

Saint John Henry Newman

On 12th October the Catholic Church around the world rejoiced in the canonisation of Cardinal Newman, and the Church in Great Britain most especially welcomed the recognition of “one of our own”. We offer below a brief account, by Fr Stewart Foster, of some details of his life and work. Do please look at our website for the complete document and more material.

“John Henry Newman was born in Old Broad Street in the City of London on 21 February 1801 and was baptised as a member of the Church of England when he was six weeks old. His father was a banker and his mother was of French descent. He was educated at Ealing School and in 1816, aged fifteen, he underwent his first religious conversion (to a more committed Evangelical form of Anglicanism). In 1817 he entered Trinity College, Oxford, where, three years later, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, although he did not do as well in his final examinations as had been expected. However, in 1822 he was elected as a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and two years later he was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England, having decided upon the Anglican ministry. His first appointment was as curate at St Clement, Oxford. He was ordained as a priest of the Church of England on 29 May 1825 and in January 1826 was appointed as a Tutor of Oriel College. In 1828 Newman became Vicar of St Mary’s, the University Church, where he soon gained a reputation as a diligent pastor and a fine preacher. In 1833 he went on a voyage to the Mediterranean, visiting Sicily and Italy, on which occasion he was struck down with a serious illness and nearly died. As he recovered, he wrote one of the most famous poems/hymns in the English language: ‘Lead, Kindly Light.’ As soon as Newman returned to Oxford in the summer of 1833 he became associated with John Keble, Edward Pusey and others in what became known as the Oxford Movement, an attempt within the Church of England to rediscover and promote its Catholic aspects. The Oxford Movement also gained the title ‘Tractarianism’ because a number of tracts or religious essays were written by its leaders. Newman himself was responsible for Tract 1 in 1833 and, most famously, Tract 90 in 1841, which argued that a more Catholic interpretation could be given to the quintessentially Protestant Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England – a view that caused uproar among his opponents. However, by this time, especially by having read a great deal of the early history of the Church and the writings of the Fathers, Newman was beginning to develop serious doubts about the claims of the Church of England to be a part, albeit reformed, of the Catholic Church. In 1843 he resigned as Vicar of St Mary’s and with a small group of companions went to live at Littlemore, a village to the south of Oxford that was part of his former parish and where his mother had paid for the building of a small church. Although he no longer exercised his ministry as an Anglican clergyman, Newman spent his time in prayer and study, seeking to discern God’s will.

On 3 October 1845 Newman resigned his Fellowship of Oriel College and three days later completed writing one of his most celebrated works, **The Development of Christian Doctrine**, whereby he now recognised that it was in the Catholic Church that the fullness of the true Church established by Christ was to be found. On the evening of 8 October, amidst a heavy storm, the Italian priest, Father (now Blessed) Dominic Barberi, a member of the Passionist Order who had been working in England for some years, walked from Oxford to Littlemore, where, after having dried his clothes by the fire in the library, began hearing Newman’s confession. This continued the next morning, 9 October, after which Blessed Dominic received John Henry Newman into full communion with the Catholic Church, together with a number of his companions. Newman subsequently received his First Holy Communion in the small Catholic chapel in Oxford and was later confirmed.”

We will print the remainder of this article next week.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of - Kathleen Rogers, Moy Steel, Albert Marchant, Hdmayoun Djavadezadeh, Ivor Francis Davies, John Elton, Deidre Sweetman, Caterina Brenninkmeyer, William Toomey, John Bonner, Mabel Grant-Collie, Peter Seamons, Martin MacDonnell, Trevor Botting, Margaret Mary Hull, Ruth Cross, Norman Smith, Catherine Castle, Derek Kirby-Turner, Winefrid Osborne and Kathy Maynard,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.



Prayers

Please pray for the healing of Laura Rawlinson. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Mary Davies,
who died on 18th October.

My sincere thanks to all those who have so generously helped us to strengthen our financial position, by starting or increasing a standing order or by using regular Gift Aid envelopes following the appeal made by the Finance Committee. We have also received some large donations this year, for which we are very grateful. In consequence we expect to finish this financial year in a much improved position. However, we still need to further improve our ongoing financial security to ensure the parish is able to cover our annual needs and any unexpected expenses; and I would like to invite those who have not yet been able to respond to consider now if you could do so.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank members of our Finance Committee for their constant hard work and commitment to the well-being of our parish, most especially Giles Horner, our chair.

Fr Paul, on behalf of the Committee.



Save the Date



Thursday 31st October – All Saints Vigil mass at 7.30pm in the Abbey Church.

Thursday 31st October - Night of Light, Adoration vigil for All Saints, 8.30pm-12 midnight in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Sunday 10th November – Faure's Requiem at 7,30pm in the Abbey.

Saturday 30th November – Our 5pm mass will be a celebration of our friendship with the Church and people of Uganda. As always, we will have a wonderful Ugandan Choir to bring us African joy in music and dance, and we will have a party after mass in Compass House. Please bring dessert if you can and please let us know if you can come.

Saturday 30th November/Sunday 1st December (8th December in West Hoathly) – Jenny Harrison will be selling Jams for Uganda. Anyone wishing to contribute, is asked to leave produce in the narthex kitchen during November for inclusion on these dates.

Sunday 1st December – Junior Church Christmas Social after 09.30 mass. More information will follow in due course.

Sunday 1st December – Choral Society & Worth School Orchestra at 7,30pm in the Abbey.

Friday 6th December - PEG Christmas Curry and Quiz in Compass House on. Wonderful raffle in aid of A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Details to follow!

Tuesday 10th December – Worth School & Ardingly College – Carols for the Community at 11.30am in the Abbey.

Sunday 15th December – Christmas Music from Handel's Messiah at 7.30pm in the Abbey.

Sunday 22nd December – Family Carol Service at 4pm in the Abbey.

Encouraging birds into the garden is good for wildlife and it is a joy to watch the birds.
Autumn is the best time to put up bird boxes and to clean out old ones.
For tips on siting bird boxes and cleaning them, see www.rspb.org.uk

Plate Collection

Gift Aid - **£364.80** Non Gift Aid - **£284.69**
MISSIO - **£195.89**

(We would encourage visitors to use the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes)

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for "Retired Priests Fund"

The Retired Priests' Fund seeks to help sick and retired priests with their basic living needs, providing a pension, accommodation etc. Priests rely on what the Fund provides after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ.

Nazareth Youth Group

Young people from the parish in years 9-13 are warmly invited to join the Nazareth Youth group on a **Wednesday evening** in Compass House with the Forerunner team between 5.45pm-7pm.

It includes pizza, games, worship and social times. If anyone who is interested could contact Veronika:
vbulakova@worth.org.uk

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events.

For further information visit
www.catholicsingles.org.uk
or call 0161 941 3498

The Big Encounter

The annual event for anyone aged 15-30, is an opportunity to grow in faith by encountering Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meeting other likeminded young Catholics and, praising him in Worship. Our event this year is being held at St Dunstan's Church in Woking on 9th November. Doors open at 3.30, the event concludes with Mass at 6pm, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Our guest speaker is the always entertaining and engaging Fr David King.

Saturday 9th November at St Dunstan's Church, Woking. Please contact
Elizabeth.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD Seminar

"Our Faith & the Common Good". CAFOD is running a seminar on this, free of charge event.

Light lunch provided

(although they would appreciate donations).

This will be held at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, GU5 0QX on

Saturday 23rd November from 10am – 4pm

If you would like to go, or want more info, please call Isobel on 01483 892217.

If you would like a lift please call

Martin Powys-Lybbe on 01825 790571.

Gatwick Detainee Centre

This is an urgent call-out for men's clothes. They need:

Socks (new only please, if possible, or in very good nick)

- Warm hats
- Trainers (esp. sizes 8-10)
- Jogging bottoms – all sizes
 - Hoodies – all sizes
 - Jumpers – all sizes
- Warm jackets/fleeces – all sizes
- T-shirts (not button shirts) – all sizes
- Jeans – Waist sizes 30", 32", 34", 36"
- Travel bags/rucksacks for travel

Please do get in touch with me if you have any queries or would like to arrange to bring clothes in. Also, gentle request to ensure that the clothes are clean, including trainers; and a reminder that we take only men's clothes, not women's or children's. Thanks very much as always for your generous help!

****On a separate note, would anyone be able to collect some clothing from Balcombe?
Please do let the parish office know****

Ignite: Teenage Retreats

6-8th December @ Worth Abbey For those in school years 7-9. Ignite retreats are faith filled, fun packed weekends for teenagers held at Worth Abbey. The weekends are all about exploring faith, getting to know God better whilst having lots of fun and getting to know other young Catholics. Expect talks, workshops, prayer, silly activities, games, sports, drama, a space for silence and stillness, yummy food and lots of fun and laughter! The weekends are run by me (Jess) a member of The Wellspring Community in collaboration with Worth Abbey. For more info please email Worth Abbey: toc@worth.org.uk

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mass Times - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),

Sunday: 9.30 am, with an 11.30am mass at St Dunstan's West Hoathly

Daily Mass: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;

Feast Day: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm

Adoration - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

Sunday Adoration – In St Dunstan's Chapel, West Hoathly, every Sunday from 5pm-7pm to support the parish evangelisation programme. Please feel free to come for as long as you wish.

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) - Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass.

Marian Prayer Group – Now Meeting 1st / 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm, Lady Chapel.

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 1 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline.

Sunday Prayers for Healing - Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 0930 Sunday Mass. All welcome! The next dates are **3rd November, 8th December** (NOT 1 Dec) and **5th January**.

Christian Meditation Group - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates are **30th October, 13th and 27th November, then 11th December** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Vigil for Vocations - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next dates are 8th November and 6th December.**

Bereavement Support - Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Contact the team via the Parish Office or email - clare_harper@hotmail.com or marian.imhasly@gmail.com.

Bible Study Group – Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Benedict's (Parish Office). Please double check with the Parish Office.

“ He should first show them in deeds, rather than words, all that is good and holy ”
(St Benedict)

Next Sunday's Readings: **31st Sunday in OT**

1st Reading – Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2nd Reading – 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Daily Readings

Monday – Eph 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19 (**SS Simon and Jude**)

Tuesday – Rom 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday – Rom 8:26-30 Luke 13:22-30

Thursday – Rom 8:31b-39 Luke 13:31-35

Friday – Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12 (**All Saints**)

Saturday – Isa 25:6-9 Rom 5:5-11 Luke 7:7-17 (**All Souls Day**)

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Any cheques to be made payable to – Worth Abbey Parish

Safeguarding: Rachel Davies (07801 696354) and Maria Stribbling (01342 710313)

In Touch: If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk
(By Tuesday)

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.