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Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday

10:00am until 2:00pm

Mass Times

Monday— Thursday:

9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
(includes Children's Liturgy),
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Friday:

One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday (Holy Hour):

7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm



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OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY

13 OCTOBER 2019

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Saint John Henry Newman

In August of this year I went on pilgrimage—not to Lourdes, Walsingham or Rome, but to Birmingham. It's not a place you would immediately associate with sanctity (apologies to Brummies!), but it was here that John Henry Newman settled in the middle of the nineteenth century to found the Oratory community of priests and parish. He had been an outstanding scholar in the Church of England—his sermons were both profound and pastoral. His studies and prayer led him into the Catholic Church, a conversion which sent shock waves throughout the establishment.



So it was that he left the historic and beautiful city of Oxford for Birmingham. Here he lived for another fifty or so years always writing, thinking and praying. His writing, many will attest, opened the way for much of the thinking of the Second Vatican Council. He was a poet as well as a theologian, writing some of our best known hymns—Praise to the Holiest, Firmly I believe and Truly, and Lead Kindly Light.

The goal of my pilgrimage was to visit his room in the Oratory. You can still see where he worked, wrote and read, and most especially the altar where he said Mass. What moved me most was to see, stuck to the wall by drawing pins, many little Mass cards and holy pictures, photographs and the names of friends for whom he prayed. This was an insight into the personal holiness of the man canonised in Rome today. May he pray for us all, pray for the unity of the Church here in England, pray for Newman Catholic College and pray for our friends.

Monsignor Roger

Those who have died recently: Luigi Ritacca, Fung Kiu Cheung, Margaret O'Sullivan, Mary Lyons, Mary Crean

Those who are sick: Frank McCarthy, Babs Barrett, Elfreide Singleton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Mulhern, Patricia Dempsey, Mary Luz Aranda

Those Baptised: Layla Lilly Lewis

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,103.89 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £1,541.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving – Thank You. *“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” - 1 Chronicles 29: 14-16.* Thank you for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal last weekend. All parishioners who signed a promise card last week will be contacted in due course. If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a promise card last weekend, and would like a box of donation envelopes, or to donate to the parish by standing order (bankers order) or wish to *Gift Aid*, please complete a promise card at the back of the Church today and post it through our Presbytery letterbox. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 27 September 2019. We would like to thank all those who attended the coffee morning or made donations to the charity. The total donation from our parish was £700. Thank you all again for being so generous to this good cause.

Roman Catholic Secondary School, Sixth Form, Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. On 17 and 29 October 2019 (for secondary school and sixth form) and on 26, 28, 29 November and 2, 3, 9, December and 4 January 2020 (for nursery, infant and primary), Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those who attend Mass here every week and have done so for some years. Newer parishioners should bring a letter from their previous parish. Please telephone the parish office this week between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday, to make an appointment. Appointments will take place in the Sacristy, so please come into the church, not Clergy House, and take a seat on one of the front pews. Please bring with you a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for. The form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese of Westminster website at rcdow.org.uk. Please complete the top half of each form before your appointment. Thank you.

Are you an adult coming to Mass but not baptised/Confirmed/made your First Holy Communion? On the 19 October from 2:00pm—3:00pm a programme called the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* begins, which is to help people who have maybe missed out on some sacraments when they were young, or who are not Catholics at the moment and who wish to receive the sacraments and come fully into the Catholic Church. If you or anyone you may know are interested please contact Monsignor Roger by email.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020. The first meetings for children and parents who have registered will be in the church on Monday 4 November 2019 at either 5:30pm-6:30pm for First Holy Communion, and 7:00pm- 8:00pm for Confirmation. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for this Sacrament to consider putting themselves forward.

Bishop's Visitation. Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to our parish on the weekend of 9—10 November. He will be at all our Masses and is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible after Mass.

Altar Servers. When Bishop John Sherrington visits our parish on the weekend of the 9/10 November he would like to meet with all of the altar servers on Saturday 9 November at 7:30pm in the Sacristy. It would be lovely if you could all be there. Could parents/guardians please email the parish office at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk to confirm servers attendance.

Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School & Nursery Admission 2020—2021. Packs are now available from the school office for admission to Nursery and Reception for September 2020. Reception Open Day is Monday 18 November at 9:15am and 2:00pm. Nursery Open Day is Wednesday 20 November at 9:15am and 2:00pm.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Luigi Ritacca will take place on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 11:00am followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 12:30pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Torchlit Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Willesden will take place on Sunday 20 October 2019 at 7:00pm from the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. The preacher is Bishop John Sherrington. All are most warmly welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Annual Mass for Bereaved Parents. The annual Mass for bereaved parents will be held on Saturday 26 October 2019 at 2:30pm at St Aloysius Church, Somers town celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Readings at Mass

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings 5:14—17

Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: St Paul 2:8—13

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

Gospel: Luke 17:11—19

Parish Diary

Monday

7:00pm

Prayer Group—Annexe