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Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

NINETEENTH SUNDAY YEAR C 2025



'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' Luke 12:34



Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Jewish born, atheist, social activist, nurse, philosopher, Catholic convert, Carmelite nun, virgin and martyr. She teaches all men and women to pursue the truth in order to transcend their differences and discover the basis of a fraternal society.

'Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love if it lacks truth.' -The message of St Teresa Benedicta-

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

These catecheses introduce a journey of Christian formation inspired by the Blessed Virgin Mary who said:



"We must make Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth who live in humility, simplicity and praise. The other is Christ."

The journey of the Neocatechumenal Way is open to all who want to discover or rekindle the riches of the Christian faith. **It starts on 22nd September and continues every Monday and Thursday at 8pm in the crypt. Everyone welcome!**
Fr Oscar

Mass Schedule

Sat 9th Aug	8:30pm Of the Catechumenate
Sun 10th Aug	9am Saraceno family special intention
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year C	11am Pro Populo
Mon 11th Aug	NO MASS
Tue 12th Aug	12:30 P Nurse special int
Wed 13th Aug	12:30 Manan Irapah RIP
Thu 14th Aug	12:30 Amanda Perreau-St Maximilan Kolbe
	Saussine Ezcurra RIP
	THERE IS NO 6PM MASS DURING AUGUST
Fri 15th Aug	12:30 Leslie Garrett
The Assumption of the BVM	Anniversary

Solemnity of the Assumption.

Friday 15th August. Holiday of obligation.

We thank fathers Joshua Masive, Benedict Omondi and Aloyce who will be supplying masses while I am away in holidays in Colombia from 12th August to 6th September. Please keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine. Thank you.
Fr Oscar

Penn Smith will be at the **Fitzrovia Fete 2025** from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday 10 August looking for volunteers who want to help people repair their clothes.

The Value of a Human Life



Beloved,

Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of Mary in body and soul into heavenly glory for the good of humanity and the glory of God.

Through the proclamation, he said: *'we may hope that those who meditate upon the glorious example Mary offers us may be more and more convinced of the value of a human life entirely devoted to carrying out the heavenly Father's will and to bringing good to others. Thus, while the illusory teachings of materialism and the corruption of morals that follows from these teachings threaten to extinguish the light of virtue and to ruin the lives of men by exciting discord among them, in this magnificent way all may see clearly to what a lofty goal our bodies and souls are destined. It is our hope that belief in Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective.'* (Pius XII *Munificentissimus Deus*, Nov. 1, 1950).

The 'illusory teachings of materialism' corrupt, ruin humanity and promote discord because they induce us to seek nothing beyond the material universe. Truth, goodness and love for God and neighbour have no use for the materialist. Wealth, comfort, pleasure, profit; these are to be worshiped, these to be followed, everything and everyone else should be sacrificed on the altar of material progress and material well being.

In our own day, the value of human life is constantly undermined through abortion and euthanasia, we keep fighting wars for the material resources of the earth and are working hard to overcome our biological limitations and to improve our physical and cognitive capacities through technological advancements. Some hope that we will become 'transhumans'. For others that is not enough. They hope we will surpass our humanity and become 'posthumans', a human-computer hybrid, enjoying the maximum level of material well being and progress possible.

The lofty state which the Blessed Virgin Mary has attained in body and soul sings of our value and surpasses and confounds the materialist dreams.

It confirms that we do not need to update, enhance or artificially improve human life as much as we need to discover its true value, specially when life is *'entirely devoted to carrying out the heavenly Father's will and to bringing good to others'*. May Mary assumed into heaven, help us to rediscover the value of such of a human life.

Fr Oscar