



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Scripture note.

Beyond all else, we prefer “the spirit of wisdom.” Why? Because the wise person knows what he desires, since wisdom enables him to see what is really there. This is what the rich young man lacks. He comes to Jesus with constricting preconceptions that betray just how unaware he is of the One who stands before him. Christ sends him to the poor so that there he will experience the deepest need and longing of his heart. In such self-abandonment the young man can exchange his crippling self-reliance for total dependence on Christ. The living “Word of God” gives us back our own life.

THIS WEEK’S REFLECTION

John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman (21 February 1801 - 11 August 1890) was a Catholic theologian, philosopher and cardinal who converted to Catholicism from Anglicanism in October 1845. In early life, he was a major figure in the Oxford Movement to bring the Church of England back to its roots. Eventually his studies in history persuaded him to become a Catholic. Canonisation would make Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church.

A file on Newman's beatification was first opened in 1958. In 1991, Newman was proclaimed Venerable after a thorough examination of his life and work by the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints. One miracle attributed to Newman's intercession was required to have occurred and been fully investigated and approved by the Vatican before he could be beatified.

Jack Sullivan, [a deacon from Marshfield, Massachusetts in the United States, attributed his recovery from a spinal cord disorder to Newman. The claimed miracle occurred in the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Boston, whose responsibility it was to determine its validity. In August 2006, was passed on the details to the Vatican. A second miracle was needed for Newman's canonisation. In November 2018, the Vatican approved a second miracle, involving the unexplained healing of a pregnant American woman from a life-threatening diagnosis and investigated by the Archdiocese of Chicago. On 13 February 2019, it was announced that Pope Francis had approved the Decree concerning this

miracle, and Newman's canonisation will take place in Rome on 13 October 2019. On 1 July 2019, Pope Francis announced at the Consistory of Cardinals his intention to canonise Newman on 13 October. St. John Henry Newman pray for us.

WEEK OF PRAY FOR PRISONER’S SUNDAY

Today marks the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners’ Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners’ families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to ‘hold a hand out to’. But the gospel reminds us of our duties towards them, ‘I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me; (Matthew 25:36).

Prayer for Prison Week

For prisoners:

We pray for those who are prisoners. Through reflection and understanding, may they be able to go beyond their sentence and see hope for a future without crime. Let us follow Christ's message and reach out so that his presence be known by those who seek him.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



Edward the Confessor was the last Anglo Saxon king of England who ruled from 1042 to 1066. On the Pope's instructions he built St Peter's Abbey which became Westminster Abbey. A ‘confessor’ is a saint who has suffered for his faith but is not a martyr. He was a deeply religious and peaceful ruler who had the power of healing. He took a vow of chastity and was succeeded by his brother in law Harold as he had no children. He was regarded as the English national saint, along with Edmund and Gregory until 1351. He is the patron saint of difficult marriages.

Sat 9 th	6.30 pm Vigil mass	St John Henry Newman -Annunciata & Domenico Grano RIP
Sun 10 th	8.30am 10.30am	Annie Mary Fitzpatrick RIP Janet Gargaro RIP
Mon 11 th	10am	Julian Brotherton
Tue 12 th	No mass	
Wed 13 th	10am	St Edward the Confessor, Patron of the Diocese Tony Target RIP
Thu 14 th	No mass	
Fri 15 th	No mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

PARISH MASS ON-LINE

Fr. Denis is also still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass. Mass is accessible through the Parish Facebook page: Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury

For more information, please go to the Parish website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON

For all services in Church, you need to book online, through our website below. Please go to the Parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS LINK:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Going into Hospital? - If you are going into hospital do ask to see a Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital 01438 285518. . Mobile: 07876 526935

St. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Thomas Timson on 01462 892478 to make an appointment. The school website is

<http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER: Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the dedicated newsletter email address (baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

A word of thanks to all those who have donated for the upkeep of the Parish in one way or another. There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, or you can write to, telephone, or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or you can contribute

after mass in the Collection Plates provided <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate>

Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially Christopher Gillham, Angela Gray and Mairead Kirke. We remember those who have died recently: Michael Turner, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Annie Madden; Karoly Hugyec; Margaret Barrett; Barbara Gunn; Elizabeth Arnold; Sr John Ryan; Cecilia Saunders; Cecilia Saunders; Lilian Tingey; Christine Wright; Marguerite O'Leary; William Darby; Johanna Rimmer; Kathleen Allen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Confirmation preparation will begin again in the 21-22 Autumn school term. If you are due to be in year 9 or 10 (delayed from last year due to Covid), please consider if you wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish. More details will follow, with application forms available at the back of the church at that time. We hope to run the first meeting in December with candidates and parents, whilst subsequent meetings will take place on a Saturday evening before mass for candidates only. Thank you, Elizabeth and Claire.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 PROGRAMME



Open to any child in Year 3 or above, the next programme will start this November. Application forms are available now. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

This is on Monday 11th October 2021

RED MISSION BOXES

Thank you for bringing back your Red Box for counting. I had a very full box without a name, so if this you please contact me so that I can accredit you with your collection. I will return your boxes, with a Mission Magazine, to the MISSIO Table at the back of the Church soon for your collection. Thank you for being part of the scheme. Pam Winters. 01462892265