O'Leary, Chris Dunne and Kathy Prince.

Daniel Tuck's funeral is on Monday at 12.45 p.m. Burial at Thimble Mill Cemetery. Reception of remains before Mass.

The following are requested to read next weekend, October 12th/13th, the Twenty-eighth Sunday

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Kirsty Butler
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Margaret Hawkins
12.00 p.m.: Peter Leather
5.30 p.m.: Brendan Cummins

Collections:

Twenty-sixth Sunday, 30th September:
Offertery: £1,467
Second: Diocesan Development Fund: £504
Thank you

The Second Collection today will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) which works for the poor and needy throughout the world.

Next week's Second Collection will be for The Diocesan Development Fund

TODAY

TODAY IS THE WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER for peace and to uphold the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. Today would be the Feast of the Holy Rosary but for being a Sunday. It is also the 5th anniversary of the consecration of our church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. *There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2-5 p.m. during which our rosaries will contribute to the several million being said this day throughout the world for the intentions mentioned above.*

TODAY'S FAST DAY COLLECTION is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) which works for the poor and needy throughout the world.

SPUC NEWSPAPER the latest edition is now available **free of charge** at the Church Doors. Please take one and keep up to date with the Pro-Life cause!

THIS WEEK

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS : nightly short meditation, Rosary and Benediction at 8 p.m. every weekday evening in October.

ADORATION AT REDNAL will take place on Wednesday beginning with Mass at 2.30 p.m.

ORATORY PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS/ carers: The series of short talks on the Faith recommence on Monday, 8th October, in the Music Room at school. The first talk will be 'Living the Commandments'

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB meets on Tuesday from 12-2 p.m. Cop-

ies of Pope Benedict's book, 'Jesus of Nazareth' are available on the Piety Stall. For details of the Club, please 'phone Jackie Parkes: 688 4154 rosary@blueyonder.co.uk

ST PAUL'S GIRLS SCHOOL invites Year 11 Girls and Parents to an Information Evening on **TRANSITION TO THE SIXTH FORM** on Wednesday, 10th October at 7 p.m. in the School Hall, Vernon Road, Edgbaston

HAGLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Open Day Sat 13th Oct 9-12 a.m. VI Form Information Evening: Thurs 18th Oct. 7.30 p.m

SOCIETY OF ST HUGH meets on Saturday 13th October at 12 noon in the Oratory House. New members welcome.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIENDS OF CARDINAL NEWMAN AGM takes place on Wednesday 17th October at 7.30 p.m. followed by a presentation: "Newman, Elgar & the Dream of Gerontius"

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT: Moming of Prayer & Witness: Sat 27th October, commencing with Mass at 8 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, then walking, saying the Rosary, to the Calthorpe (abortion) Clinic, Arthur Road, returning to the Oratory for Benediction at 10.45.

PIETY STALL: *Christmas cards, cribs calendars etc will be on sale from next weekend.*