

# THE ORATORY

Sunday 8th March 2020

The Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)



# SACRED HEART

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## SUNDAY MASSES *and* SERVICES

5pm Sat. International Vigil Mass \*

8am Quiet Mass

**10.30am Solemn Mass**

12.30pm Mass in Polish

4pm Evening Mass

**6pm Benediction**

\* 1st and 5th Saturday of the month in English,

2nd Saturday in Portuguese, 3rd Filipino / English,

4th Saturdays in Spanish / English (from 22nd Feb).

## CONFESSIONS at the ORATORY

Daily, 20 minutes before each Mass

Saturdays 11am - 12 noon & 4pm - 5pm

Wednesdays 11am - 12 noon

1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 - 8.30pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES & Devotions

**Mon. 9th:** Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm

Lenten Feria (S Frances of Rome)

*Blessing with St Philip's Relic after both Masses*

**Tuesday 10th:** Mass at 12.15pm (only)

Lenten Feria

**Wed. 11th:** Masses at 7.30am & 12.15pm

Lenten Feria

*8am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration*

*11am - 12 noon Confessions*

**Thursday 12th:** Mass at 12.15pm (only)

Lenten Feria

**Friday 13th:** Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm

Lenten Feria

**11.30am & 6pm Stations of the Cross**

*Sacred Heart devotions after 12.15pm Mass*

**Sat. 14th:** Mass at 12.15pm

Lenten Feria

*11am-12 Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions*

*Devotions to Our Lady after Saturday Mass*

**Rosary: Daily, after the 12.15pm Mass**

*1st Saturdays Pro-Life Rosary for the Unborn  
and their Mothers, and an end to abortion.*

## Lent 2020 at the Oratory

### SUNDAYS IN LENT

Soup Lunch after the 10.30am Solemn Mass.

6pm Benediction with a Lenten Reflection.

### WEEKDAYS IN LENT

**7.30am Holy Mass** (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays).

**12.15pm Holy Mass** (Mondays - Saturdays).

**12.45pm Rosary** (after 12.15pm Mass).

**Oratory - silent prayer with the Fathers & Brothers.**

Evening Oratory concludes with the Oratory Exercises

(ie. Litany etc in Latin or English). 7am and 6pm (5.25pm Mondays)

**TUESDAYS IN LENT** 7.30pm Bible Study - Newman Library.

A Biblical walk through Christ's Passion.

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**Eucharistic Adoration** - 8am to 12 noon.

*Come for as long or short a time as you wish.*

### FRIDAYS IN LENT

11.30am Stations of the Cross (before the 12.15pm Mass), and at 6pm

(6.45pm on 1st Fridays, after the 6pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass)

### SATURDAYS IN LENT

11am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

4pm - 5pm Confessions

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside one of Bournemouth's abortion centres offer women alternatives to abortion. Prayer saves the lives of unborn babies and gives peace to women and families. Join us in the vigil, and / or fasting, or prayer rota for those who cannot be at the vigil. Register at [40daysforlife.com/bournemouth](http://40daysforlife.com/bournemouth) for your chosen hours, or email [40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com) or text 07 535 937 865.

**SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN on PERFECTION:**

See inside this Bulletin for our weekly Lenten reflection on the words of Jesus: "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect".

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# LENT ~ with our Oratorian Cardinal Saint John Henry Newman, Cong. Orat.

In his *Meditations & Devotions* our Cardinal says:

*It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A short road to perfection - short, not because easy, but because pertinent and intelligible. There are no short ways to perfection, but there are sure ones.*

*It is easy to have vague ideas what perfection is, which serve well enough to talk about, when we do not intend to aim at it; but as soon as a person really desires and sets about seeking it himself, he is dissatisfied with anything but what is tangible and clear, and constitutes firm direction towards the practice of it.*

*Perfection does not mean any extraordinary service, anything out of the way, or especially heroic (not all have the opportunity of heroic acts, of sufferings) but it means what the word perfection ordinarily means. By perfect we mean that which has no flaw in it, which is complete, that which is consistent, which is sound - we mean the opposite to imperfect. As we know well what imperfection in religious service means, we know by the contrast what is meant by perfection.*

*He, then, is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection. You need not go out of the round of the day. I insist on this because I think it will simplify our views, and fix our exertions on a definite aim.*

*If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say this:*

- 1 *Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising.*
- 2 ***Give your first thoughts to God.***
- 3 *Make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament.*
- 4 *Say the Angelus devoutly.*
- 5 *Eat and drink to God's glory.*
- 6 *Say the Rosary well.*
- 7 *Be recollected; keep out bad thoughts.*
- 8 *Make your evening meditation well.*
- 9 *Examine your conscience daily.*
- 10 *Go to bed in good time -  
and you are already perfect.*

During the six weeks of Lent we are exploring our Cardinal's sage guidance for perfection.

His points are numbered for practical use. On the First Sunday of Lent we considered (1 & 10) *Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising, and Go to bed in good time.*

In this 2nd week of Lent (2):  
*Give your first thoughts to God.*

Next week (3 & 8) *Make a good Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and Make your Evening Meditation well.*

4th week (4 & 6) *Say the Angelus devoutly, and Say the Rosary well.* 5th week: *Eat and drink to God's glory, and Be recollected, keep out bad thoughts.* Palm Sunday (9) *Examine your conscience daily.*

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## Lent Week 2: St John Henry's 2nd Maxim: **GIVE YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS TO GOD**

The way that we begin our day characterises how we live our day - with God, or without Him; aware of God, or unaware - and thus in danger of being blown about by whatever is current, a prey to peer pressure, subject to knee-jerk reactions, 'doing our own thing', rather than the things of God.

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

As we get out of bed each morning, feet hit the floor, and we stand up - thus in the posture of the Resurrection - let our very first action be to **make the Sign of the Cross.**

This puts us under the immediate protection of Christ's Cross, and dedicates the very first moment of the day to Him - rather than the idolatry of any other thoughts or action displacing the primary offering of that first moment to Him who must always have first place in our lives, and in each day.

## MORNING OFFERING

To the Sign of the Cross we should add a brief prayer by way of a Morning Offering - thanking God for keeping us safe through the night, and committing our day to Him.

### A Morning Offering of St Therese de Lisieux:

*O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of His Merciful Love.*

*O my God! I ask of Thee for myself, and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfil perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept, for love of Thee, the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity.*

### A form of Morning Offering - from the (CTS) Catholic Truth Society's Simple Prayer Book:

*O my God, I offer You all my thoughts, words, actions and sufferings; and I beseech You to give me Your grace that I may not offend You this day, but may faithfully serve You and do Your Holy Will in all things. I entrust myself completely to Your boundless mercy today and always.*

*O Lord You have brought me to the beginning of a new day. Save me by Your power so that I may not fall into any sin. May everything I say, and all that I do, be directed to the performance of Your justice, through Christ our Lord.*

*Lord, may everything I do begin with Your inspiration, continue with Your help, and reach conclusion under Your guidance.*

### A Child's Morning Offering by Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson:

*My God, I offer up to Thee  
My soul and heart, Thine own to be;  
And all I do or hear or say  
And all my work and play.*

### Another popular form of Morning Offering:

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, for the intentions of the Holy Father, and in particular . . . Amen.*

### And another:

*O Lord my God, I thank You for keeping me safe through the night, and bringing me to the dawn of a new day.*

*Grant that, in it, I may elude the grasp of Satan and, by the inspiration, merits, and prayers of Our Lady, my Holy Patrons, all the Saints, and my Guardian Angel, I may know and do Your Will completely in peace and joy, and draw others to Your Kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*I offer this day - all my joys, sorrows and sufferings - for all the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and especially for . . .*

The Sign of the Cross and a Morning Offering are the ideal way for every Catholic to begin each day, fulfilling our Cardinal's second maxim: **Give your first thoughts to God.**

To this, now (or a little later, when we are dressed), we add our usual Morning Prayers.

It is good practice to think ahead to the places we will go, the people we will meet, and the things that we will do (the same outline that we can use in our evening Examination of Conscience\*) - and pray for each person and situation, giving special attention to any difficult occasions which we expect to encounter - asking God's guidance, His wisdom, His strength, His peace, and His love to be conveyed through us to others.

*Heart speaks to heart.* St John Henry Newman

\* The subject for Week 6 of Lent.

**The Oratory Church is open daily:** Weekdays 6.30am to 6.30pm.  
Weekends from 7.30am. 1st Wednesdays until 9pm.

**Mass Intentions:** See page 2 of the Monthly Newsletter, displayed on the noticeboard.

Help yourself to a copy of the Newsletter, which is also available on our website.

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the back of the Church, and can be returned via the collection, or Parish Office letterbox. Help yourself to an explanatory grey leaflet.

For a **Shrine Lamp** to burn for your intention (£10 for 7 days) contact the Parish Office.

This week: Aid to the Church in Need (Our Lady), Cardinal George Pell (St Joseph)

## LENTEN CHARITY PROJECTS 2020

**OVERSEAS:** Aid to the Church in Need helping persecuted and oppressed Christians in the Middle East. A total of £1,559.06 was received: made up of £1,099.89 for ACN Charity and £459.17 in sales.

ACN's National Director, Neville Kyrke-Smith, writes: Please pass on my sincere thanks to the Oratory Parishioners for their generosity, prayers and compassion. I know too that a good number of people promised to bring envelopes back or to make donations during Lent to help our suffering Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Thanks to all – we need your prayers and action to help the suffering Body of Christ today.

Fr Daniel (whose parish ACN helped in Bartella, Iraq), said recently:

*Thank you for your support with help in the reconstruction of our houses and when we were in exile. We have achieved big steps to the future, but please don't leave us halfway. Unless you help us we cannot stay. The people who came back are planning to stay and for their future. May God watch over you, and grant you His grace and abundant blessings.*

**HOME: Our St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) supports Hope for Food** distributing food parcels to local families in dire financial need. Items needed: Cereals, Baked beans, Pasta, Rice, Sauce for pasta/rice. Tins of spaghetti, potatoes, vegetables, tuna, meat, fruit. Tea / coffee, jam / marmalade, ketchup / brown sauce / mayo, rice pudding, sweet biscuits, cream crackers, tinned milk, custard. Collection box by the Sacristy door.

**NEW TAX YEAR GIFT AID ENVELOPES** were distributed last weekend. If you weren't here or didn't pick up your box of envelopes please speak to one of the Cowan Family today, or give your details to the Parish Office early this week so that you can collect your box, or arrange for it to be delivered. Meanwhile please do not use left over envelopes from a previous year as your number may have been reallocated.

**OUR CATHOLIC SHOP:** New stock includes a Crucifixion Triptych, magnificent statues of St Michael, Infant of Prague, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. St Patrick's Day (17 March) - numerous inexpensive gifts and greeting cards of this great Saint. Mothering Sunday (22 March) - Christian cards, and lots of small gifts for Mothers. Bundles of 10 Assorted Prayer cards for only £1. Shop opening times see the side bar >

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Oratory** Weekdays 7am & 6pm (5.25pm Mon)  
Half-an-hour silent prayer with the Fathers and Brothers (evening ends with the Oratory Exercises in Latin or English).

**Sundays** 6pm Cath. Soc. Fellowship Group for all Students and young people (18-35yrs) Benediction, Faith formation, and food.

**Mondays** 6pm Bell-ringing practice  
7.30pm Choir practice

**Tuesdays** 7.30pm Lent Bible Study - Library

**Wednesdays** 7.30pm Adult Faith Formation

**Thursdays** 8-11am Church Cleaning  
2pm SVP Tea Party, 3rd Thursdays

**Fridays** 11.30 Stations of the Cross  
6pm Stations of the Cross (6.45 on 1st Fri)  
6pm Extraordinary Form Mass, 1st Fridays  
6pm Brothers of the Secular Oratory  
2nd & 4th Fridays (includes Stations)

**Saturdays** 9am First Communion Class  
9.30am Confirmation Course - Library  
6.30pm Monthly Movie Night, 1st Sat.

**WORKING with CHARITIES** in our **HALL**  
Hope for Food: 6.30pm  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday  
(feeding 80+ homeless rough-sleepers daily)  
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7.45pm Monday  
Narcotics Anonymous: Tue 7.45 / Wed 7pm

**OUR CATHOLIC SHOP IS OPEN:**  
Sundays after the 10.30am Solemn Mass, after the 8am on 1st Sunday of the month, weekdays 9am - 12noon via the Parish Office  
13 Post Office Rd (opposite M-ploy at 24).

**BISHOP PHILIP** invites you to sign up FREE to his E-News direct to your in box:  
[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews)

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
**'The God Who Speaks' Year of the Word**  
3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)  
Exodus 17: 3-7; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8;  
John 4: 5-42.

### Thank you for last week's Collections:

Gift Aid Standing Orders	841.97
Gift Aid Weekly Envelopes	550.00
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	86.29
Visitor yellow envelopes	10.00
Loose Cash	780.93
Weekday Mass Collections	769.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,038.90</b>

Aid to the Church in Need Lent Appeal: 1,099.89

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