



# The Catholic Community of Holy Cross Church and Saints Philip and James Church

Our Parish Family: Cherishing the Past,  
Celebrating the Present, Embracing the Future.



## Daily evening Mass and Adoration commences at 6:15pm

### Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Fr Wayne continues to celebrate Mass  
on live-stream from Holy Cross Church

Sat 3 Oct	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
5:30pm PJ	Missa pro Populo
Sun 4 Oct	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:15am HC	John and Mary McVerry, RIP
11:00am PJ	Mark Robert Hostler, RIP - 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
5:00pm HC	Holy Rosary
5:30pm HC	Missa pro Populo
Mon 5 Oct	<b>Votive of St Francis of Assisi</b>
9:15am HC	Gordon Hughes, RIP
6:15pm PJ	Patrick Costello, RIP
Tue 6 Oct	<b>Votive of St Vincent de Paul</b>
9:15am HC	Bedford SVP Conferences and Missio
6:15pm PJ	Michael JS Carter, RIP
Wed 7 Oct	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial</b>
9:15am HC	Derek Beazley, RIP
6:15pm PJ	Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction)
Thu 8 Oct	<b>Votive of Blessed Dominic Barberi</b>
9:15am HC	Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction)
6:15pm PJ	Gerry Lennon, RIP
Fri 9 Oct	<b>St John Henry Newman, Priest - Feast</b>
9:15am HC	Gerry Lennon, RIP
12:00pm PJ	Catholic Revival/Margaret Wells
6:15pm PJ	Linda (good health)/Michael (RIP)
Sat 10 Oct	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
9:15am HC	Diocesan Catholic Schools
5:30pm PJ	Beatification of the Ven. Carlo Acutis
Sun 11 Oct	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:15am HC	Missa pro Populo
11:00am PJ	Deacon Liam Castle and Fr Daniel Rooke
5:00pm HC	Holy Rosary
5:30pm HC	Tony Tierney, RIP

### The Sacrament of Confession on Saturday

Holy Cross: 10:00 to 10:30am

Ss Philip and James: 4:45 to 5:15pm

May be celebrated by arrangement, or by request after Mass on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.



### The Venerable Carlo Acutis is to be declared Blessed

**Carlo** died of leukemia at the age of 15 in 2006. He was born in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1991 to Italian parents. **Carlo** participated in the Mass (every day since his First Holy Communion), frequently prayed the Rosary and weekly celebrated the Sacrament of Confession. **Pope Francis declared Carlo to be a model for young people.** Exceptionally gifted in working with computers,

**Carlo** developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles (the fruit of which was to visit our community in June.)

Assisi is celebrating the beatification with seventeen days of sacred liturgies and events that the local Bishop hopes will touch the hearts of young people. There will also be opportunities to pray at the body of Carlo. **Please pray the young people of our community will be inspired by the example of Carlo.**

**Carlo** is to be beatified on 10<sup>th</sup> October, in Assisi.

Please hold in prayer all those who:

- Are suffering in body, mind and/or soul.
- Are grieving and are in sorrow.
- Have recently died and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May the Lord be merciful in His judgement.

### Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

A series written by Anon

#### The Saints after the Consecration:

*Before the Consecration, in the Communicantes, Our Lady is first among the saints because she is Queen of the Saints, 'the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ'. In the final section of the First Eucharistic Prayer there are seven female saints: Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia.*

**Saint Felicity and Saint Perpetua** were Christian martyrs who died for their faith around the year AD203 during the persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus. **Perpetua** was a young mother, a noblewoman, and wife of a Roman official living in Carthage, North Africa. Her mother was a Christian and her father was a pagan. **Perpetua** followed her mother's example and fearlessly proclaimed her faith. When she was 22, **Perpetua** was imprisoned for being a Christian. She continued to care for her infant child while in prison and undergoing torture. **Felicity** was a pregnant slave girl who was imprisoned with **Perpetua**. Little is known about her life, but she shared in the same tortures as **Perpetua**. Both were condemned to die in the amphitheatre at the Roman games as a public spectacle. A few days before she was executed, **Felicity** gave birth to a baby girl, who was taken away in secret to be raised by Christians. **Perpetua** is recognized as patron of mothers and expectant mothers. Their feast is celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

In the month of October **The Holy Father** asks us to pray for **The Laity's Mission in the Church**. We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**NHS TEST AND TRACE:** As we have a moral duty of care towards one another it is requested that those who come to Mass, Holy Hour or Rosary participate in the **"NHS Test and Trace" scheme**. Details can be found in previous newsletters. It is now recommended that our churches display a **"NHS QR code"** so you can check-in using the NHS Covid-19 App; you can find this code (unique to each building) in the narthex.

**Church Buildings: Covid-19, heating and ventilation:** Diocesan guidance regarding heating the churches and the opening of doors and windows is that we should warm the buildings fifteen minutes prior to Mass (or another liturgy) but to then turn off the heating and to open the windows (and doors at SsP&J) in order to ensure the maximum amount of ventilation whilst we are in the building. This allows us to create as safe an environment as possible; the buildings are likely to be cold and people are asked to dress accordingly. Our safety is the priority! • **For everyone's safety:** Please continue to wear a mask when attending acts of worship, use the alcohol gel as you enter and leave the building and maintain social-distancing both inside and outside the building.

*Please adjust your mask/covering before the Blessed Sacrament is reverently placed in your hand.*

#### First Holy Communion 2021

Parents who are interested in finding out more information about this *"not the easiest but the best"* course of sacramental preparation are invited to speak to Fr Wayne after Mass and contact Sheila. Priority will be given to those families who weekly attend Mass in our parishes.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Details about the next Confirmation course will be available soon. Priority will be given to those families who attend Mass weekly in our parishes. Parents and candidates are asked to speak to Fr Wayne after Mass and contact Stephanie: confirmationhcandpj@gmail.com. The absolute deadline for expressing an interest in our 2020/2021 sacramental programmes (contacting Sheila or Stephanie) is **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

**Exploring the Post-Lockdown Church:** Monday webinars from our Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office. To register please visit: <http://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### Season of Creation - Jubilee for the Earth

As the **"Season of Creation - A Jubilee for the Earth"** draws to a close you might like to offer this prayer: **St Francis of Assisi:** *You desired that all should show a greater reverence for the Holy Eucharist and your concern for the cleanliness of church buildings and the care that should be afforded altar linens and liturgical vessels is an inspiration for us today. Through your intercession to God might we grow ever more deeply in love with the Mass and in so doing may we find the strength to care for each of our brothers and sisters who are in need and for the whole of creation. Amen*

**Foodbank donations required:** cup-a-soup, tinned rice pudding, coffee, rice (small), toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, anti-bac spray cleaners, washing-up liquid, shower gel, laundry-wash tablets, deodorant, cleaning cloths.

**Donations requested by the SVP:** tea and coffee; tinned meat, fish, vegetables; tinned fruit and tinned potatoes; desserts; packs of pasta and rice; jam and marmalade.

Donations can be left in the Presbytery and Holy Cross Church.

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day is 9th October:** We've all felt the impact of the CORONAVIRUS – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate **online** at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give), or **Text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10. On the weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October there will be envelopes, plus a contactless device after Mass so you can donate £5 each time you tap with your bank card.

#### Operation Christmas Child 2020

The shoebox appeal is still happening this year. The leaflets explaining how to fill a shoebox are in both churches from this Sunday. Boxes can be left at both churches by 8<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. If you have any problems making donations please ring Bernadette Russell: 01234 772230. Thank you.

#### Catholic Schools' Week: 5-11 October 2020

This week we honour all who study and work in the forty-two Catholic schools of our Diocese. Their inspiration this academic year is **St John Henry Newman's hymn, "Lead kindly light"**. Pray for God's blessing upon our Catholic schools.



#### Saint John Henry Newman, Priest - 9<sup>th</sup> October

The optional memorial of **St John Henry Newman** has been elevated to a **Feast**. A third Mass will be offered at midday, with a short devotion at the **Newman Shrine** (SsP&J).

**Saint John Henry Newman** was born on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1801 in London. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won

renown as a preacher and theologian. On 9<sup>th</sup> October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi. He was ordained priest on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1847. He established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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