



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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04.10.2020 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

The Vineyard of The Lord

The Church rejoices in being the vineyard of the Lord. At the same time we have cause here for much heart-searching and prayer.

Masses & Intentions

Saturday 03 5.30pm	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time The Stott Family Intentions
Sunday 04 10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 05	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Roy Brown RIP & Norah Brown (Intentions)
Tuesday 06	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> John Clifford RIP & The Clifford Family
Wednesday 07 6.30pm 7.00pm	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Eucharistic Adoration & Individual Prayers In Thanksgiving for prayers answered.
Thursday 08	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> In Thanksgiving
Friday 09	Feast of St. John Henry Newman T & M C Family
Saturday 10 5.30pm	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Mass
Sunday 11 10.00am	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish

Dear Friends,

Hope you had a good week, are staying safe and keeping well.

While following the current restriction in place, let us not forget our privilege as people of faith, to pray for God's grace, help and blessing on all who are affected and afflicted by the pandemic on those who work so hard and with dedication to care for the sick and needy. May we help and support them through our prayers, good will and generosity.

Let us pray for a safe and speedy end to this pandemic.

We celebrate the 5.30pm Vigil Mass this weekend, for the first time after the lock down. We welcome to everyone.

Please be reminded that from tomorrow **the Sunday Mass will be at 10.00am.**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm
Have a very good week ahead. - Fr. Arul

The Second Collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence. (transferred from June 27/28).

Sick: Please pray for all those who are unwell at this time, especially all those who are affected by Covid-19, those who are in isolation and all who help / take care of them as well as all those who serve our communities in frontline jobs.

RIP: Please pray for all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Telephone support: Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email (shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

Church Cleaners / Stewards: We still require more volunteers over 18 and under 70 to help before, during and after Masses at weekends and on Wednesdays. If sufficient volunteers are found, Masses could be celebrated with parishioners on other weekdays as well. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Fr. Arul or speak to one of the volunteers on duty.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the current year which have not yet been collected are available at the back of the church.

Just a Reminder: 'Thank you' to parishioners for complying with safety measures such as, hand-wash, wearing face mask and social distancing expected during Covid 19 pandemic in the Church. While having to communicate or catch up with friends after Mass, if parishioners could remember to observe social distancing, it will be much appreciated.

October, Month of the Rosary: Current scholarship traces the development of the Rosary to the High Middle Ages period. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy

True Justice (Matthew 21:33-43): Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him violent opposition from some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that the religious authorities were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected fairness of judgment from the people and all he found was a shriek of agony (the same word is used in Hebrew for 'fair-judgment' and for 'shriek' apart from one letter). What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways. Life may not be mapped out how we think, so we need to watch out for the bend in the road.

What is God asking of you? Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Pope's Prayer Intention for October - The Laity's Mission in the Church: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Mass at Mary's Primary School: There will be a Mass at 9.30am at our Primary School for yrs 5&6 observing, of course, current regulations on coming together for worship.

Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7.

Mission Today: The Autumn edition of 'Mission Today' is available in our church. Parishioners are encouraged to help themselves to a copy. It gives us the interesting, encouraging and helpful information on Missio's work around the world.

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated 18 October 2020. It is an opportunity to reaffirm how prayer, reflection and donation are ways of responding to God's call to witness to his love which is our mission.

In his message for the World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that God always loves us first and comes to us and calls us with this same love. God sends us to witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. This allows God to show through us his love for others, a love that transforms hearts and minds in every place and time.

Month of November: In November we remember all those who have gone to the Lord marked with the sign of faith. We fondly and gratefully remember those who have been dear to us in our own life's and faith's journey. There will be opportunity for parishioners to submit the names of their loved ones for whom special prayer will be offered during November. Further details to follow.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

This year the Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 2nd October. Please help Cafod reach out to communities overseas who are incredibly vulnerable

to the threat of the coronavirus. **Please return the envelopes for the Harvest Fast Day this weekend. Contributions and donations welcome.** May your generosity and goodwill help our sisters and brothers survive, rebuild and heal. For more information, and to donate on line, please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Almighty ever-living God,
only support of our human weakness,
look with compassion upon
the sorrowful condition of your children
who suffer because of this pandemic;
relieve the pain of the sick,
give strength to those who care for them,
welcome into your peace those who have died
and, throughout this time of tribulation,
grant that we may all find
comfort in your merciful love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis Good Friday 2020

Saint John Henry Newman (Feb. 21, 1801 – Aug. 11, 1890):

John Henry Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Roman Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both churches.

Born in London, England, he studied at Oxford's Trinity College, was a tutor at Oriel College, and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of *Parochial and Plain Sermons* as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar.

After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective.

Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church

that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion as a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Before Newman, Catholic theology tended to ignore history, preferring instead to draw deductions from first principles—much as plane geometry does. After Newman, the lived experience of believers was recognized as a key part of theological reflection.

Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive. Most famous are his book-length *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine*, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*—his spiritual autobiography up to 1864—and *Essay on the Grammar of Assent*. He accepted Vatican I's teaching on papal infallibility while noting its limits, which many people who favoured that definition were reluctant to do.

When Newman was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto "*Cor ad cor loquitur*"—"Heart speaks to heart." He died 11 years later and was buried in Rednal. After his grave was exhumed in 2008, a new tomb was prepared at the Oratory church in Birmingham.

Three years after Newman died, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In time, his name was linked to ministry centres at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States.

In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in Birmingham, UK. Benedict noted Newman's emphasis on the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, but also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved, and those in prison. Pope Francis canonized Newman in October 2019. Saint John Henry Newman's liturgical feast is October 9.

Reflection: John Henry Newman has been called the "absent Father of Vatican II" because his writings on conscience, religious liberty, Scripture, the vocation of lay people, the relation of Church and State, and other topics were extremely influential in the shaping of the Council's documents. Although Newman was not always understood or appreciated, he steadfastly preached the Good News by word and example. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/blessed-john-henry-newman/>

The following message came via whatsapp messaging service. Hope it helps you to identify / reflect on the deeper realities of our life as Catholics.

Five essential habits for every catholic family

Your home is the school of faith, which is why creating habits that help you grow and mature, are vital for a catholic family.

Here we give you five basic habits you should nurture in order to grow in your faith as a family:

1. Pray together. Pray every day. It can be the rosary or any prayer, just to be in the presence of God.
2. Go to Mass. Especially on Sundays and religious feasts.
3. Do charity together. Pick a cause to serve, economically or through voluntary work.
4. Have a religious art in your house. Use paintings or images in the house to motivate the family's devotion.
5. Turn to confession frequently. Do not let sin close the doors of your home to God's action, for lack of the Sacrament of Confession.