

# THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Parish Weekly Newsletter

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## October 10th 2010: THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE FORTY HOURS



We have recently been granted many great joys: notably, only three weeks ago seeing our Holy Founder, Cardinal Newman, enrolled among the Blessed in heaven; being visited on the same day by our Holy Father the Pope; and then only yesterday the first ever celebration of the new Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman.

Consequently we have decided to hold our annual festival of the Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament a little later than usual—in fact, during this coming week rather than during the first week of October when we have been used to holding it.

For the future also, in order not to celebrate Blessed John Henry and the Forty Hours too close together, we will be moving the Forty Hours to the midweek nearest to the Feast of the Holy Cross, September 14th.

But for now we have a lot to look back on with great gratitude to God—mostly for the blessing of the beatification, and for the success of our Holy Father's visit to our country, our city and our Oratory. We should always remember the duty of giving thanks to God for His many blessings. That is why we should be especially careful to make arrangements to come to the Forty Hours this week.

Then also we must remember not only to thank God for recent blessings, but to pray for all that may lie ahead of us. We now stand on the threshold of a new era in the life of the Church in England and in Blessed John Henry's Oratory. God has given us these great joys in order to inspire us to make good use of the opportunities they present. We are to carry forward the work that Blessed John Henry has bequeathed to us, and that the Pope has recommended to us. None of this work can be done without the constant help of Almighty God. We cannot hope to do any good thing for God if we attempt it without Him. That is why we hold the Forty Hours each year, so that we can draw strength, comfort, inspiration and new life from our Lord and Saviour's living presence in the Sacred Host, exposed in the monstrance above the Altar for us to adore and to find in Him friendship and spiritual nourishment so that we can faithfully set about all He is calling us to do for Him.

From Tuesday evening to Thursday evening this week please make a special effort to come and pray in the wonderful presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Everyone is invited to spend at least a half hour in quiet prayer and recollection. Prayer books are provided to help focus our attention and to enjoy and use the time well. Please try and sign up for a half hour "slot" at the back of church today so that Our Lord is never left alone on the Altar, where He is waiting for us to come to Him. Candles to be burned on and around the altar during those special forty hours of prayer and adoration will also be on sale today in the Cloisters after Mass. They can also be part of your self-offering during these coming days, though remember that no candle, however large, can be a substitute for your own personal presence face-to-face with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

### Sunday October 10th: The Twenty-eighth 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 English Mass</i> |
| • 10.30 a.m. <i>High Mass</i>                 | • 6.30 p.m. <i>Vespers and Benediction</i>          |

### Liturgical Calendar

*Year 2 of the Lectionary at Weekday Mass and Psalter Week 4 in the Divine Office*

*Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Rosary after the 12.45 & 5.45 p.m. Masses. (For Saturday: see over)*  
*Holy Hour: Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m.- 9 a.m. PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT SCHEDULE DURING THE FORTY HOURS. SEE OVER THE PAGE. October devotions at c. 6.05 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.*

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

**Monday 11th October: Feria.** (Green). Optional memoria of **Bl. William Howard**, layman, martyr. (Red)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m.**
- **October Devotions (including the Rosary) at 6.05 p.m.**

**Bl. William Howard** (d.1680), Lord Stafford, martyred on Tower Hill on a trumped-up charge of treason during the so-called “popish plot” invented by Titus Oates.

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

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m.**
- **October Devotions (incl the Rosary) at 6.05 p.m.**
- **Solemn High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 p.m. to open the 40 Hours followed by watching before the Blessed sacrament until midnight.**

**St Wilfrid** (d. 709) One of the greatest Anglo-Saxon Saints of Northumbria who helped to establish Roman standards in the English Church.

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

- **Exposition continues throughout the day except at Mass times.**
- **Rosary after 12.45 Mass and after 5.45 Mass**
- **Sung Mass for Peace at 7.30 p.m. followed by All Night Vigil**

**St Edward** (d. 1066) loved by his people on account of his great love of the poor, he founded Westminster Abbey in which he still lies in his original shrine behind the altar.

**Thursday 14th October: Feria.** (Green). Optional memoria of **St Callistus I**, Pope and martyr (red).

- **Exposition continues throughout the day except at Mass times.**
- **Rosary after 12.45 Mass and after 5.45 Mass**
- **Solemn High Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30 p.m. followed by indoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude the Forty Hours.**

**Pope St Callistus I** (d. 222) famed for his lenient treatment of penitent apostates, the best known and most visited Christian catacomb in Rome is named after him.

**Friday 15th October: Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memoria.** (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m.**
- **October Devotions (including the Rosary) at 6.05 p.m.**

**St. Teresa (d.1582)** founded the reformed branch of the Carmelites with the help of St. John of the Cross. She was also a mystic endowed with a remarkably practical wisdom.

**Saturday 16th October: Our Lady on Saturday** (White); or **Feria.** (Green). Optional memoria of or of **St. Hedwig**, (white), or of **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, Virgin (white)

- **Low Mass at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.**
- **Latin Low Mass (EF) at 9.30 a.m. in Bl John Henry’s Shrine**
- **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 (Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year) at 5.30 p.m. (new time)**

**October 17th: the Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year: (Green)**

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

- **8.30 a.m. Low Mass**
- **9.30 a.m. Low Latin Mass (1962 missal)**
- **10.30 a.m. Solemn High Mass**
- **12.00 noon Family Mass**
- **5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational English Mass**
- **6.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction (please note new time)**

**Please pray for the sick** Janet Spanswick, Patrick Turner, Jimmy Cunningham, Brenda Molloy, Nick Usher-Somers, Ute Bowyer, Miles Drew, Ann Williamson, Jacqueline Griffiths, Harold Johnson, Elizabeth Friday, Carolyn Knight, Tony Colquoun, Thelma Havelin, May Colquhoun, Michael McCann, Philip McCann and Barbara Jarvis.

**Of your charity please pray for those who have died recently:** Canon Anthony Piercy and Josephine Spooner;

**and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Bernard Wardell, Maura Murphy, Hilda Jones, Helen Westbrook, Judith Heron, Sunny Ramsey, Kathy Price and Alfred Mealand.

**The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, October 16th/17th The Twenty-ninth Sunday**

*Saturday 5.45 p.m.:* Jenni Hardwick  
*Sunday 8.30 a.m.:* Peter Bateman  
*12.00 p.m.:* Dennis Wood  
*5.30 p.m.:* Jason Mahoney

### **Collections last week:**

*The Twenty-seventh Sunday:*  
*3rd October, 2010*

Offertory: £1,459  
Second Collection: ‘Harvest Fast Day’: £1, 154  
Organ (for shrine) Fund £100

*Many thanks*

### **TODAY**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** will be for Blessed John Henry’s Shrine.

**CANDLES FOR FORTY HOURS** are on sale in the Cloisters after Mass today.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** will be on sale after all Masses for the Daughters of Divine Love, who are our Parish Visiting Sisters.

**THE PIETY STALL** is now open on Saturdays, and after Sunday morning Masses and on Sunday afternoons. Medals, rosaries and other commemorative items of the beatification of **Blessed John Henry Newman** are on sale this weekend as is the **Beatification Authorised Biography**, together with books of **Blessed John Henry’s own writings**.

### **THIS WEEK**

**FORTY HOURS:** Please note that our Forty Hours devdion takes place this week commencing on Tuesday 12th October. See above.

**WATCHING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** please sign up on the list at the back of Church to watch before the Blessed Sacrament during the Forty Hours.

**There will be a HOLY HOUR** from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and Adoration from 8.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. on Saturday.

**THE SIEGE OF JERICHO**, to pray for an end to the scourge of legal abortion, takes place this week, beginning on Monday afternoon with Holy Mass in Blessed John Henry’s shrine chapel at 3 p.m and each afternoon thereafter, followed each day by a procession along the roads around the Arthur Road Abortion Clinic praying the Rosary etc. On Sunday next, October 17th, there will be no Mass beforehand but there will be a prolonged sevenfold procession with Rosary, hymns and other devotions beginning outside the Clinic at 2.00 p.m.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** : Please remember that you can obtain a **PLENARY INDULGENCE** (under usual conditions) each day in

October by praying five decades of the Rosary in Church (see ‘October Devotions’ below) , or as a family or in a special group, or even a Partial Indulgence by praying fewer than five decades or by praying the Rosary on your own.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS** continue each weekday evening **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 5.45 P.M. Mass, so at c. at 6.05 p.m.** They consist of the Rosary, a short meditation and Benediction. **Note the new time of evening devotions and please do your best to attend!**

The **WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION** is holding a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday in the Lower Cloister Hall, immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**The acclaimed film about Our Lady at Fatima, THE 13TH DAY** will be shown in the Upper Cloister Hall on Wednesday 27th October at 8 p.m. The film’s producer will also give a short introduction.

### **NOTICES**

**BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN’S SHRINE:** We are raising **£18,000** for the new organ in the chapel, better suited to the purpose of enhancing worship there. **Thank you to all those who have contributed so far or have offered help with a short-term interest-free loan. Additional donations will be very gratefully received!**

**OPENING TIMES OF THE SHRINE:** Please note that the shrine is open when the church is open. On Saturdays and Sundays, this will be all day. During the week, at present, the church will be open at usual times. (Generally, half to three-quarters of an hour before and after services.)

**APF RED BOX HOLDERS:** The APF Year-End is 30th September and **all boxes** will need to be emptied. Please co-operate with your collectors in exchanging your red boxes over the next few weeks. *Many thanks.*