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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S 12	6.00pm		the people of the Parish & their needs
Su 13	9.30am (<i>St P</i>)		<i>Elaine Geary (rec dec)</i>
	10.00am		Theresa Jayamanno (rip)
	12noon		Ellen, James & Anne O'Riordan & Sean McKeown
	6.00pm (<i>St P</i>)		<i>intentions of Fr Donald Graham</i>
M 14	10.00am	St Callistus	Edward Feord (rip)
	7.00pm (<i>St P</i>)		<i>intentions of Mai Deavney</i>
T 15	10.00am	St Teresa of Avila	special intentions
W 16	10.00am(<i>St P</i>)	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	<i>in thanksgiving (Lily O'Neil)</i>
T 17	7.30am	St Ignatius	Anastazja Fiyalek (rip)
F 18	10.00am	St Luke	Elaine Geary (rec dec)
S 19	9.00am	of BVM	Martin Flynn (rip)

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S 19	6.00pm		the people of the Parish & their needs
Su 20	9.30am (<i>St P</i>)		<i>Tony Sordillo (rip)</i>
	10.00am		Fr Derek Gibbs (anniv)
	12noon		Ellen, James & Anne O'Riordan & Sean McKeown
	6.00pm (<i>St P</i>)		<i>intentions of Ifeanyi Chinweze</i>

Mass times and intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral.

(Italics indicates Mass at St Patrick's)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: at Our Lady's after Mass on Saturday morning and on First Friday: after Mass until midday

Holy Rosary: at St Patrick's Friday 6.30pm and at Our Lady's Saturday 5pm

Confessions: at Our Lady's Saturday 9.30-10am; 5.15-5.45pm and at call

Holy Matrimony: in accordance with the norms of Canon Law, SIX months' notice must be given, whether the marriage is here or abroad, to enable the required spiritual preparation to take place and for the paperwork to be gathered and, if necessary, submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest.

Our Lady's Parish Centre Bookings: call the Parish Office.

The Parish Secretary at Our Lady's - Sheila Barr; at St Patricks - Regina Ng

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13th October. He will be Saint John Henry Newman. This is a time of special grace for us, where we call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven.

When Pope Benedict beatified Newman in 2010 he said: *Cardinal Newman is a modern man, who took on all of the problems of modernity, he experienced the problem of agnosticism, the impossibility of knowing God, of believing; a man who throughout his life was on a journey, a journey to let himself be transformed by the truth, in a search of great sincerity and great willingness, to learn more, to find and to accept the path to true life...*

He is a man of great culture who participates in our sceptical culture of today, in the question: "Can we understand something certain about the truth of man, of the human being, or not?"...

He is a man of great spirituality, a great humanism, a man of prayer, of a deep relationship with God and a

relationship with himself, and therefore also of a deep relationship with the other men of his and our time...

St. Pope John Paul II in a Letter on the Bicentenary of Newman's birth said: *Newman was born in troubled times which knew not only political and military upheaval but also turbulence of soul. Old certitudes were shaken, and believers were faced with the threat of rationalism on the one hand and fideism on the other. Rationalism brought with it a rejection of both authority and transcendence, while fideism turned from the challenges of history and the tasks of this world to a distorted dependence upon authority and the supernatural. In such a world, Newman came eventually to a remarkable synthesis of faith and reason which were for him like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth ... "Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on", Newman wrote in The Pillar of the Cloud; and for him Christ was the light at the heart of every kind of darkness. For his tomb he chose the inscription: Ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem; and it was clear at the end of his life's journey that Christ was the truth he had found*

HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, is a Christ-centred Gospel prayer, which we say in union with the Blessed Mother. In 2002, St. John Paul II said "The Rosary is a prayer loved by countless saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains at the dawn of this third millennium a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness... With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Indeed, though the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae* 1).

"The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the holy Virgin". St Thérèse of Lisieux.

"Mary is our Mother: this consoling truth, offered to us ever more clearly and profoundly by the love and faith of the Church, has sustained and sustains the spiritual life of us all, and encourages us, even in suffering, to have faith and hope." Pope St John Paul II

In this month of the Holy Rosary, it would be good to add these 2 prayers to our daily recitation of the Rosary. *We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St Theresa of Avila (1515 - 1582) was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites but help coming from the highest levels at the same time. Thus in 1566 the General of the Carmelite Order approved Teresa's original foundation and permitted her to make new ones. In 1575 the chapter of the Order decided to dissolve them all, and for the next five years every effort was made to destroy Teresa's reforms and many of her followers (including St John of the Cross) were imprisoned and cruelly treated.

At length, in 1580, and with the support of King Philip II, the Discalced Carmelites were made independent and St Teresa was able to found more new convents. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" We should bring everything to God in our prayers, even our reproaches. For a reproach, in the end, is simply our way of offering up to God our incomprehension of what he is giving us.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647 - 1690) joined the Visitation Sisters at Paray-le-Monial. She made rapid progress along the way of perfection and was given mystical visions as a result of which she worked hard to institute devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Church. She is depicted in one of the stained-glass windows at Our Lady's where the Sacred Heart Altar originally stood.

St Ignatius of Antioch (- 107) was the second bishop of Antioch after St Peter (the first being Evodius). He was arrested (some writers believe that he must have been denounced by a fellow-Christian), condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In one of his letters he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like "ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse."

In the course of his journey he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ, the organisation of the Church, and the Christian life. They are important documents for the early history of the Church, and they also reveal a deeply holy man who accepts his fate and begs the Christians in Rome not to try to deprive him of the crown of martyrdom. He was martyred in 107 and his feast was already being celebrated on this day in fourth-century Antioch

Saint Luke was a Greek doctor who converted to Christianity. He was a companion of the Apostle Paul, and as well as the Gospel which bears his name, he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early history of the Church up to Paul's first stay in Rome. As a Greek, he takes care to explain to Gentile readers Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words.

PLEASE pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. For those who are sick either at Home, in Hospital or Nursing Home; for the recently departed; those killed as a result of the violence and terrorism. For an end to abortion. For the Holy Souls in purgatory. For peace in the world and that those who govern the nations may do so wisely and justly.

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Fayre – 24th November
Mary's Meals Collection 30th Nov/1st Dec
Senior Parishioners Christmas Party 15th December

Drop in Coffee Morning for parents with pre-school children, every Friday 9.15 – 11am in Our Lady's Hall

BINGO EVENING

Tickets now on sale – Adults £10, children over 7 £5

Christmas Fayre

There is a box at the back of Our Lady's church for donations and there is also a cake list.