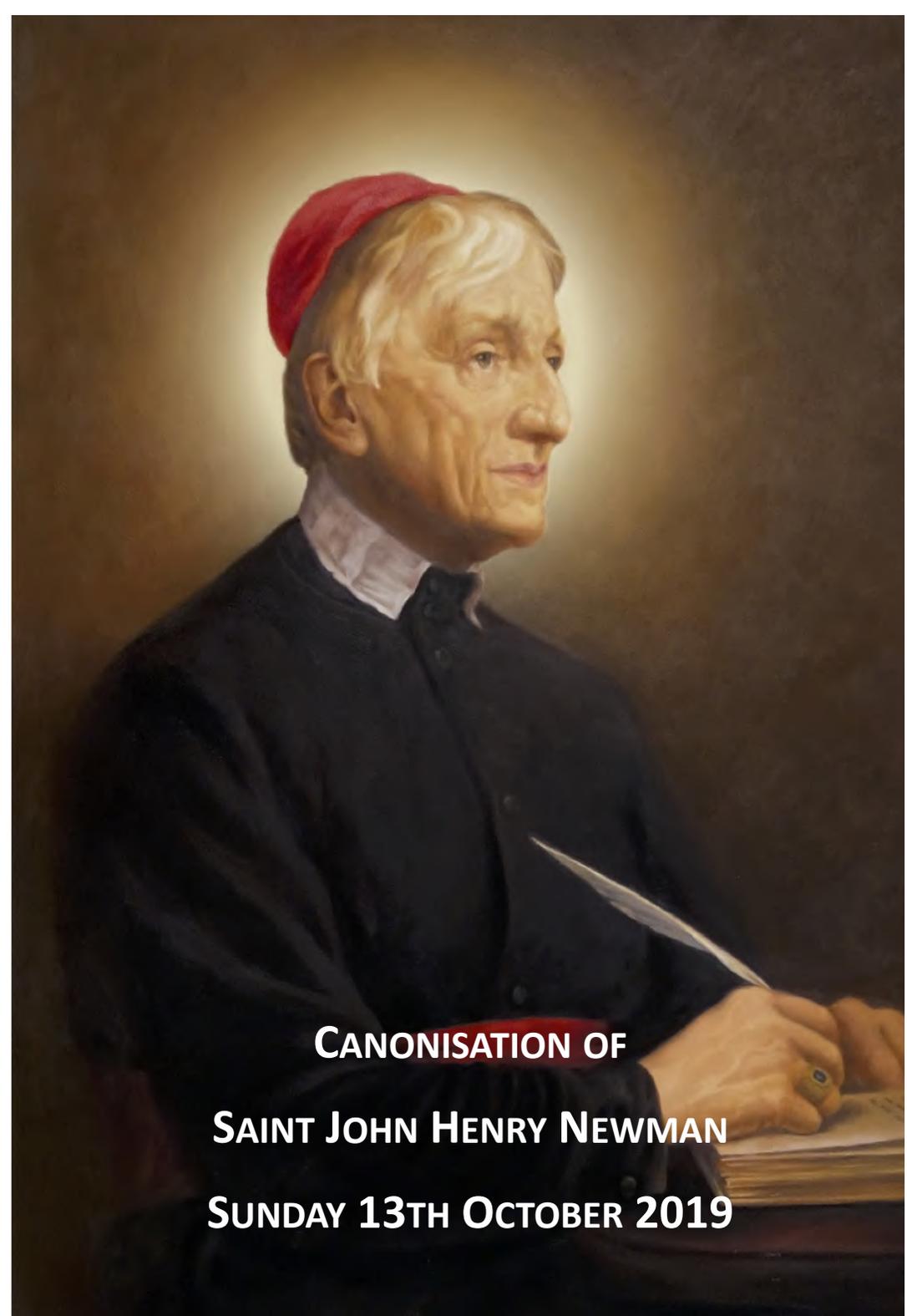


**Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us**



**CANONISATION OF  
SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN  
SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2019**

## JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES

This Sunday Pope Francis will declare Cardinal John Henry Newman a Saint at a Ceremony in Rome. This Canonisation (making a saint) would make Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church. In 1991, Newman was proclaimed "Venerable" by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints – the first stage in the canonisation process. He was beatified on 19 September 2010 at an open air Mass in Birmingham by Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to the United Kingdom.

### So who was Cardinal Newman?

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34). Jesus' words are familiar and stark. The path of holiness is laid out before us all too clearly. We are invited to embrace the paschal mystery. And it may overwhelm us. Our own share in the Lord's passion may not be dramatic, but we can experience it in a number of ways. There may be various dyings and risings that we have to endure, more than one, ill-health, disability, the collapse of cherished plans, failed relationships, and, often most keenly, the death of those who are dearest to us. Those experiences make life seem more like a living death. We feel annihilated. And yet, if we refuse to be smothered by these disasters, but press on, keeping our hearts open somehow, we're not sure how, but open somehow to love and the light, we find the situation changes. We move on from what seemed annihilation to a new, a risen, life. Discipleship, the call to holiness, is a matter of following that path, embracing the paschal mystery as it unfolds for us.

John Henry Newman, canonised this Sunday, is meant to be a guide for us. Saints are models of Christian living. Yet he died peacefully in his bed in 1890, an old man and a Cardinal, honoured and respected.

How can he help us when we are in distress? We need to consider his story again.

Here was someone who had risen to great prominence. He was a priest of the established Church, the Church of England, and a fellow of Oriel College, at a time when that College was regarded as supreme among Oxford colleges. He was the Vicar of the University Church, a renowned preacher, and with his friends, Edward Pusey and John Keble, an influential leader of the Oxford Movement which was seeking to restore within the Anglican Church the Catholic tradition that had been allowed to falter. All seemed set fair for success. And what happened next?

To his surprise he was led by events and his own arguments to doubt the position in which he had felt so secure and, after careful study, in obedience to conscience, he left the Church of England to become a Catholic. It is difficult for us now to grasp the enormity of that act in the eyes of his contemporaries. He had abandoned a position of honour and prestige to join a small, despised minority. Many people regarded him with contempt. While some friendships endured, many cast him adrift. Even as dear and saintly a friend as John Keble made no contact with him for seventeen years. When he finally wrote to ask Newman's pardon, his letter was moving. 'I ought to have felt more than I did what a sore burthen you were bearing for conscience's sake,' Keble acknowledged. And *(continued on back pages...)*

Newman replied, 'Never have I doubted for one moment your affection for me' (Letters and Diaries 20, pp 501-03). Their friendship happily was resumed. But there had been many an anguished parting of ways.

And did the Catholic community which he had joined make up for what he had lost? Largely, no. Catholics in many ways were bewildered to have so distinguished a man in their midst. Some were suspicious and those in authority were unsure how to make best use of him. They would invite him to undertake projects, but then fail to put at his disposal the resources he needed for those projects to succeed. He was invited to found a Catholic University in Dublin, to oversee a new translation of the Bible, and to resolve a situation that had arisen over the distinguished, but controversial, Catholic periodical, *The Rambler*, by becoming its new editor. On each occasion, when it was needed, the necessary support was not provided. Other examples could be given. It was as though everything he turned his hand to ended in disaster.

His Journal entry in January 1863 makes sobering reading. 'O how forlorn & dreary has been my course since I have been a Catholic!' he wrote, 'here has been the contrast – as a Protestant, I felt my religion dreary, but not my life – but, as a Catholic, my life dreary, not my religion.' He was grateful for the blessings he had received, but the depressive tone is evident: 'Few indeed successes has it been his blessed will to give me through life.' And he concludes, 'since I have been a Catholic, I seem to myself to have had nothing but failure personally' (Autobiographical Writings, pp 254-5).

Soon afterwards, however, came the famous aside of Charles Kingsley, Anglican priest, Professor of Modern History

at Cambridge, and novelist: 'Truth, for its own sake, has never been a virtue with the Roman clergy. Father Newman informs us that it need not, and on the whole ought not to be'. This casual allegation that Newman was indifferent to truth gave him the opportunity he needed to explain himself. He knew it was what people had been thinking of him for many years, both as an Anglican and as a Catholic. In his *Apologia pro Vita Sua* he was able to set the record straight. And people's perception of him began to change. Old friendships were renewed. All the same, his troubles didn't end there. There were still further trials and controversies until in 1879 out of the blue, as it were, Pope Leo XIII decided to make him a Cardinal. And the final years were more tranquil.

The peaceful deathbed is misleading. Newman's life had been beset by trials and sufferings and offers us a powerful illustration of someone who indeed embraced the paschal mystery, who modelled his life on the suffering, dying, and rising of Jesus, following faithfully the path of discipleship, wherever it might lead, at whatever cost. At the height of his fame in Oxford, he preached a sermon that contains a prophetic sentence that seems to reflect his own life quite remarkably. He declared: 'The planting of Christ's Cross in the heart is sharp and trying; but the stately tree rears itself aloft, and has fair branches and rich fruit, and is good to look upon' (Parochial and Plain Sermons 4, p 262).

We too, like Newman, have to plant the tree of Christ's cross in our own hearts, letting it put down deep roots. When we have done so, we discover that that stately tree does indeed grow tall and bears fruit and catches the eye. By embracing the paschal mystery, we bear witness to the way disaster may be turned into triumph.



## PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Michael Fahey, Michael Griffin, Anne Hull, Gillian Gibbs, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Lionel Stonehouse, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Christopher Browne, Eileen Kidd, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner.

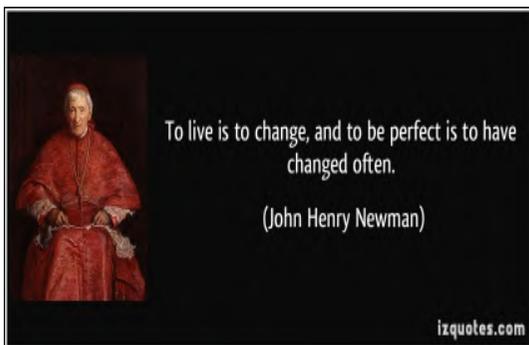
**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Ann Redmond & Saul Guillo Reuiz

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Joe McNamara, Vernon Paul.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Sherwin Sequeira, Nora Duffy, Jacqueline Waddington, Margaret Power, Sheila Cox.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those attending an Engaged Encounter weekend in Leamington Spa.

**INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCT 2019**  
**A Missionary "Spring" in the Church**  
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

**V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.**

**R. This day and every day.**

**Our Lady of the Annunciation Pray for us**  
**St Matthew Pray for us**  
**St Jerome Pray for us**

### SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week  
In Memory of  
FRANKLIN RODRIGUES RIP

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

has been sponsored this week  
In Memory of  
NED MCCORMACK RIP

### ROSARY AT HOME:

This week the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of  
Grace De Souza



Switch mobile phones  
off or to silent



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Year 1, Week 28

Divine Office  
Week 4

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## Sunday 13th October 2019 TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

### TODAY'S MASS



Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which

Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

#### First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

#### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault."

St. John Henry Newman

# SUNDAY REFLECTION

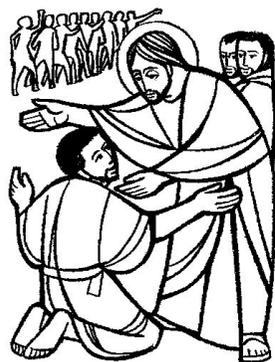
What can adversity teach us about the blessing of thanksgiving and the healing power of love and mercy? The Book of Proverbs states: A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity (Proverbs 17:17). When adversity strikes you find out who truly is your brother, sister, and friend. The Gospel records an unusual encounter between two peoples who had been divided for centuries. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with one another even though Samaria was located in the central part of Judea. Both peoples were openly hostile whenever their paths crossed. In this Gospel narrative we see one rare exception - a Samaritan leper in company with nine Jewish lepers. Sometimes adversity forces people to drop their barriers or to forget their prejudices. When this band of Jewish and Samaritan lepers saw Jesus they made a bold request. They didn't ask for healing, but instead asked for mercy.

The word mercy literally means "sorrowful at heart". But mercy is something more than compassion, or heartfelt sorrow at another's misfortune. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further - it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another's misfortune and suffering as if it were his or her own. And such a person will do everything in his or her power to dispel that misery.

Mercy is also connected with justice. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), a great teacher and scripture scholar, said that mercy "does not destroy justice, but is a certain kind of fulfilment of justice. ..Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; (and) justice with-

out mercy is cruelty." Pardon without repentance negates justice.

So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.



Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness, another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to grace - which means the release of loveliness. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to

God.

If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, priests, teachers, and neighbours? Do you express gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards you and are you gracious, kind, and merciful towards your neighbour in their time of need

**CONFIRMATION** - In this Parish young people in **Year 10** and above are welcome to join our Confirmation Preparation Programme which takes place from **January to June**. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter in December for details of **Enrolment** which will take place in **January 2020**. Just in case you are booking holidays in advance, please note that the **Confirmation Service** at the Parish will be taking place on **Sunday 24th May at 2pm** (late May Bank Holiday weekend).

**B-ATTITUDE SVP GROUP** - Inspired by the vision of St. Vincent de Paul for social action, our B-Attitude group meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursday of the month** in the Parish Café Bar at 7.30pm. The first meeting is this coming **Thursday 17th October**. **Young people in the Parish aged 14-18** are welcome! For further information please contact Christine Cahillane on christinec58@hotmail.com or 07881 400328.

**SERVING AS A CATECHIST** - Might you consider sharing your faith, serving the Parish as a Catechist? Teaching experience is helpful though not essential. If you would like further information please speak to one of the Clergy or contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

#### DATES AHEAD:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL** form signing— **Friday 6th December** 6.30pm-7.30pm in the parish centre.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** A very big THANK YOU to all who came, sent donations and worked extremely hard on the day. The amazing sum of £2,161 was raised. All prizes have been claimed.

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE CHARITY CONCERT**—please see information in the church porch.

**OVER 60'S GROUP:** Meetings are held every Tuesday 1pm—3pm in the Café/Bar in the parish centre. This is the place to meet friends and socialise, do keep fit, play bingo and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. On 15 October a representative from Harrow Shop Mobility will be advising members of a **free wheelchair and other equipment service** available to people with temporary or permanent disabilities. On Tuesday 29th October there will be a postcard display and talk entitled "Christmas comes but once a year" with Lorraine Maguire. All are welcome.

**ST. GEORGE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING** on Friday 18th October at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

**SUNDAY COUNTERS:** We are looking for new counters to join our teams, to work in groups of three, for approximately 3 hours on Sunday afternoons. This will be on a rota basis. If you are interested and think you are able to help please contact the parish team.

**MASS INTENTIONS** are booked into February 2020 and beyond. Remember to book your anniversary Masses early.

**CHURCH LAMPS:** If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week. There are still some spaces in December. Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** If you are able to volunteer for Church Cleaning please contact Julia on 020 8904 5324 for details. If you are already on our cleaning rota and are no longer able to help PLEASE let Julia or one of the Parish Team know.

**NEW SANCTUARY PROJECT LATEST:** All the stonework is finished. We still await the back screen which is being carved and made up in Norfolk—maybe 2 or 3 weeks time. We hope you like what you see so far! Thanks to all those who have made gifts that make this possible and to those who are continuing to make gifts.

**DO YOU NEED A CLEANER?** Ring Helen on 07805774573.

**WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:** (See in church porch)

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.

SMART LOVING SEMINAR for married couples.

CATHOLIC SINGLES information

RETROUVAILLE—a lifeline for married couples.

WIDOWED YOUNG—support events.

CALIX CENTRE—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.

MARRIAGE/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: [www.wmme.org.uk](http://www.wmme.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL VACANCIES** please see folder in porch or School/diocesan website.

**ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE** require an Administration Assistant (c/date 25th October).

**SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE**, Wealdstone, have a vacancy for a technician to work 15 hours per week (food & nutrition (DT) dept. (C/date 28<sup>th</sup> October). Please see website ([www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk](http://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk)) for further details.

**PROBLEM WITH YOUR COMPUTER?** Tomasz can fix it. Help also with setting up phones/TV'S/ home security Call: 0208 058 2826. £20 per hour. Longer projects at negotiable prices.

**FOLDERS in the church porch:** look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.



# TODAY'S MASS

## **Entrance Antiphon: Ps 130 (129): 3-4**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## **Collect**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17**

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. Now I know he said that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant. But Elisha replied, As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing. Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, Since your answer is No, allow your servant to be given as

much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97**

### **R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
  2. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.
  3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.
- Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13**  
Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they

cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were

cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 34 (33): 11**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## **Prayer after Communion**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.