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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

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	
Monday	21 st 9.30 am	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	22 nd 9.30 am	Doreen Brook RIP	
Wednesday	23 rd 9.30 am	Mary Ellen & Bill Reddy RIP	
Thursday	24 th 7.30 pm	Holy Souls	
Friday	25 th 9.30 am	Bernard Bandy RIP	CONTINUALLY
Saturday	26 th 6.00 pm	Ray Asser RIP	
Sunday	27 th 8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP	•
•	10.30 am	The Parish	

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

COLLECTIONS: Church: £511 Stations of the Cross: £7,150 Thank you for your generosity.

This 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: Lawrence Brownlee, Mike Yeulett, 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: Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin, Jack Little, Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy, Patricia Ferin, Reginald Mosely
- 3. MISSIO: This Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for oversees 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
- <u>4. CONFIRMATION 2019/20</u>: 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
- <u>5. APF RED BOX HOLDERS</u> 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
- **6. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES)** will be served in The Barn on Sunday 10th November at 12.00 noon in aid of SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. Price Adult £7.50 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy.
- <u>7. READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:</u> Please collect a letter from the Sacristy (unless you have already received it by email)re the Advent Day of Recollection on Saturday 16th November. Ministers of Communion are reminded that they undertake to attend at least one day of Recollection a year.
- **8. HAVE YOU VISITED THE REPOSITORY RECENTLY?** We have a wide array of Christmas Cards, a TRAIDCRAFT Chocolate filled Advent Calendar with Christmas Story Activity Book, Candles, D iaries and items suitable for little Christmas Presents
- 9. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: The children's lessons are on Tuesdays from 4.30 5.30 pm in term time

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: Twelve years before he became a Catholic, the young John Henry Newman was becalmed off the coast of Sardinia in 1833. He was depressed and exhausted and could not see his way forward. With nothing else to do he composed poems, most famously the hymn 'Lead Kindly Light', which has been frequently sung in the wake of his canonisation. On his return to England he threw himself into what was known as 'The Oxford Movement'. This sought to reawaken within the Church of England its acceptance and appreciation of the Catholic tradition that had tended to be ignored. This proved to be more successful than had been expected. He was advocating an understanding of Anglicanism as a middle way between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. He studied the writings of the early Fathers of the Church - the great theologians like Sts Cyril of Alexandria and St Athanasius. This led him to have reservations about the Church of England, especially when they planned to establish a bishopric in Jerusalem, which was to be held alternately by an Anglican, a Lutheran or a Calvinist. This seemed to him to identify Anglicanism as simply another Protestant denomination. He set himself to explore how the body of doctrine had developed in early Christianity. He began to see that what he had regarded as Roman excess was rather the development of living truth. When he eventually became convinced of that, he abandoned the position of esteem and privilege he had enjoyed as an Anglican priest and Fellow of Oriel. He became a Catholic on 9th October 1845 at a time when the small Catholic Community in England was largely held in contempt in English society. There were no Catholic Dioceses then in England and Wales. The hierarchy was restored in

In his Apologia – his defence of the position he had taken – he described becoming a Catholic as 'like coming into port after a rough sea.' However he still had plenty of rough sea to navigate. The leadership of the Catholic Church did not know what to do with Newman. They offered him projects, such as becoming Rector of a proposed new University in Dublin, editing The Rambler, a distinguished but controversial Catholic periodical, and overseeing a new translation of the Bible. None of these projects went well because he was never given the support or resources that were needed. In his Journal he wrote: 'Since I have been a Catholic, I seem to myself to have had nothing but failure, personally.'

Archbishop Paul Cullen of Dublin offered him the invitation to become Rector of the Catholic University envisaged. For some years from 1852 to 1859 he travelled to and fro between Birmingham and Dublin to get the University established. It was a difficult time for someone whose background was very English and who needed the security of the Oratorian community he had founded in Birmingham. He was very conscious of how warmly, on the whole, he had been received and valued in Dublin but he confided in a letter to a friend that he always felt desolate when leaving his fledgling community of Oratorians. In his Anglican days, the one Irish Catholic person he was on good terms with was Dr Charles Russell of Maynooth College – the Irish National Seminary. Father Russell had started a correspondence with Newman having read some of his Tracts and they met in 1843. In his Apologia Newman said that Russell 'had perhaps more to do with my conversion that anyone else... He was always gentle, mild, unobtrusive, uncontroversial.' When Newman came with his Oratorian companions to Birmingham they had much contact with the desolate Irish Catholics who were arriving in great numbers in the wake of the Great Irish Famine. A big influence in his life was the remarkable Margaret Hallahan, born of destitute Irish parents in London's East End. She was housekeeper to Bishop Ullathorne of Birmingham, to appreciate and support him.

In 1845 the British Government had established Queen's Colleges in Belfast, Cork and Galway 'to afford a university education to members of all religious denominations' in Ireland. Most of the Irish bishops regarded these as 'Godless colleges' and they decided to set up a specifically Catholic University in Dublin. With the Pope's blessing Newman was enthusiastic about the idea and saw it as being important not just for Ireland but for Catholics of the English speaking world. But progress was very slow and the Irish bishops were not very supportive. The country was only slowly recovering from the famine. Newman's efforts were partly rewarded in November 1854 when the Catholic University quietly opened its doors to the first intake of students. It is now University College, Dublin.

The professors were of a high calibre but some had been patriotic 'Young Islanders' agitating for Irish Independence – especially in 1848 – the year of various uprisings in Europe, most notably the French Revolution. Archbishop Cullen of Dublin warned Newman about possible agitators among his staff but Newman resolutely stood by his staff. 'All I know is that they are admirable persons now.' Worn out, he resigned the Rectorship and left Ireland in 1859. On his own reckoning he had crossed the Irish Sea 56 times. He felt the loss of the friends he had made in Ireland remembering how he was often overwhelmed by great warmth and kindness.

The English Hierarchy had been restored in 1850 with Nicholas Wiseman being appointed Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. He was not always as supportive of Newman as he might have been nor was his successor, Cardinal Manning, a fellow convert. Manning was tremendously keen on making sure that the First Vatican Council should pronounce on the infallibility of the Pope but Cardinal Manning was strongly of the opinion that such a move would be inopportune. Pope Leo XIII made him a Cardinal in 1879 and Newman's later years were more peaceful. He died in 1890. The Feast Day of St John Henry Newman is 9th October