



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



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Planned Giving Appeal 2023

Our Call to Stewardship

Our Parish, Our Responsibility

Last weekend we launched our Stewardship appeal. All parishioners were invited to prayerfully reflect on their commitment and contribution to our parish. Each of us has been blessed by God with varied gifts of time, talent and treasure. As stewards of these gifts we are called to share them, with our parish, our local community and the world. Let us each strive to return a sacrificial portion to God in thanksgiving for all He has sacrificed for us.

Today you will hear about the parish finances and the specific needs of our parish. During the week please give prayerful consideration to this appeal, which will conclude next weekend. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass.

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 PRAYER 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 Prisoners' 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.

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,
FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE: Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis. **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School.

Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4her.ts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

KNIT & NATTER.

Our next meeting is on Friday 6th October in the Holy Family room, 9.30 to 11am. All adult knitters are welcome whether experienced or beginners. Support will be given to new knitters as well as a cuppa and chat! £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund.

PARISH'S MEN'S GROUP:

This month sees the second anniversary of our enriching Parish Men's Breakfast Sessions, so we warmly invite all men of the parish to join us. We meet in the Parish Rooms once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and pastries/bacon butties at 8.30am. At 9.00am we watch an episode of the popular Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. This is a high quality dramatisation of St

Matthew's Gospel. Time for light discussion/chat/ reflection follows. We finish at 10.30am prompt. Future dates are 14th October, 11th November and 9th December. (Second Saturday of each month) Do come along!! See Richard M or John B (or phone 07931 761403) for more information

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Patrick Sarsfield, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Dennis Gunn, John Southwell and Donal Hickey and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Cornelius Morrissey; Joy Smith; Annie Madden; Karoly Hugyec; Margaret Barrett; Barbara Gunn; Elizabeth Arnold; Sr John Ryan; Cecilia Saunders; Lilian Tingey; Christine Wright.

Sat 7 th	6.30pm	Denis Gunn RIP
Sun 8 th	8.30am 10.30am	Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP Francesco Cathaldo RIP
Mon 9 th	10.00	St John Henry Newman, Maisie Kelleher RIP
Tue 10 th	10.00	Janet Gargaro
Wed 11 th	10.00am	Bill Piper RIP
Thu 12 th	10.00	
Fri 13 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

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at

6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at

10.30am. All are 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. The

Wednesday word is available via:

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

The Memorare

The Memorare is a beautiful prayer that expresses our confidence in the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is attributed to St Bernard of Clairvaux.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin or virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me, Amen