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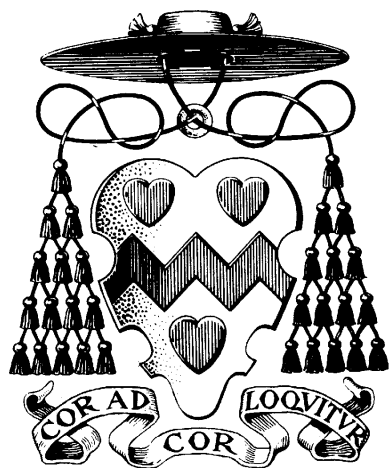
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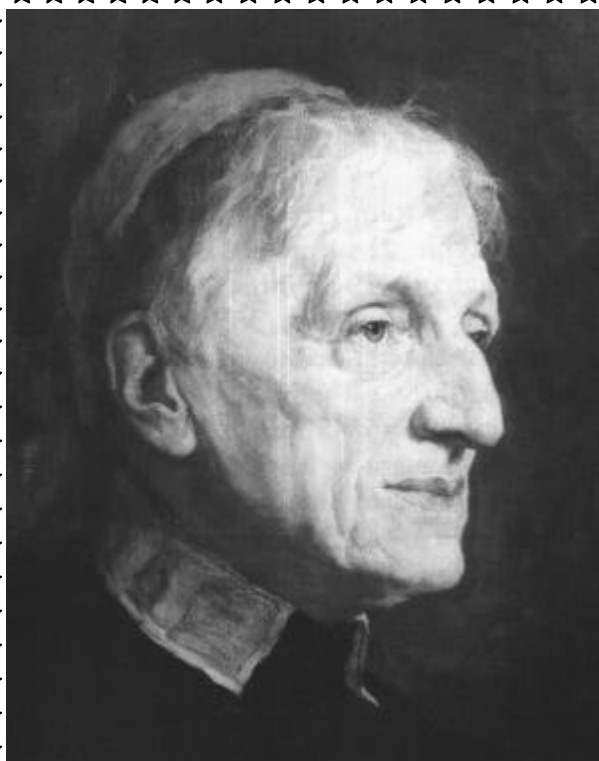
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September 26th 2010: THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Blessed John Henry Newman



Pope Benedict XVI

“He lived out that profoundly human vision of priestly ministry in his devoted care for the people of Birmingham during the years that he spent at the Oratory he founded, visiting the sick and the poor, comforting the bereaved, caring for those in prison. No wonder that on his death so many thousands of people lined the local streets as his body was taken to its place of burial not half a mile from here. One hundred and twenty years later, great crowds have assembled once again to rejoice in the Church’s solemn recognition of the outstanding holiness of this much-loved father of souls. What better way to express the joy of this moment than by turning to our heavenly Father in heartfelt thanksgiving, praying in the words that Blessed John Henry Newman placed on the lips of the choirs of angels in heaven:

Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!”

From the Holy Father Pope Benedict’s Homily at the Beatification of Blessed John Henry in Cofton Park

Sunday September 26th: The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

- 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 English Mass
- 6.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction

Liturgical Calendar

Year 2 of the Lectionary at Weekday Mass and Psalter Week 2 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: 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 27th September: St Vincent de Paul, Priest. Memoria. (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m. and c. 6.05 p.m.**

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) Born into a poor family, he was educated by the Franciscans showing early academic promise, and was ordained at Toulouse at the age of only twenty. On a voyage, in 1605, he was captured by Tunisian pirates and after escaping dedicated the rest of his life in works of charity, extending to all classes of person. He was renowned for his humility, and is the Patron of charitable societies.

Tuesday 28th September: Feria. (Green). Optional memorias of St Wenceslaus, Martyr. (Red); or of St Laurence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs. (Red)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m. and c. 6.05 p.m.**
- **Benediction at 8 p.m.**

St Wenceslaus (907-929) As Duke of Bohemia, he strove to bring the Gospel to his people, but he was opposed by his pagan brother who murdered him.

St Laurence Ruiz & Comps (17th c.) A Manilan and a pious married layman, he accompanied a secret Dominican mission to Japan. A terrible storm forced them to land at Okinawa where they were put to death with horrible ferocity by the Japanese.

Wednesday 29th September: The Archangels St Michael, St Raphael and St Gabriel. Feast. (White).

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m. and c. 6.05 p.m.**

The three Archangels are given special honour because they each are entrusted with a special ministry: **Michael** is the defender against the Devil; **Gabriel**, the messenger, was entrusted with the most important announcement ever made to a human being, The Incarnation of the Son of God; **Raphael** is entrusted with a special mission of healing and loosing mankind from the power of Satan, as told in the O. T. Book of Tobit.

Thursday 30th September: St Jerome, Priest & Dr of the Church. Memoria. (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at 1.05 p.m. and 6.05 p.m.**

St Jerome (d.420) A learned priest, he compiled the official Latin version of the Bible known as the "Vulgate", and wrote many important commentaries on the sacred text.

Friday 1st October: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church. Memoria. (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** • **Rosary at c. 1.05 p.m.**
- **October Devotions at 6.30 p.m.**

St Thérèse (1873-97) "The Little Flower" was endowed with remarkable grace and knowledge of divine things from her childhood. She joined the Carmelites at an age well below the usual limit after personally obtaining a special dispensation from Pope Leo XIII. She suffered greatly and died at only 24, having written her remarkable autobiography "The Story of a Soul". She was declared a Doctor (i.e. teacher) of the Church due to her teaching of the "Little Way" as an available means to sanctity for all.

Saturday 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels. Memoria. (White)

- **Low Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Pilgrims' Mass)**
- **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-seventh Sunday of the Year) at 5.30 p.m. (new time)**

The Holy Guardian Angels: Our Lord Himself speaks of the Angels appointed by God to guide each of us through life. When we recall the hatred the Devil has for us, and his great intelligence, we should be grateful for such powerful protection.

October 3rd: the Twenty-seventh 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 Miles Drew, Brenda Molloy, Ann Williamson, Jacqueline Griffiths, Harold Johnson, Elizabeth Priday, Josephine Spooner, Carolyn Knight, Tony Colquou, Nick Usher-Somers, Ute Bowyer, Thelma Havelin, May Colquhoun, Michael McCann, Philip McCann and Barbara Jarvis.

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

and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr Laurence Daly, Pippa Reid, Alfred Boswell, Patty Drinkwater, Grant Roberts, Winifred Hammond, Michael Tomkins, Anthony Osborne, Margaret Murray, Patricia Ruttle, Paul May, Marian Arnott-Job, Lyn Nolan, Mary & Patrick Moran, Paul Quinn, Thomas Mooney, Susan Lord, Sarah & Terry Feely, Doreen Cotterill and Henry Moran.

Sadie Winward's funeral is on Tuesday at 12.45 p.m. Reception of remains: before Mass.

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, October 2nd/3rd The Twenty-seventh Sunday

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Anne Roebuck
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Peter Bateman
12.00 p.m.: Chris Sammons
5.30 p.m.: Simon Stacey

Collections last week:

The Twenty-fifth Sunday:
19th September, 2010

Offertory: £845
Second: Cardinal Newman's Shrine: £523
Thank you

TODAY

THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend will be for Father Hudson's Society which cares for needy people of all ages in the Diocese. Our Archbishop has sent this message: "...Please be part of this work by giving generously to their Annual Collection and through your prayer support."

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

There will be a HOLY HOUR from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each weekday. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** in the Cloister Chapel will take place this week on Wednesday and will commence with Mass at 2.30 p.m. and end with Benediction at c. 4.50 p.m.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY : Please remember that you can obtain a **PLENARY INDULGENCE** 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 commence on Friday at 6.30 p.m. consisting of the Rosary, a short meditation and Benediction. They will continue on weekday evenings throughout October (except during Forty Hours).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The SECOND COLLECTION next weekend: Friday is 'Harvest Fast Day' for the Hungry and Needy of the World and the second collection next weekend will be for this purpose.

FORTY HOURS: Please note that our Forty Hours devotion will not start on the first Tuesday of October, but on the Tuesday following Blessed Cardinal Newman's Feast. Therefore, this year it will commence on Tuesday 12th October.

NOTICES

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN'S SHRINE: We are aiming next to raise £18,000 to install a new, small organ in the chapel, more worthy of the setting and better suited to the purpose of enhancing prayer and worship there. We have hired one for the Pope's visit which we can only keep for a couple of weeks. **Please help us to buy one like it!**

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.)

STEWARDS: many thanks to all those who volunteered as stewards during the time of the Beatification and the Pope's visit. We are also very grateful to those who have offered to continue as stewards for the foreseeable future.

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.*