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July 25th 2010: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAYER FOR BEGINNERS

In a way it's rather comforting to hear in today's Gospel that the Apostles needed help to learn to pray. They had been chosen by Our Lord to be His closest helpers and companions and yet they felt that they didn't know how to pray properly. They saw Jesus praying; they also knew that St. John the Baptist had given his own followers some careful guidance in prayer; and so they asked Our Lord to teach them how to pray as well.

This is the origin of the "Lord's Prayer", the very prayer which Jesus Himself taught His followers to use. Both St. Matthew and St. Luke record this for us. St. Matthew's version is slightly longer, and is the one with which we are familiar. St. Luke's, which we hear today, is more condensed and omits two of the invocations with which we are familiar. This is typical of St. Luke's practice of abridging and adapting texts which a non-Jewish audience, for which he was writing, might find difficult to understand.

How does St. Luke's shortened version of Our Lord's prayer help us to understand it any better? The phrases he leaves out are in a sense contained in those he writes down for us. For instance, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven", which St. Matthew alone records for us, completes and expands the meaning of "Thy kingdom come", which is the only phrase St. Luke gives us here. Similarly, Luke omits

"deliver us from evil", as being an expansion of "Do not put us to the test", or to put it more familiarly—"Lead us not into temptation".

This gives us five invocations in St. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer: the first two are devoted entirely to God and His glory, the final three to our own special needs.

1. *Father, may your name be held holy.* The first invocation opens with the title "Father". God is not simply the supreme Being and Creator, but He is also a loving parent, who encourages us to address Him with a name that inspires trust, confidence and love for Him in return. We also pray for the fulfilment of the First Commandment which emphasises the uniqueness and infinite holiness of God, and asks that all creation may give Him the honour due to Him as God.
2. *Your kingdom come.* This invocation is a prayer for God's reign to be complete in every part of creation. It is easy to see how this includes the invocation which follows it in our more familiar version of the prayer: "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven". Wherever God reigns, there His will must be done. We pray here for every person who ignores or opposes God's Will to acknowledge Him with joy and gratitude, and for ourselves to be fully conscious at all times of His Will and to put it into action.
3. *Give us each day our daily bread.* We now turn to our own needs. First we pray for our sustenance, for all that we need in order to live.
4. *Forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.* This invocation is one of the most important and difficult to put into effect. We note also that it is the only one that contains a condition. We ask God's forgiveness for our sins *only in as much as* we forgive those who sin against us, who are therefore "in debt" to us. Our Lord frequently tells us in His parables about the need to cancel others' debts to us if we wish our own to be cancelled by God.
5. *Do not put us to the test.* This invocation implies the familiar final phrase "but deliver us from evil", even though it is not explicitly included here. It is a prayer for deliverance from all forms of spiritual danger that might imperil our souls and our eternal salvation. It might seem at first that we are almost accusing God of leading us into temptation, but this is to misinterpret a form of speech that Jews would find quite natural. We should understand this part of the prayer to mean that we are asking God never to abandon us but to grant us all we need to avoid damnation.

Sunday July 25th: Seventeenth 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>Sung Congregational 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 1 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 26th July: Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady. Memoria. (White).

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

St Joachim and St Anne: We honour Our Lady's parents who were her first exemplars and teachers, and who dedicated her to God.

Tuesday 27th July: Feria. (Green). Optional memoria of Blessed Robert Sutton, Priest & English Martyr. (Red)

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

Bl Robert Sutton (1545-88) An Anglican minister in Burton-on-Trent, he was converted by his younger brother William (who became a Jesuit) and went to Douay to study for the priesthood. He was ordained with another of his brothers, Abraham, and they returned to England. Fr Robert ministered successfully in Staffordshire for seven years before being arrested and banished in 1585, but he returned secretly and continued working until his arrest in 1588. He was hanged, drawn and quartered. His brother Abraham rescued a portion of his body, including a thumb, kept at Stoneyhurst College.

Wednesday 28th July: Feria. (Green).

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.**

Thursday 29th July: St Martha. Memoria. (White).

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.**

St Martha: The Gospels tell us that Our Lord was a regular visitor to the house of Martha and Mary (of Bethany) and their brother Lazarus. Following Lazarus' death, Martha ran out to greet Jesus, leaving their guests, demonstrating her adherence to Our Lord's earlier words. It was to her that He declared "I am the Resurrection and the Life", and she declared her great faith in Him as "The Christ, the Son of the Living God".

Friday 30th July: Feria. Optional memoria. St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.**

St Peter Chrysologus (400-50) The name *Chrysologus* means "of the golden word" and he earned this title due to his eloquent and profound preaching. Bishop of Ravenna in Italy, he was responsible for the conversion of many pagans. He did much to stamp out abuses in the Church and defended the true Faith in the person of Our Lord as true God and true Man.

Saturday 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. Memoria. (White)

- **Low Mass at 8 a.m.**
- **(Nb. No Latin Mass at 9.30 a.m. until shrine is finished)**
- **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 (Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time) at 5.45 p.m.**

St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) A Basque nobleman and soldier he was converted during a period of convalescence after being injured in battle. He became a priest in Paris and with some friends founded the Society of Jesus, better known as the "Jesuits".

August 1st: the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: (Green)

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. Sung Congregational in English**
- **7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction**

Please pray for the sick Brenda Molloy, Ethel Pri-day, Thomas Agga, Josephine Spooner, Imelda Martinez, Nick Usher-Somers, Ute Bowyer, Thelma Havelin, May Colquhoun, Kevan Bleach, Tony Farmer, Maurice Hynes, James Foynes, Michael McCann, Philip McCann, David Pritchard, Carolyn Knight, and Barbara Jarvis.

Of your charity please pray for those who have died recently:;

and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Dennis Devere, Lorna O'Shea, Joseph Glynn, Jack L Jones, Ivy Gilbert, Marie-Therese Jones, Kathleen Jenkins and Muriel Rose.

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, July 31st/August 1st 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.45 p.m: Anne Roebuck
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Margaret Hawkins
12.00 p.m.: Dulcie Robinson
5.30 p.m.: Brendan Cummins

Collections last week:

16th Sunday of the Year: 18th July, 2010

Offertory: £1,425

*Second: Cardinal Newman's Shrine: £1,055
(Separate Donations: Cardinal Newman's shrine: £10,600
(Target £45,000)*

Very Many thanks!

TODAY

THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers), and the second collection will be for their work.

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).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The FRIENDS OF THE POOR CLARES Sponsored Walk and Summer BBQ take place on 1st August starting at 2 p.m. To register for the walk please contact Matthew Bowen: 07801 538 776. Please see poster for more details.

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 September 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 BEATIFICATION OF CARDINAL NEWMAN will be on Sunday 19th September and it is essential that you book on a coach in order to gain access to the Beatification site. Travel to and from the site will be £15. Full details will be given in due course. Forms are to be found at the back of church and when completed **must be returned to the Oratory in an**

envelope marked "Beatification". Please do *not* send to Pax Travel. The final date for submission of applications is Friday, August 6th

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.** **Very many thanks to you all for last weekend's second collection and to those of you who have made specific donations 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 but a great deal more is needed. 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.**

NOTICES

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: Would any family willing to give short term accommodation to a 20 year old woman who refuses to have an abortion and has been expelled from home, please either speak to Fr Guy as soon as possible, or else ring Nieve on 07966765954

The CHOIR AT 5.30 MASS on Sundays welcomes new members. No previous experience of choir singing is necessary, nor ability to read music. Regular weekly attendance not essential. Simply turn up at 5 p.m. on any Sunday at the rear Organ gallery (entrance by the back door of the Church).

SERVERS: Volunteers are still wanted for all Sunday Masses. Training will be given. Please see one of the Fathers.