



## Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence

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4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

*Psalter Week 3*

<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7
<b>Psalm:</b>	<i>The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel</i>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9
<b>Gospel Alleluia:</b>	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 21:33-43

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> ( <i>The People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Curtin – Special Int</i> )
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Curtin – Special Int</i> )
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Bruno, Priest – op memoria</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Special Intention</i> )
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary - memoria</i>		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>In honour of Blessed Christopher Buxton, Priest &amp; Martyr (Memorial 1<sup>st</sup> October)</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Bob Nockden RIP</i> )
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest – Feast</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Andrew &amp; Natalia White Int</i> ) ( <i>25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i> )
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Paulinus of York, Bishop &amp; Missionary – op memoria</i>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Michael Grabowiecki Int</i> ) <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession</b>

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> ( <i>For the People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Oliver O'Neill RIP</i> )



**PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES** – The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday continues to be dispensed, by the Bishops of England and Wales, at this time, therefore we will continue to ‘Live Stream’ all Masses except on Wednesdays. Those of you that do attend the church for Mass are asked to carefully follow the guidance of the Stewards.

### IMPORTANT

As the coronavirus continues within our community, there is a need for us to refresh the booking procedure for Mass attendance. Regardless of whether or not you have previously contacted Denise to book in for your preferred Mass, can you all please make renewed contact with Denise to let her know which Mass you will be attending. Due to the strict limits on the numbers that can attend each Mass, it is most important that you attend the Mass of your choice, if for any reason you need to change this you must first contact Denise to ensure that there is available space. Please ring between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

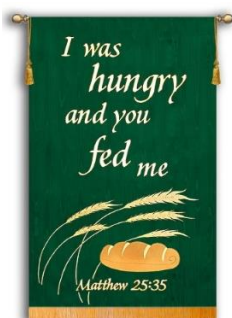
**Government Guidelines require the wearing of a Face Mask in all places of worship.**



**Fr David** will begin a series of talks **This is our Faith** to help us deepen our faith. The first of these will be on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 7.30pm.

The first talk will look at **Evolution and the Existence of God**. We will explore the ways in which our knowledge of the Universe reveals to us that God does indeed exist.

The talks will be conducted live through Zoom, with time for questions at the end. If you would like to attend through Zoom, please email me on [olneyparishpriest@icloud.com](mailto:olneyparishpriest@icloud.com) I will send you a link to click on so as to gain access to the talk.



We continue to be very grateful to all of you who have been supporting the Food Bank – Catholics, Anglicans and others. The donation box remains outside the presbytery door and is checked frequently. The Food Bank continues to need donations of:

Long Life Milk – Long Life Juice – Tinned Rice Pudding – Tinned Custard – Tinned Meat – Tinned Vegetables – Tinned Tomatoes – Pasta Sauce – Spreads

Many thanks to Pauline and Leo for their generous work in transporting the donations to the Food bank. The Food Bank have sent a letter to the parish to thank us for our continued support.

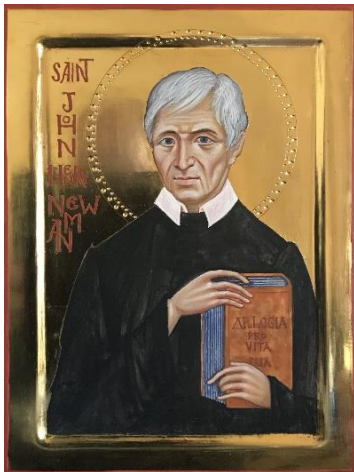


Fast, pray and give

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Our Parish will be marking Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the Coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let us come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world SURVIVE, REBUILD and HEAL. Please pray for those affected. You can donate by using one of the envelopes, online through the CAFOD website or text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message. If you do not wish to receive marketing information text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. Please return envelopes next weekend

**The APF Red boxes are due to be emptied.** Normally the boxes would be returned to the church but with the current situation Missio have asked that the box holders empty their donations into a large envelope or plastic bag ensuring that their name and address are recorded on the envelope. The money can be returned over the **next 4 weeks** to the church where a basket will be available. Thank you.



### St John Henry Newman - 9<sup>th</sup> October

1801- 1890

*'Cor ad cor loquitur' – 'Heart speaks unto Heart'*

*The commemoration of St John Henry Newman has recently been elevated to a Feast in England & Wales.*

The year before he died, he would write this about the journey to sainthood. *'Such are the means which God has provided for the creation of the Saint out of the sinner; He takes him as he is, and uses him against himself: He turns his affections into another channel ... it is the very triumph of His grace, that He enters into the heart of man, and persuades it, and prevails with it, while He changes it.'*



### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the named of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later that 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Blessed Christopher Buxton

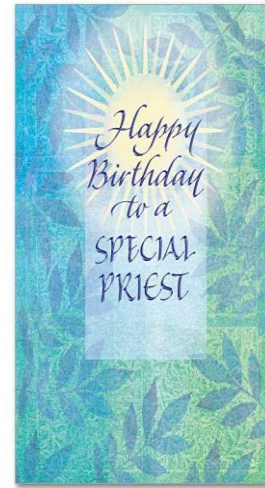
Blessed Christopher's feast day is 1<sup>st</sup> October – he was martyred in Canterbury in 1588 at the age of 26. He came from Derbyshire and studied to be a priest at the English Colleges at Rheims and Rome. He undertook the dangerous journey back into England in 1587 and spent two months ministering to Catholics in Kent. He was sent to the Marshalsea Prison and while there wrote out in hand a *Rituale* – the prayers he would use in administering the sacraments and blessings. That *Rituale* is now in our parish and will be displayed at Mass this Thursday. He was executed for the Faith, refusing inducements if he denied his Faith, saying he would not purchase a corruptible life at such a price, and that if he had a hundred lives he would willingly surrender them all in defence of his Faith.

We honour him on 8<sup>th</sup> October as 1<sup>st</sup> October is the memorial of St Therese of Lisieux.

## *Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fr. John*

This coming Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, with great joy, we celebrate Fr John's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We rejoice and thank God for the many graces that He has bestowed on him throughout his life. We ask God to bless him in a special way on his birthday with the wish that his life continues to be blessed with God's gifts, abundant joy and heavens peace

*ad multos annos*



**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEM FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO DEACON PETER - DEADLINE – 9.00am FRIDAY**

### *From Fr David's Desk..... Reflection for October the Month of the Rosary*

This week on 7<sup>th</sup> October we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a prayer favoured by so many saints in the life of the church – Padre Pio, Pope St John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and many, many others. It is a powerful prayer – useful in intercession for ourselves, the Church and the world, a help in temptation and trials, a comfort in tribulation and desolation.

The Rosary is a form of meditation. As we pray the 10 Hail Marys in each decade, we ponder on one of the events of the life of Jesus and also of Mary. But we do not do this on our own. In a sense, we are putting our hand into that of Mary and she guides us to look at these events through her eyes, with her hearts and her mind. Mary is a great model of this kind of prayer. We are told in Luke's Gospel on a number of occasions that she treasured these things in her heart – she pondered over them. Mary teaches us through the Rosary to look with her eyes at the life of her Son, to ponder over these events, these mysteries, to contemplate Jesus and the whole marvellous plan of God which is summed up in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. In mediating on the life of Jesus as He was on earth, we are led by Mary to contemplate Jesus as He is now in heaven and to experience His presence now in our hearts. Each recitation of the Rosary is walk with Mary, a walk whose steps with her bring us ever closer to the true goal of our lives, when we shall see God face to face in heaven and become like Him.

Please do pray the Rosary – for our parish, for our Diocese and our Bishop, for the Church, for our world. We live in times when there is a lot of noise, so many words with very little of substance being said. These are disturbing and difficult moments, when we need as Catholics to become people of prayer and of intercession for our world. We need to pray for the sick, the dying and those who have died. We need to pray for saints for our age, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for families and for married couples, for our young and our old. We need to pray for the conversion of all people to the Lord, for more labourers in the vineyard to bring the Good News to a world mired in so much bad news, division and recrimination. We might ask ourselves, "But what can I do? How can I make any difference to all this?" Pray the Rosary – we will make a difference just by praying the Rosary and Our Lady will show us what the Lord wants us to do and how we can do it, just as she did.

*May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St John Henry Newman and St Rita pray for us all.*

*With our love and prayers,*

*Fr David and Deacon Peter*