

# THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Parish Weekly Newsletter

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### August 10th 2008: THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



#### PETER'S FAITH IS TESTED

Our Lord's walking on the water is one of His most unusual miracles, since, unlike His healing the sick or raising the dead, this miracle is not done for any other purpose than *simply to prove His divinity to His disciples*. They are terrified at the sight of Him upon the waters of the stormy sea, and cry out in fear. Our Lord then calls out to them: "Have courage! It is I!"

How typical of Peter to be the first to respond with great enthusiasm and impetuosity: "Lord, if it really is you, then order me to come across the water to you." When Our Lord tells him "Come!", he sets off without a second thought. He is fine as long as he keeps his eyes and mind on Jesus. The moment he becomes distracted by the wind and the waves around him he suddenly loses faith and panics and begins to drown. However, this is the moment for an urgent appeal of faith: "Lord! Save me!" So Jesus

takes his hand at once and holds him, saying both in rebuke and in reassurance: "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" Then, when He has stepped into the boat still holding Peter's hand, the Apostles prostrate themselves in awe and worship Him saying, "Truly You are the Son of God!"

#### OUR LADY IN HEAVENLY GLORY

Friday is the great Solemnity and Holiday of Obligation in which we commemorate Our Lady's triumphant entry, both body and soul together, into heavenly glory. For the remainder of redeemed mankind, death separates our bodies from our souls until the day of resurrection at the end of the world, when finally our bodies will be raised again to be glorious copies of Our Lord's own risen body—still recognisably our own, yet transformed beyond all the weaknesses and limitations of this present life, just as Our Lord's risen body was transformed, yet still ultimately one and the same after His resurrection as before.

Only for Mary, as for her Divine Son, has the resurrection already taken place without the loss and corruption of her body. The Church teaches that this special privilege belongs to Mary because of the peculiar sinlessness of her body as well as of her soul. By the foreseen merits of her Son's redemptive work, Our Lady was created free from sin. Just as her soul was prepared for the coming of her Divine Son into the world, so was her body prepared, too. Only a sinless body could receive Almighty God made man. Only her sinless soul could fittingly bring Him up in the world of men, and prepare Him for His divine mission as our Saviour.

Our Lady rightly enjoys the fullness of heavenly glory with her Son, befitting her status as the "New Eve". For although Eve was the "mother of all that live", yet together with Adam she brought sin and death into the world, which all their children share in. Mary, by contrast with Eve, is the "mother of all that live *in Christ*", who is the new Adam. As Eve shared in the guilt of Adam's sin, so Mary shares in the healing from sin and death brought us by Christ. Mary is the Redeemer's work of absolute perfection, for she is indeed the first of all the redeemed and a pattern for us all that we are one day called to follow. For when we contemplate the sinless Mother of God in glory we are contemplating the triumph that her Son's death and resurrection have brought to mankind, in which one day we hope to share in heaven.



### Sunday August 10th: The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (Green)

*Year 1 or A of the Lectionary at Mass and Psalter Week 3*

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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>1962 rite Mass (in the church)</i> | • 5.30 p.m. <i>Sung Congregational Mass</i>        |
| • 10.30 a.m. <i>High Mass</i>                     | • 7.30 p.m. <i>Solemn Vespers and Benediction</i>  |

#### NINETEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Liturgical Calendar

*Monday to Thursday:*

*Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Rosary at 7.45 p.m. Triduo before the Assumption (Tues-Thurs) at 8 p.m.*

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

*Please see overleaf for exceptions this week*

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

- **Mass for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman at 7.30 p.m.**

**St Clare** (1194-1253) An Italian noblewoman, she became a follower of St Francis at Assisi and was inspired to give up everything and devote her life entirely to Our Lord. When other girls and women joined her, they formed the first female Franciscan Order, the *Poor Clares*.

**Tuesday August 12th: Feria. (Green).**

- **Triduo before the Assumption at 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday August 13th: Feria. (Green). Optional memorias of St Pontianus, Pope & Martyr, & St Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr. (Red); or of Bl William Freeman, English Martyr. (Red)**

- **Triduo before the Assumption at 8 p.m.**

**St Pontianus** (d.235) He became Pope in 231, but was exiled to the salt mines of Sardinia by the Emperor Maximinus, where he died of ill-treatment.

**St Hippolytus** (d.235) A Roman priest, he was originally in opposition to the Pope as he thought him too lax towards sinners, and had himself elected as Antipope. Like Pontianus, he was exiled to the salt mines. He became reconciled to the Church and died a holy death. It is from him that we learn so much about the Church in the 3rd century.

**Bl William Freeman** (1558-95) From Yorkshire, he was educated at Oxford. The martyrdom of Bl. Edmund Strensham, at which he was present, led to his conversion and to the priesthood. He worked here, in the Midlands, for some six years before being betrayed, leading to his arrest and execution at Warwick.

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

- **Tomorrow is a Holyday of Obligation.** The 5.45 p.m. Mass today fulfils the Obligation
- **Triduo before the Assumption at 8 p.m.**

**St Maximilian Kolbe** (1894-1941) A Polish Franciscan, he suffered poor health, but despite this, he worked to great effect in Poland and Japan fostering devotion to Our Lady through the media. During the Nazi occupation he harboured thousands of Jews, but was eventually captured and sent to Auschwitz. In retaliation for the escape of several prisoners the Nazis condemned many more prisoners, chosen at random, to death by starvation. St. Maximilian offered himself for execution in place of a man who was overcome with sorrow at the effect his death would have on his family

**Friday August 15th: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY. (White)**

- **HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**
- **Masses at 7.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. (Extraordinary Form), 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.**
- **Solemn High Mass at 8 p.m.**

**Saturday August 16th: Our Lady on Saturday. (White); or Feria. (green); or optional memoria of St Stephen of Hungary. (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 and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass**
- **First Mass of Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year, at 5.45 p.m.**

**St Stephen of Hungary** (975-1038) was the first King of Hungary, having united the Magyar tribes under one rule for the first time. He was also a devout and committed Catholic and worked energetically for the conversion of his people to Catholicism, founding the archiepiscopal see of Esztergom and the Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma. The royal crown he received from Pope Sylvester II in 1001 remained in use as the Hungarian crown until the beginning of the twentieth century, last being used to crown the Bl. Emperor Karl in 1917.

**Sunday August 17th : The Twentieth 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. High Mass**
- **12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)**
- **5.30 p.m. Low Mass**
- **7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction**

**Please pray for the sick:** Sr Anne of the Holy Spirit D.C., Vincenzo Kiliberto, Marion Arnott-Job, Evelyn Arrigho, Frank McGuinness, Patrick Hurley, Margaret Casey and Marie-Therese Jones.

**Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:** Sheila Hayes, George Thorpe and Bridget McCann;

**and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Fr Basil Lynch and Fr Michael Day, both of this Oratory, Kenneth Pope, Phyllis Heaton, Nora Harrison, Bill Shields, Mary Coghlan and Margaret Girling.

George Thorpe's funeral is on Tuesday at 12.45. Reception of remains before Mass.

**The following are requested to read next weekend, August 16th/17th: Twentieth Sunday:**

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Anne Roebuck  
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Murray Wilson-Browne  
12.00 p.m. Sr Hilary  
5.30 p.m.: David Doran

#### **Collections**

18th Sunday of the Year, 27th July:  
Offertory: £1,170  
Second: Cardinal Newman's Cause: £1,023

*Thank you*

**Second Collection today is for the DDF**

#### **TODAY**

**The Second Collection this weekend is for Diocesan Development Fund**

**The Annual Prayers at Cardinal Newman's graveside** at the Oratory House, Leach Green Lane, Rednal will take place today at 3 p.m. Please see the poster on the Notice Boards for more information.

**N.B. The Sunday 5.30 Mass will not be sung for the whole of August.**

**The PIETY STALL** is open in the Lower Cloister Hall.

#### **THIS WEEK**

**The ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF CARDINAL NEWMAN** is on **Monday, August 11th**, the 118th, anniversary of his death, at 7.30 p.m.

**ADORATION AT REDNAL** may take place this week on Wednesday. Please ring the Oratory on Wednesday to find out if this will be held as usual. If so, the Mass will be at 2.30 p.m, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**FRIDAY is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven, and a Holiday of Obligation.**

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY** at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire, takes place on Sunday 17th August, commencing with Mass at 3.00 p.m. Please see the poster on the Notice Board in the Cloisters, which gives full details.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB:** Meetings recommence on Friday, 19th September (12-2 p.m.) . (Please see posters for more details). We will be studying and discussing *Saint Gianna Molla, Wife Mother, Doctor*. The book is available on the Piety Stall, priced at £8.95, but a refund of approximately 12.5% will be given to those who attend the book club.

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