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4TH OCT – TWENTY SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10.30AM THE PARISH MASS

Please see ticketing details to attend

Mon 5th Oct - St Faustina, Virgin

Tue 6th Oct - Saint Bruno, Priest

Wed 7th Oct - Our Lady of the Rosary

11.30am The Holy Rosary

12 NOON MASS

Thur 8th Oct - Weekday in OT

Fri 9th Oct - Feast of St John Henry
Newman, Priest.

Sat 10th Oct - St Paulinus of York,
Bishop

11TH OCT – TWENTY EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10.30AM THE PARISH MASS

Please see ticketing details to attend

LATEST NEWS

THE SUNDAY MASS READINGS are made available at the end of this bulletin for the 27th Sunday Year A. You are invited to pray with them before coming to Sunday Mass to prepare to meet Our Lord present when these scriptures are proclaimed. You might also wish to use them when preparing to make a Spiritual Communion at home.

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has raised the memorial of St John Henry Newman to the rank of Feast on 9 October. Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Roman Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both churches. Born in London, England, he studied at Trinity College, Oxford, was a tutor at Oriel College, and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of *Parochial and Plain Sermons* as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar. After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective.

Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded the Birmingham Oratory and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland. Newman wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters survive. Most famous are his book-length *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine*, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*—his spiritual autobiography up to 1864—and *Essay on the Grammar of Assent*. When Newman was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto "*Cor ad cor loquitur*" - "Heart speaks to heart." Pope Francis canonized Newman in October 2019.





ST FAUSTINA KOWLASKA 5th October has now been placed in the General Calendar of the Roman Church. The decree – issued on behalf of Pope Francis – came on the same day as the Church marked 100 years since the birth of Karol Wojtyła. The future Pope St John Paul II canonized St Faustina in the year 2000. “His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation” (*Lk 1: 50*). What the Virgin Mary sang in the *Magnificat*, contemplating the salvific work of God in favour of every human generation, found an echo in the spiritual encounters of St Faustina Kowalska who, through a heavenly gift, saw in the Lord Jesus Christ the merciful face of the Father and became its herald. Born in the village of Głogowiec, near Łódź, in Poland in 1905, and dying in Krakow in 1938, St Faustina spent her short life amongst the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy,

generously conforming herself to the vocation she received from God and developing an intense spiritual life, rich in spiritual gifts and in faithful harmony with them. In the *Diary* of her soul, the sanctuary of her encounter with the Lord Jesus, she herself recounts what the Lord worked in her for the benefit of all: listening to Him who is Love and Mercy she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. Thus, she became the inspiration for a movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine Mercy throughout the whole world. Canonized in the year 2000 by St John Paul II, the name of Faustina quickly became known around the world, thereby promoting in all the parts of the People of God, Pastors and lay faithful alike, the invocation of Divine Mercy and its credible witness in the conduct of the lives of believers.”

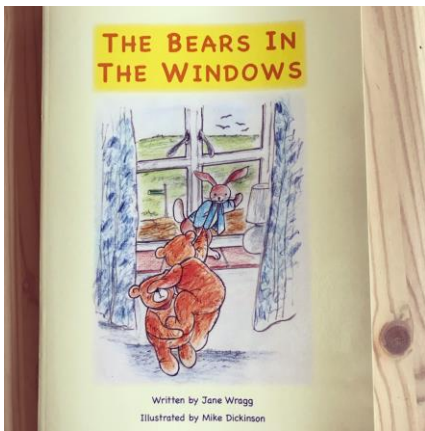
JOURNEY IN FAITH (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) At present it is difficult to begin a new RCIA group and we may not be able to form one for the foreseeable future. However, if you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more about our Catholic faith please contact Fr Michael and we will then see how best to journey forward.

HELP STOP DIY ABORTIONS During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government’s “pills through the post”, brought in as Covid measure, means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Please help us to spread the truth about DIY abortion and save women and babies from the tragedy of abortion. Will you deliver pro-life information leaflets about DIY abortions door-to-door in your area? Every leaflet could make the difference to a vulnerable woman and save a baby’s life. Please go to our [website](#) to learn more and order some leaflets. Or you can order leaflets by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

SIGN THE PETITION TO SAVE THE RIGHT TO SAVE LIVES Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work. Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

THE MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY is celebrated on Wednesday 7th October. We will pray the Rosary at 11.30am, before the Mass. The intentions for our Rosary will be for World Peace, the effects of Covid-19 and our personal Intentions. Not prayed the Rosary for a while? Then see the end of this newsletter for a refresher. Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us.





JANE WRAGG'S FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK has now been published. Written for children 2-6, it tells the story of the bear family who live in Laurel Cottage and their adventures during lockdown. It sells for £5.99 and all profits will go to the NHS. Anyone wishing to buy one can email Jane on grannywragg@gmail.com or see her at Mass. Do support this wonderful venture and congratulations to the new author!

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE last Wednesday September 30th. Dear Brothers and Sisters, in the series of catecheses that concludes today, we have reflected on the effects of the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine. Our world needs to be

healed not only of the present virus, but also of the "social ills" of inequality, injustice and exclusion that afflict so many of our brothers and sisters in the human family. In the light of Christ's teaching, we have seen the importance of solidarity, subsidiarity and respect for human dignity for the shaping of a society in accord with the values of God's Kingdom, a society that gives priority to its poorest and most vulnerable members, and to the responsible stewardship of the goods of creation. Just as Jesus brought physical and spiritual healing to the sick, so we too are called to bring the Gospel's healing power to the task of creating a more just, inclusive and participatory society at every level. In this way, by God's grace, we will emerge from the present crisis with renewed hope for the building of a world ever more consistent with our human dignity and lofty vocation. The full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

MARY'S MEALS - WORLD PORRIDGE DAY World Porridge day takes place on Saturday the 10th October. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the difference that porridge makes to the lives of many of the children that they feed. Please keep an eye on their website for news about their plans or email: info@marysmeals.org to find out more.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS There is no change to the attending of Mass or for periods of private prayer in churches. However, the wearing of a face mask properly is mandatory for those who attend Mass or church for private prayer, unless they have an exemption from this. **WEDDING SERVICES:** A maximum of 15 people will be able to attend the service and reception. **FUNERAL SERVICES:** Up to a maximum of 30 people can attend a funeral service but the 'Rule of Six' will apply to wakes and receptions afterwards. **BAPTISMS:** If a baptism takes place in a Mass which is part of the normal pattern of parish Masses, the number of people attending will be limited to the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the church building. As we can seat only 50 people safely, Baptisms at Mass will take place during the week for the foreseeable future. People attending must remain within their groups of six and observe strict social distancing between each separate group. If a baptism takes place outside of this normal pattern of worship, the numbers attending this celebration is limited to 6. However, this does not include the minister but does include the candidate.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION TODAY there will be a special collection on aid of 'Peter's Pence'. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See." This collection has been transferred by the Holy See to this Sunday due to the Covid crisis.





CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY Friday 9th October. This year CAFOD focuses on the global Coronavirus pandemic and efforts to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world “survive, rebuild and heal.” Please consider contributing to this important annual collection. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or give by SMS – text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. You may wish to fast from a meal and give the cost of the meal to CAFOD. Giving envelopes are also available. The following links give examples of the work CAFOD is doing to combat Covid19: <https://youtu.be/2Mx7VAz5CRg>

<https://youtu.be/5GagOhIBb8Y>

<https://youtu.be/GrwQRjRH178>

FREE ONLINE TALKS The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst College are offering a series of online talks over the coming months in a series named “Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters.” Exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality with well-known experts, the series is free to attend online. They will take place at 7:30pm on Thursdays. Simply register to receive a link, either online at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters> or by email to events@christianheritagecentre.com.

THE SUNDAY PARISH MASS 10.30AM Please remember to book a ticket using the following link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/weekend-mass-tickets-112374755920. Please do not come to Mass without a ticket as once we have reached distancing capacity people will be unable to enter. If you book and then find you are unable to come, do let us know as we can then make the tickets available to others. Tickets are also available online for the Wednesday celebration at 12 noon. If you do not have access to the web, please call Fr Michael or Lorraine Miller to reserve a place.

YEAR OF COMMUNION Over the past few weeks, we have heard a series of parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. God calls us to work for His Kingdom and rewards us beyond what any of us deserve or can imagine. Today, we hear about the vineyard that has been given to each of us. God excludes no one. Work, families, our community, the environment are all elements of our vineyard. Our job is to look after our vineyard and in doing so to produce good fruits. In this ‘Season of Creation’ we have been reminded of the need for us to care for our world, our immediate environment, our brothers and sisters. We are also in the middle of a pandemic – how well are we using our gifts to do this? In the parable we are God’s tenants. God gives us total freedom to run the vineyard as we wish but we should never forget that it is God’s vineyard. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?

THANK YOU to all who are continuing to support the parish financially at this difficult time. You are helping to ensure that the parish will still be viable when we are able to return to a semblance of normal. We still need to pay our levy every week to the Diocese; and now have to 'catch up' on some of the second collections due this year. Also, winter will bring heating/lighting costs, necessary requisites for Mass, essential maintenance to Church, House and Hall, office materials and continued purchase of Sanitizers and Protection equipment. So, thank you for your generosity, and to those who have signed up for new standing orders and gift aid. If you have not so far committed to giving to the parish by standing order, could you please urgently consider this? Thank you in advance for your continued support of the parish.

PARISH HALL FACILITIES – although the Government has given the green light to restart the use of hall facilities they can only be used for a very limited type of event. Furthermore, the recent government guidelines regarding groups of 6 has made things uncertain. Having reviewed the necessary documentation surrounding the reopening of the hall, we note that as well as implementing social distancing, one-way systems, sanitizing stations etc. it is necessary for the hall facilities to be thoroughly cleaned after every use, which cannot be done by the hirer of the facility. In view of the very small numbers that we would be allowed to accommodate and the cost of cleaning and sanitization, we are sadly unable to open the hall at present. This is naturally impacting our income, so we thank those who are able to continue give to the parish through the ways listed below.

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

Saint Patrick's Community at Prayer



***‘The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.’
James 5:16.***

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Maeve Heffernan, James Gallagher, Terri Yates, Karen Lucas, Rob Jones, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

The Recently Departed: Anthony Lloyd

Pope Francis October Prayer Intention: That by the virtue of baptism, the laity faithful, especially women, may participate in areas of responsibility in the Church

Diocesan Prayer Link: Sacred Heart

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Patrick's Church

For all affected by Coronavirus



God's healing hand

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted
and are suffering due to the Coronavirus,
we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.

To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff
who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19,
may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you

to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion.

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak,
we convey our deepest sympathies.

We pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace.

We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope
in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

Amen.



The Rosary is one of the most cherished private devotions in the Church. For over seven centuries millions of Christians have found the rosary to be a powerful way of meditating on the most important Christian mysteries of Christ's life, death and Resurrection. Through the gentle repetition of the prayers of the rosary, many have come to a deeper appreciation and love for the gospel. The rosary has a way of calling to mind the central mysteries of the faith and penetrating deeply into the meaning, truths, and implications contained in those mysteries.

PRAYERS YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day, He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence HE shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed, be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy. Amen.

The Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, morning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worth the promises of Christ.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

ORDER TO SAY THEM IN

1. While holding the crucifix make the Sign of the Cross and then recite the Apostles' Creed.
2. Recite the Our Father for the Pope on the first large bead.
3. Recite the Hail Mary for an increase of faith, hope, and love on each of the three small beads.
4. After the 3 Hail Mary's recite the Glory Be and Fatima Prayer.
5. Recall the first Rosary Mystery and recite the Our Father on the large bead.
6. On each of the adjacent ten small beads (referred to as the decade) recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the mystery.
7. After the 10 Hail Mary's say the Glory Be, and the Fatima Prayer (O My Jesus).
8. Each succeeding decade is prayed in similar manner by recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, the Glory Be, and the Fatima prayer while reflecting on the mystery.
9. When the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is customarily concluded with the Hail Holy Queen.

Download full CD on the FEST website at:
www.thefest.us/rosary

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries (Monday & Saturday)

1st Decade: The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)
2nd Decade: The Visitation (Luke 1:39-45)
3rd Decade: The Nativity of Jesus (Luke 2:6-12)
4th Decade: The Presentation of Jesus (Luke 2:25-32)
5th Decade: The Finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-50)

Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

1st Decade: The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)
2nd Decade: The Miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11)
3rd Decade: The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Mark 1:14-15)
4th Decade: The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8)
5th Decade: The Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26-28)

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday & Friday)

1st Decade: The Agony in the Garden (Luke 22:39-46)
2nd Decade: The Scouring at the Pillar (Mark 15:6-15)
3rd Decade: The Crowning with Thorns (John 19:1-8)
4th Decade: The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:16-22)
5th Decade: The Crucifixion (John 19:25-30)

Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday & Sunday)

1st Decade: The Resurrection (Mark 16:1-7)
2nd Decade: The Ascension of Jesus (Luke 24:45-53)
3rd Decade: The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-7, 11)
4th Decade: The Assumption of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)
5th Decade: The Coronation of Mary (Revelations 12:1-17)



A Prayer of Spiritual Communion



“My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Let me never be separated from You.”

An Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease You, my God, Who are so deserving of all my love for Your infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Your holy grace never more to offend You, to avoid all occasions of sin and amend my life. Amen. I further resolve and promise to go to sacramental confession as soon as practicably possible.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord’s doing
and it is wonderful to see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

The Gospel of the Lord.