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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	12 th	6.00 pm	Johanna O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.15 am	Reg Marshall RIP
		10.30 am	Robert Reed RIP
Monday	14 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Tuesday	15 th	9.30 am	Ann & Bernard Bandy RIP
		1.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR PAMELA SIMBLETT RIP
Wednesday	16 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Thursday	17 th	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	18 th	9.30 am	Deceased relatives of the Adams Family
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	19 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	20 th	8.15 am	Douglas Doll RIP
		10.30 am	Michael Butler RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17: 11-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

COLLECTIONS: Church: £566 Stations of the Cross: £7,150 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £1,108
Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Missio.

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special Missio envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peggy Gallagher, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Johanna Hawkins, Maurice Chiverton, Kathy Bainbridge, Reg Marshall, Roger Davis, Violet Earl, Emily Hudson, Pauline Moody, Eleanor Barnes, Doris Flood, Renee West

3. MISSIO: Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you

4. CONFIRMATION 2019/20: If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting soon. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

5. SAINTS & SINNERS XVIII, to raise money for Turning Tides (WCHP) will take place here in the Barn **next** Saturday 19th October with a Fish/Sausage/Chicken and Chips Supper with Bar, Quiz and Raffle from 7.00 pm. Tickets, £7.50 each, will be on sale this weekend. Please see poster in porch for further details.

6. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN FILM SHOWING: A new film about John Henry Newman, England, Our Lady and the history of the Catholic Church in England will be shown in the Barn at 3pm, on the day of his canonisation, this Sunday 13th October. Free entry, tea, coffee and cakes. Come along and join this celebration of a new Saint for England

7. THE 2020 PARISH DIARIES are available in both porches. They are free but if you would like to make a donation to either CAFOD or our Parish Project there are boxes in the main porch

8. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: The lessons for the children are on Tuesdays from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

9. APF RED BOX HOLDERS please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Sacristy for Teresa. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP are meeting from 7pm until 8.30 pm this Sunday in 'The Barn'. It is open to anyone in Year 7 to Year 11 and is a great chance to have fun, deepen your faith, make some friends, and have pizza! For more information, contact Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk. (New parents especially should Email for a consent form). We'd love to see you there

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Soap and Flannels. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

12. TURNING TIDES (WCHP) are appealing for: Coffee, Sugar, Tinned Tuna, Tinned meals, Biscuits, Tinned Tomatoes, Marmite, Squash, Tinned Rice Pud, Tinned meat, Gravy and Cooking Oil. Boxer Shorts, Men's Socks, Razors and Cleaning Products. Many thanks for your continued and generous help.

Father Liam says: John Henry Newman is being canonised today – 13th October – in Rome. He is the first British Saint since the Scottish Martyr John Ogilvy was canonised in 1976 and the first from England and Wales since 1970 when Paul VI canonised the English Martyrs. Many pilgrims from England are in Rome for the occasion including representatives of the two schools in our diocese who are named in his honour. Given Cardinal Newman's international following many people from the United States and elsewhere are expected to be there. Her Majesty the Queen is being represented by Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. Since the Queen no longer travels abroad, this is the highest Royal representation possible. The Britain is being represented by a delegation of 13 M.P.'s and Peers.

Both as Anglican theologian and Catholic Cardinal he has left the most inspiring and consoling understanding of conscience in his beautiful hymn 'Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on.' He tells us in one of his sermons that 'if we do not listen promptly to the secret monitor, its light goes out at once, and we are left to the mercy of mere conjecture and grope about with second best guides.'

Newman was born in London in 1801 and was appointed vicar of St Mary's Oxford. He became celebrated as a preacher and leader of the Tractarian (or Oxford) Movement. In the early 1840's he drew closed to Roman Catholicism and was received into full communion with the Catholic Church in 1845. He became a Catholic priest and established the Birmingham Oratory. He wrote extensively on the theological questions of the day. He is famous chiefly for the *Apologia pro Vita Sua* (1864) in which he set out the history of his religious views and defended himself forcefully against the charge of untruthfulness levelled against him by Charles Kingsley, the writer and clergyman, who also sought to undermine another recently canonised hero Fr Damian who devoted his life to the lepers on the island of Molokai. Newman's epic poem 'The Dream of Gerontius' provided the text of Elgar's oratorio. He was made a Cardinal in 1879. He avoided public display and remained in Birmingham serving his congregation for the remainder of his life. Interestingly, his brother David also parted company with Anglicanism and went as an unsectarian missionary to Baghdad for three years. He then returned to England and occupied several university posts. In religion he took a position directly opposite to his brother as his belief system included whatever he saw best in all the historical religions. He wrote a small book on his brother in 1891 – shortly after Cardinal Newman's death.

The writings of Cardinal Newman are recognised as having a big influence on the discussions and decisions of the Second Vatican Council. In particular his writings on the primacy of conscience – a subject that he devoted many years of study to – were pivotal in the great debates on religious freedom at Vatican II. In his 'Grammar of Assent' he explained that 'to go against the voice of conscience results in fear and shame. There is One to whom we are responsible.' He speaks of conscience as a 'personal guide reaching to something beyond self, which discerns a sanction higher than self for its decisions.' Unfortunately through the centuries the Church's insistence on 'authority' has all too often led to an authoritarianism that is far removed from the gospel. Law took the place of individual conscience and there was no room – all too often – for dissent. The Christian message of the infinite worth of each human being created in the image and likeness of God encouraged the Church – through the likes of Cardinal Newman – to develop and maintain the principle of the sanctity and supremacy of conscience

The first chapter of the key document of Vatican II – 'The Church in the Modern World' – gives a beautiful description of humanity and of the sanctity of conscience: 'Deep within their conscience men and women discover a law which they have not laid upon themselves and which they must obey. Its voice, ever calling them to do what is good and avoid evil, tells them inwardly at the right moment: do this, shun that. For they have in their hearts a law inscribed by God. Their dignity rests in observing this law, and by it they will be judged. Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of the human person. There people are alone with God, whose voice echoes in their depths. By conscience that law is made known which is fulfilled in the love of God and of one's neighbour. Through loyalty to conscience, Christians are joined to others in the search for truth and for the right solution to so many moral problems which arise both in the life of individuals and from social relationships. Hence, the more a correct conscience prevails, the more do persons and groups turn aside from blind choice and endeavour to conform to the objective standards of moral conduct.' (n.16)

The document goes on to emphasise the importance of freedom for a true exercise of conscience: 'It is only in freedom that people can turn themselves towards what is good. People today prize freedom very highly and strive eagerly for it. In this they are right. Yet they often cherish it improperly as if it gave them leave to do anything they like, even when it is evil. But genuine freedom is an exceptional sign of the image of God in people. For God willed that men and women should be left free to make their own decisions, so that they might of their own accord seek their creator and freely attain their full and blessed perfection by cleaving to God. Their dignity, therefore, requires them to act out of conscious and free choice, as moved and drawn in a personal way from within, and not by their own blind impulses or by external constraint.' (n.17)