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September 30th 2007: The Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

As you entered the Church today you will have seen immediately that the Sanctuary is almost ready for the "Forty Hours", our annual Eucharistic Festival. I say "almost" ready for a very important reason. There are two things that yet remain before we can say that the preparations are complete: the first is that on Tuesday night after the end of the High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m., the Host, Our Lord's Sacred Body, will be placed reverently and gloriously on its throne, adorned by the great forest of candles and flowers and hangings which are there to honour the Real Presence on our Altars and in our tabernacles of the Son of God made man.

But there is a second thing that still needs to be present before the Forty Hours can really begin—that is YOU! It would be a sad and empty show to put up so many candles and flowers to adorn the Body of our Saviour **if there were nobody to worship Him**. It is gratifying to recall that in recent years the number of people coming to pray in Our Lord's presence has risen. But it is still a cause of sadness to Our Lord that many still do not come to worship Him and ask Him for all the blessings He longs to pour out on us all.

How many of you who read this Newsletter and who come to Mass regularly on a Sunday have never come to any other event in the Church during the week? Our Lord gave us the gift of His Body and Blood not just for a few but for "the many", meaning all people. Put simply, "for all people" means that everyone is invited to come and find Our Lord, to pray for themselves and their loved ones, for peace in the world, for respect for Life and for the conversion of poor sinners. We know that not everyone accepts Our Lord's invitation. That is terribly sad. But would you who read this want to be one of those? What will you do during those precious hours between Tuesday night and Thursday night when Our Lord is waiting here for YOU? It's not that He needs us to come; it's simply because of His great love that He has so much He wants to give us. But He can only give it to us if we are prepared to make the small effort needed to come into His presence.

So make a resolution today that you are going to spend a little time in Our Lord's presence during the Forty Hours. Make your resolution good by signing up on the Watching List at the Back of the Church to spend just 30 minutes. Our Lord never fails to reward all those who spend time with Him for love of Him. He will also give great blessings to all those for whom you pray, and just think how many serious intentions there are that need praying for in today's world! You won't regret it! That's a guarantee, not from me but from Our Lord Himself. Try it and see!

THE DIVINE INNOCENCE

Some of you may have heard of the "Divine Innocence" movement and devotion. You will therefore be interested to learn that the Church definitely does not approve of it. After careful investigation of some of Patricia de Menezes writings the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, until recently headed by the Pope himself, has written to the Archbishop of Southwark (in whose diocese Mrs de Menezes lives) to make this known.

There are four parts to the statement. 1) An exaggerated view of the importance of her "Order" - she claims that our Lord says that: *"The Order of MY Divine Innocence precedes all orders, and supersedes all orders."* 2) Inappropriate words and phrases are attributed to Our Lord: e.g. *"De Menezes: Lord, the Way of Divine Innocence does not seem to be what the young want. Jesus: What do the young want? De Menezes: Excitement. Jesus: I can give them enough excitement to give them a heart attack!"* 3) Her demand that the Church declare all victims of abortion as martyrs is not, as claimed, a development of doctrine. Rather it is an innovation which is difficult to harmonize with the teaching of the Church. 3) Her unusually violent and threatening language used in the "inspirations" to attack the authorities of the Church seems incompatible with any genuinely divine revelation: *"Jesus: Those who subject the children to trial by neglect, I will subject to trial by fire. ... Wicked short-sighted shepherds. ... Vengeance is mine!. The Church stands accused of impeding Jesus' efforts to save the souls of millions of aborted children. Anyone who is interested in reading the entire text of the decree will find copies at the Church Doors.*

Sunday September 30th: The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Green)

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| • 8.30 a.m. Low Mass | • 12.45 p.m. Tridentine Mass (in the Cloister Chapel) |
| • 10.30 a.m. High Mass | • 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational Mass |
| • 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children) | • Vespers and Benediction at 7.30 p.m. |

The TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK OF THE YEAR: Liturgical Calendar

Monday and Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. October Devotions at 7.45 p.m.

Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR PROGRAMME DURING FORTY HOURS

<p>Monday October 1st: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church. Memoria. (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">October Devotions at 7.30 p.m. <p>St Thérèse of Liseux (1873-97) “The Little Flower” Was endowed with a remarkable grace and knowledge of divine things. Her great desire was to join the Carmelites, following in the footsteps of her eldest sister, and she personally obtained permission from Pope Leo XIII to enter at 15, well below the minimum age. Shortly before her death, aged 24, she wrote a remarkable autobiography, the “Story of a Soul”. Her example can be summed up in her own words: “Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden to me.. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love”. She was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday October 2nd: The Guardian Angels Memoria (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">OPENING SOLEMN MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 8 P.M. (White)Watching in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament till Midnight <hr/> <p>Wednesday October 3rd: Feria. (Green). Optional memoria of St Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop. (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Watching recommences at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day.VOTIVE MASS FOR PEACE AT 8 P.M.All– night Vigil from 10 p.m.—6.30 a.m. <hr/> <p>Thursday October 4th: St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon. Memoria. (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Watching continues throughout the dayCLOSING SOLEMN MASS OF THE SACRED HEART, PROCESSION & BENEDICTION AT 8 P.M. (White) <hr/> <p>Friday October 5th: St Luigi Scrosoppi, Oratorian Priest. (White). Family Fast Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">October Devotions at 7.30 p.m. <p>St Luigi Scrosoppi A priest at the Undine Oratory, his life spanned the entire 19th century, a time of great turmoil for the Church in Italy. His Oratory was suppressed by French revolutionary forces, and when restore, to be finally suppressed by the anti-clerical forces of Italian nationalism. He suffered these trials with great fortitude and founded two orders of nuns to care for the sick and needy.</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday October 6th: Our Lady on Saturday (White); or Feria. (Green); or optional memoria of St Bruno, Bishop. (White)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mass at 8 a.m. and Sung Mass at 11 a.m.Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30 to 10.45 a.m.Benediction at 10.45 a.m.Confessions from 10.55 a.m. to 12 noon and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of MassVigil Mass of the TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR at 5.45 p.m. (Green) <p>St Bruno (d.1101) Of French noble birth, he founded the Carthusians, the most austere of all the great monastic orders. Chosen several times to be Bishop, he always declined considering himself unworthy. But eventually Pope Urban II, a former pupil insisted and asked him to Italy to be his adviser. He never returned to France, but found a monastery</p>	<p>Sunday October 7th: The TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Green)</p> <p>Mass Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8.30 a.m. Low Mass10.30 a.m. High Mass12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)12.45 p.m. In the Tridentine Rite (In the Cloister Chapel)5.30 p.m. Low MassVespers and Benediction: 7.30 <hr/> <p>Please pray for the sick: Miles Drew, Olive Shelton, Carole Halls, Ann Windsor, Desmond Williams, Elizabeth Snape, Edward Snape, Mary Mackay, John McCann, Emily Nugent, Frank McGuinness, Kerry Mooney, Emma Wilson and Jacqueline Griffiths</p> <p>Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Fr. John Bale, Rose Malynn and Daniel Tuck;</p> <p>and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr Anthony Pollen of this Oratory, John Roebuck, George Milton, Rose & John Nulty, Maura Murphy, Brian Moran, Henry Aloysius Bowyer and Tom Frain.</p> <p>Rose Malynn’s funeral is on Thursday at 12.45. Burial at Quinton. Reception of remains: Wednesday at 6.15 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>The following are requested to read next weekend, October 6th/7th, the Twenty-seventh Sunday</p> <p>Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Geoff Jones</p> <p>Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Murray Wilson-Browne</p> <p>12.00 p.m.: Sr Hilary</p> <p>5.30 p.m.: Jason Mahoney</p> <hr/> <p>Collections:</p> <p><i>Twenty-fifth Sunday, 23rd September:</i></p> <p>Offertory: £1,443</p> <p>Second: Diocesan Development Fund: £519</p> <p><i>Thank you</i></p> <p>The Second Collection today will be for the Diocesan Development Fund</p> <p>Next week’s (Fastday) Second Collection will be for The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) which works for the poor and needy throughout the world.</p>
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<p>TODAY</p> <p>CANDLES FOR FORTY HOURS : Candles which will be used to adorn the High Altar during our Forty Hours Devotion can be bought today in the cloisters. Please also remember the Altar Society box (by St Charles' Chapel at the front of the church); donations go towards the cost of the flowers for the altar.</p> <p>SPUC NEWSPAPER the latest edition is now available free of charge at the Church Doors. Please take one and keep up to date with the Pro-Life cause!</p> <p>THIS WEEK</p> <p>ADORATION AT REDNAL will not take place this week due to Forty Hours.</p> <p>Our FORTY HOURS DEVOTION takes place this week, commencing on Tuesday 2nd October, with Solemn High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, at 8 p.m. Watching then follows until midnight. On Wednesday, 3rd, watching recommences at 8 a.m. and continues then until Thursday evening, 4th October. The Watching list for you sign up for half hour slots is now at the back of church and we hope that you will help us to fill every slot!</p> <p>OCTOBER DEVOTIONS : nightly prayer and Benediction at 7.45 p.m. every weekday evening in October, except during 40 hours, commences tomorrow.</p> <p>The ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE, Oxford, to celebrate the Conversion of the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman, takes place on Saturday. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Pargeter at the Church of Blessed Dominic Barberi and there will be Benediction at St Mary Immaculate in Warwick. The trip will also include a tour of the college at Littlemore and a talk.</p>	<p>Cost £20. Booking forms are available at the church doors.</p> <p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER for peace and to uphold the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death takes place next <i>Sunday, 7th October</i>. This day would be the Feast of the Holy Rosary but for being a Sunday. It is also the 5th anniversary of the consecration of our church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. <i>There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2-5 p.m. during which our rosaries will contribute to the several million being said this day throughout the world for the intentions mentioned above.</i></p> <p>SOCIETY OF ST HUGH meets on Saturday 13th October at 12 noon in the Oratory House. New members welcome.</p> <p>HAGLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Open Day Sat 13th Oct 9-12 a.m. VI Form Information Evening: Thurs 18th Oct. 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT: Morning of Prayer & Witness on Saturday 27th October, commencing with Mass at 8 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, then walking, saying the Rosary, to the Calthorpe (abortion) Clinic, Arthur Road, returning to the Oratory for Benediction at 10.45.</p>
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