

## The Week Ahead

Mon 14th of St John Henry Newman	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Tues 15th S Teresa of Avila	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Wed 16th S Margaret Mary	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Thur 17th S Ignatius of Antioch	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Fri 18th S Luke	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Sat 19th of Our Lady	10.00am, 6.00pm ( <i>1st of Sun</i> )

**Sun 20th Twenty Ninth** 8.30am  
**in Ordinary Time** 9.30am [*Extraordinary form*]

10.30am [*Solemn Latin*] Missa brevis in B flat *Mozart*  
Ave maris stella *Grieg*; Praeludium in E minor *Bruhns*  
12.00, 4.00pm, 7.00pm

Those who have enrolled in the **new sacramental programmes** will be contacted over the next ten days to be given more details of their programmes the dates of their initial meetings.

Last weekend's collection for **CAFO-D's Harvest Fast Day** raised **£3,852**.

A sincere "thank you" to those who responded so generously. If there are still donations to be made they can put in one of the envelopes at the back of church and placed in the collection bags at the offertory.

Another opportunity to help the needy comes this weekend with **MARY'S MEALS** inviting your for support for their "**RAGS to RICHES**" appeal. Please bring your unwanted clothing and bedding (but please not duvets or pillows) in black sacks and place them in the baptistery at the back of the church – which will remain open throughout the weekend until the sacks are taken away early on Monday morning. Through "Mary's Meals" three of these sacks will feed a child one good meal every school day for a whole year – at present the charity works in twenty-one of the least advantaged countries and they promise that 93p of every £ raised will go directly to those in need.

**Saint Francis Ramblers** invite you to join them on their walk on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Meet Tonbridge station (train due at 10.09 having departed Charing Cross at 9.15). Distance 9 miles: finishing at Sevenoaks. Call Paul on 07847 282626.

**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and the rosary will be prayed each weekday after the 6pm Mass.**

### Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday - 4.45pm-5.45pm

### Confessions

Weekdays 12.00-1.00pm

Saturday 10.30am-Noon

&

5.00pm-5.45pm

## St James's Roman Catholic Church, Spanish Place 22 George Street, London W1U 3QY



## Solemnity of Saint Edward the Confessor

13th October  
2019

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### TODAY'S LITURGY

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-24; Romans 8: 26-30; St Matthew 5: 1-12

Psalm Response: **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

10.30am Mass for five voices *Byrd*  
Beatus vir *Mozart*; Ave verum Corpus *Elgar*  
Carillon de Westminster *Vierne*

*Refreshments (Tea & Coffee) are served after the 9.30am Mass  
& wine together with soft drinks are available  
after the Solemn Mass in the Social Centre (in the Crypt).  
Do join us if you have the time.*

The Reverend Christopher G. Colven (Rector)

Last week's giving

**£3,111-00**

(includes envelopes  
but not bankers' orders)

The Reverend Canon Stuart Wilson

The Reverend Hugh MacKenzie (in residence)  
The Reverend Mark Elliott Smith (in residence)

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The Rector writes . . . . .

There have been only a very few English saints who have inspired universal interest, among them most famously Thomas a Becket and Thomas More, but this weekend's canonisation of Cardinal Newman adds another name to that short but honourable list. John Henry Newman was born in Ealing in 1801: his life was to embrace most of the 19th Century as he lived to be 89. Two cities will always be associated with him; Oxford and Birmingham. Brought up within the Church of England, as a teenager the future cardinal had an evangelical conversion and his assurance of the personal love of Jesus remained with him ever afterwards. A brilliant academic career (with a study of the early Christian writers) joined to pastoral work after ordination led to Newman becoming a leader in what came to be known as the "*Oxford Movement*" – an attempt to return Anglicanism to apostolic roots. The opposition to his "*Tracts for the Times*" published between 1833-1841 in which he argued for the continuity of the Church of England with the undivided Church led him to retreat to Littlemore just outside the city of Oxford where, with a few like-minded people around him, he spent several years trying to discern God's will. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1845 by Blessed Dominic Barberi

After his conversion, the second half of Newman's life was not without controversy. In his autobiography "*Apologia Pro Vita Sua*" (published in 1866) he seeks to justify his change of allegiance (and much else) and as piece of spiritual as well as historical writing it is fascinating to read such an honest appraisal of God's working in an individual heart. Many will know and value his poem "*The Dream of Gerontius*", later set to music by Edward Elgar, through which we have gained one of the best loved of all hymns: "*Praise to the Holiest in the Height*" – and, of course, another hymn from the same pen "*Lead, Kindly Light*" has helped many people in their own journey of faith. Newman was a careful writer in the cause of truth, setting out his understanding of Catholic teaching for non-Catholics while encouraging his co-religionists to be faithful to the tradition that has been handed down to them. What Cardinal Newman had to offer in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was a vision of the Church which was authentically Catholic while at the same time respecting the Englishness of its particularly local expression. This notion of local churches having their own culture and emphases (or patrimony) within the communion of the universal Church was to find sympathetic ears at the Second Vatican Council a century later.

John Henry Newman remains a theologian of international note. Benedict XVI has often spoken of his influence on his own thought

which was the reason for his taking the unusual step of beatifying Cardinal Newman in Birmingham (rather than Rome) on his visit to this country in 2010 - but if it is with Oxford that he was identified in the first half of his life, it is in Birmingham that he really found his mission as pastor and teacher. Taking Saint Philip Neri as his inspiration Newman founded an Oratory which would work in one of the poorer areas of that great industrial centre and was content to live out his days ministering among its people. Much of his written devotional work – for which he is rightly revered – came from his experience among ordinary working people with little formal education. So often it is true that it takes a great mind to express the truths of the Faith in all simplicity.

There is so much more that could and should be said about this new Saint and you might well look up the website <https://www.newmancanonisation.com> for further information. One of the best-known pieces of Cardinal Newman's prose is contained in the following words which give us all pause for thought this weekend: "*God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission: I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in a great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing*".

Christopher Colven

## NOTICES

Because we are situated within the City of Westminster this Sunday is kept as the Solemnity of ***Saint Edward the Confessor***, King of England from 1042-1066. He was renowned as a gentle father of his people, having a special care for the poor. He re-founded and endowed Westminster Abbey where he is buried behind the high altar. It is fitting that on the day we remember one great Englishman, another should be canonised. We join in spirit with the thousands gathered in Rome (including a contingent from our own parish) as ***Blessed John Henry Newman*** is raised to the altar and named a saint. *All three Masses on Monday will be offered in his honour and to ask his intercession.*

The ***Saint Vincent de Paul Society*** are making a last bid for support before their next major fund-raiser which will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Souper Ball next ***Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October*** at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. There are just 20 tickets left at £100 for the reception, dinner and dance. Young (and old) are welcome to come for dancing only after the dinner for £40 – payable on the night. See notices at the back of church for more details or speak with an SVP member.