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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th October 2020

Dear Parishioners,

This week sees the feast of our great Birmingham saint, St John Henry Newman. It is on Friday (9th October). On that day our two new auxiliary Bishops are being ordained, Canon David Evans who will be the Bishop for our area and Canon Stephen Wright who will be the Bishop for Staffordshire. The ordination will be live streamed from St. Chad’s Cathedral at 12 noon. Please pray for them. We shall be having a Mass for the feast at that time at St. Joseph’s Church and you are welcome to attend.

Monday is the memorial of St. Faustina. We are particularly familiar with her through the Divine Mercy revelations she received and the Divine Mercy picture of our Lord. She was a Polish nun who lived in 20th century and is remarkably similar to our own Patron Saint, St Margaret Mary, a French nun who lived in the 17th century. We shall be celebrating St. Margaret Mary on Friday week, 16th October, a Solemnity for us. Both of them wrote spiritual diaries and they are well worth reading.

Wednesday is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. It originally celebrated the great victory over the Muslim fleet at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. All the sailors prayed the rosary together before the start of battle and all the people of Rome prayed it too. Today the great threat to Christianity is secular atheism. Perhaps we can all pray the rosary this Wednesday for victory over this poisonous philosophy.

Do keep your eye on the Diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>. It has many things which you may find helpful as we continue in these difficult times of Covid.

This Sunday we hear Isaiah saying that God “expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress”. Justice is giving the honour that is due to another. With respect to God himself we do that in the way he has given us by offering the Mass. Integrity means having no part or element wanting, whole and unbroken. We see it in the wholeness of Catholic teaching, no part is missing. St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians which we hear on Sunday tells us not to worry, but ask God for what we need with prayer and thanksgiving and to keep doing all the things “that you have learnt from me. Then the God of peace will be with you”.

May the God of peace be with you.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Peter’s Pence**.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **CAFOD**. Envelopes are available at the back for you to take for this collection. If you are a taxpayer, fill in the details and CAFOD will be able to claim from the government the tax that you have paid.

Collections last weekend:

Sacred Heart First collection £127.09 Fr. Hudson’s Society £92.85

St. Joseph’s First collection £51.58 Fr. Hudson’s Society £95.25

Masses now on Saturdays

11 am at Sacred Heart

6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

On Sundays 10.00 am at Sacred Heart

I am able to hear some confessions before the Mass on Saturdays in the Sacristy maintaining social distancing. Otherwise you can make a special appointment by phoning Fr. Stephen.

MASS INTENTIONS this weekend. Saturday 11 am People of Parish

Saturday 6 pm (St. Joseph's) The Wall Family

Sunday 10 am Peter McKernan

Bible Study Group now meets on Skype on Mondays **at 7.00 p.m.** If you would like to join it, please contact Shirley on 07562754382. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright who will be ordained to the episcopate to become our auxiliary Bishops this Friday 9th October, the feast of St. John Henry Newman.

St. EDMUND CAMPION SCHOOL have produced an Open Day video. To see it go to <https://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk/523/announcements/announcement/51/open-evening-2020-video>

BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2020: THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: LISTENING TO THE 'CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR'. This on line Assembly culminates with Evening Prayer with the participation of Archbishop Bernard on Sunday 4 October at 7pm.

Centenary Mass (4th October) This year Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of our centenary year we will be holding a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow. Join us online to share in this very special celebration this **Sunday 4th October at 3pm** at www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass

THE WORK OF CAFOD & MISSIO CAFOD's Geoff O'Donoghue, Senior International Programme Leader and Missio's National Director Fr Anthony Chantry will discuss the challenges facing our global family in this time of pandemic and how we are responding creatively and keeping hope alive. Please join us on Tuesday 6 October from 4-5pm for COVID-19 pandemic and the global response of the Catholic family. [Click here to register online](#) If you are unable to join us live, please register to be sent a recording.

ANTI SLAVERY DAY The Medaille Trust is organizing a series of webinars starting on Sunday 18th October and running to the following Friday. Click the link to find out more about them and sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/medaille-trust/>

EWTN is broadcasting what it calls EWTN essentials which is a continuous devotional broadcast with the Mass every 2 hours. Get it on the free EWTN app.

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

USEFUL WEBSITES <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.sthadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

DAILY EXPOSITION and the English Prayer Time are suspended during the Corona virus pandemic. To check on any further details phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Isaiah 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43) *Loving and honouring each other and the Lord*
When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

Feasts and Memorials this week

Monday	St. Faustina
Tuesday	St. Bruna
Wednesday	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday	Feria
Friday	The Feast of St. John Henry Newman
Saturday	St. Paulinus of York