



St. Michael's Bulletin



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY August 8th 2010.

5.30 pm Lucy Shurvell

9.00 am Our Parish Family

Monday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass
Wednesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Friday 9.00 am Morning prayer & Mass

1030 am Holy Souls.

Tuesday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Thursday 9.00 am Eucharistic Service
Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Souls.

FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS.

Lord, send Your Healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed: Claudina Rodrigues, Eugenie Micotti, Mike Coulehan, Harry Littlefair, Nancy Keogh, Gerald Scullane, Jason Thatcher, David Roberts, Marie Evans, Rita Conlon, Margaret Keane, Siobhain Moran, Maureen Vinall, Frank O'Donnell, Gwen Payne, Denis Goodchild, Margaret Munter, Michael O'Neil, Mike Nolan, Josephine Clay, Barry Haggar, Joseph Smith and John Fry. **Bring them Your healing and peace.**

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

We pray for all who died recently; for all those killed in wars, disasters and accidents throughout the world: for all victims of terrorism and oppression, and for those who die of starvation or neglect. For Mary Fogarty, Ted Dockrell, Josefa Cano, Sylvia Buffery, Elisebth Regan, John Joseph Walsh, Ralph Mascarenhas, Sean Kennedy, Anthony Boulton and Jack Flaherty whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant them the joy of Your Presence

THE POPE'S VISIT.

Parish priests have been advised to warn all those who intend to go to see the Pope at Cofton Park on September 19th that they should be aware that after leaving your bus you may well have to walk for about one mile before you arrive at the Park where Pope Benedict is to celebrate Mass and Beatify Cardinal Newman.

It is also suggested that you may also wish to take a lightweight chair/shooting stick and/or travel rug. No mention is made of umbrellas; lets hope they are not needed. A light snack may well stand you in good stead, as will a hot drink.

BEATIFICATION.

When the Pope conducts the ceremony of Beatification of Cardinal Newman then he is making a formal and official declaration that Cardinal Newman may be publicly venerated throughout our Diocese, in our prayers and church services. The ceremony is, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, " a solemn proclamation that Cardinal Newman practised heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace. The Church recognises the power of the Spirit of holiness and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints as models and intercessors. The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history." Cardinal Newman is now said to be among them.

It could be, that in ways we cannot possibly foresee, this Papal visit and Newman's Beatification, may well mark a new beginning of a revival within the church in England. It was as a result of a sermon preached by Cardinal Newman at Oscott College in 1852, called "The Second Spring", which marked a revival of Catholicism in our country. Since Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, Englishness was defined by Protestantism The number of catholics dwindled to a few tens of thousands. But in the 19th Century this changed and English catholics were joined by thousands of converts from Anglicanism, and millions of Catholics came from Ireland and other Catholic European countries. Catholicism in this country continued to be seen as somewhat inferior, foreign and was caricatured as "the Italian mission to the Irish". Such bigotry and resentment can still be found in certain areas of the media, but in general we are now regarded as part of the national scene.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Be sure you take plenty of rest. A field that has rested produces a beautiful crop. Ovid

How to live longer.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans

The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans

The Germans drink lots of beer, eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

CONCLUSION ? Eat and drink what you like. Its speaking English that kills you!