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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19/20 October 2019
“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?”

Luke 18, 8

TALK ON JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
by Fr Michael Sharkey here at Our Lady & St Anne's, on Mon 21st October at 7.30pm. Newman was the leader of the Oxford Movement which led him to be received into the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi on 9th October 1845. We are pleased that Fr Michael is to share his knowledge on Newman with us and recommend this evening as a time for the Reading parishes to celebrate a new English Saint.

OUR LADY & ST ANNE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will be holding a coffee & cake sale on **Sunday 27th October** after 10am Mass, including a chance to talk to current members and discuss the work of our befriending society in the parish. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Bev Ryan at bjryan@virginmedia.com or phone 07969 884 212. We would also like to hear from parishioners who may know of any elderly relatives, friends, neighbours who would like to be visited by members of the society.

SECOND COLLECTION for APF World Mission this weekend.

BINGO The next bingo will be on Friday 25th October @ 7.30pm in the Cenacle. All welcome, bring a friend.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT BL HUGH FARINGDON Apply by 31st Oct to s.cook@hughfaringdon.org. See diocesan or school website for further details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £100.35 Loose £515.47
Standing Orders £418.72

THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM!

Thank you to all who supported our Children's Liturgy family cake sale on 29th September. The children raised an amazing £96.15! Half will go to parish funds and the children will spend the rest on sustainable CAFOD gifts for those who are less fortunate. Thank you!

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember and pray for all those who have died. At this time we particularly remember those family members and friends who have been dear to us and have been an important part of our lives.

Everyone is welcome to the Mass of Remembrance, where we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish. Their families have been specially invited. During the Mass, the families will be invited to light a candle, and the names of the dead will be read out.

If you have a friend or family member, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are invited to add their name to the list and a candle will be provided.

Please pass on this information to the parish office by Thursday 31st October.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Places available for

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham Shrine by coach, Sat 26th Oct. Depart Reading at 8am. £25pp. Contact Edwin for info 07900924941 edwinsrai@gmail.com

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): The priest opens the Liturgy of the Word by the invitation: “*Let us pray.*” Most young people and many of the older members of the congregation find it hard to understand what is being said to God on our behalf, and the obscurity of many of the set prayers in the Mass has if anything been increased by the new translation in the 2011 Missal. Not only are the words sometimes too difficult to understand, the sentence structure too convoluted, but the prayers themselves do not seem to be rooted in the day-to-day experience of the faithful. We like to feel that our prayers or those articulated by the priest who presides at the Eucharistic assembly mirror in some respect our own lives and their preoccupations. That is perfectly understandable. But some of the prayers have been around for a long time, the words have crossed many lips over countless generations and some, like the *Our Father*, were taught us by Jesus himself. Prayer is conversation with God and it is natural that it should reflect the joys, concerns, fears and aspirations of our own lives as we live them in the early 21st century, but it is also good to know that what we hold dear was treasured by previous generations and the pious, devout woman or man down the ages experienced the same feelings and found comfort from the words Christians living in an earlier generation employed to articulate their feelings in regard to God. John Henry Newman, canonized a saint on 13 October, composed many prayers and hymns which, while written in the 19th century, people still resort to even today.

First Reading (OT): Exodus 17, 8 – 13: The Church Father Macarius claimed that prayer consisted less in many words than in raising our hands to God. Indeed, the priest at Mass who prays to God on our behalf does raise his hands: this is the traditional body language of prayer. Graffiti in archaeological sites in southern Italy suggest that this was even true of the pagan religions. The scene depicted here of Moses being supported by Aron and Hur, by his praying on behalf of the people, is a very powerful. We might think of the small clusters of people who, here at our shrine and elsewhere, pray the Rosary discreetly for personal intentions as well as for the parish family.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 3, 14 – 4, 2: The letters to Timothy are considered “*pastoral*” and certainly the advice given here by Paul (or whoever was writing in his name) is intended to be applied practically in the building up of the community. It focuses the minds of those who hear it on the message which has been given them and insists that the messengers be trusted. It is interesting to see how trust is essential to the survival and flourishing of the community.

Gospel: Luke 18, 1 – 8: The ambition to pray continually is a tall order! Karl Rahner understood this desire as letting the *everyday lives* of ordinary people become the stuff of prayer. We should not feel shy of praying about the things that concern us, that give our lives zest or cause us worry and distress. Jesus sets prayer in very human terms. Most of us, frustrated and frequently disappointed, empathise with the widow. If only we could imitate her persistence!

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book: pp 152-154

Masses and Intentions

Week 29 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19th October 10.00 People of the parish
Feria in Ordinary Time

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 19th October 17.30

Lucy McSharry RIP

Sunday 20th October 10.00

Eddie Moran

18.30

Hortensia & Choukry Yagmur
RIP

Monday 21st October 09.15

Private intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 22nd October 09.15

Jean Collins RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 23rd October 09.15

Sommerville family

Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 24th October 08.00

Private intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 25th October 12.30

Jorge Guzmán (b'day)

Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26th October 10.00

Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 26th October 17.30

Bridget McArthur

Sunday 27th October 10.00

Pat & Philomena Brady RIP

18.30

People of the parish

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
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Exposition

& Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
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Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45
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