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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5/6 October 2019

“The word of the Lord remains for ever: what is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you.”

1 Peter 1, 25

TALK ON JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

by Fr Michael Sharkey here at Our Lady & St Anne's, on Mon 21st October at 7.30pm. The Canonisation is due to take place in Rome on Sunday 13th October. 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. He was the founder of Oratorium Congregation.

His theological writings have had a profound influence on the Catholic Church. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

For children in year 3 or above who attend St Anne's school, their First Holy Communion Mass will be **Sun 14th June**.

All other children preparing for First Holy Communion in the coming year will make theirs on **Sunday 21st June**. This preparation will begin after Christmas but if you would like to add your child/ren to the list please email or ring the parish office with their names and which school they attend.

BABY LOSS SERVICE OF

REMEMBRANCE 3pm, Sun 13th Oct. @ Reading Minster, St Mary's Butts, Reading.

MASS COUNT this weekend.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £185.27 Loose £631.62
Standing Orders £459.00

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.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Places available for Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham Shrine by coach on 26th Oct, Saturday. Depart Reading at 8am. £25pp. Contact Edwin for more information 07900924941
edwinsraj@gmail.com

APF RED MISSION BOXES will be counted during October. If you have a box to be emptied, please bring it to Mass and hand it to the welcomers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 7 - 10 Oct

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL PSA PRESENTS... MURDER MYSTERY FORENSICS NIGHT ON SAT 12 OCTOBER!

Join us for a fascinating and fun evening - think 'Silent Witness' meets escape room experience! Adults only. Sat 12th Oct, doors open 7pm, start 7.30pm, in St Anne's school hall. Tickets £25 per person, full details and tickets at pta-events.co.uk/stannes-psa

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): A frequent topic is faith and its loss. We hear frequently of people who were for years loyal, practicing Catholics but who have lost the faith. Many parents in the congregation have children whom they would claim have given up on the faith. There are of course still things in which they have faith, but faith in the Church and her message is something to which they can no longer give their adherence. We who still claim we believe are frequently confronted with doubt and we pray that our faith may be strengthened or deepened. But how can our faith develop or grow? If we see faith as an inner strength and as something we treasure, we are off to a good start. If we deepen our appreciation of what our faith means to us and brings us, then we opt for it anew day by day. And if we manage to apply it in practice each day in the ordinary hum-drum of daily life. If we abandon ourselves to the faith and do so with greater awareness of God, with God and in him, then the chances are we will have a greater sense of its having a hold on us.

First Reading (OT): Habakkuk 1, 2 – 3. 2, 2 – 4: We are aware that there is struggle and violence in our world. Sometimes this is close to home, in our place of work or in our home environment. Certainly, the nightly TV news brings us images of horrible violence and its consequences in various world trouble spots. All too often children are the victims. We tend to ask the same question posed by the prophet. Where on earth is God in all this mess? We turn to prayer, asking less for an answer to our question than for an intervention by God to heal what has gone wrong. While war, famine, social unrest and its poisoned fruits are taken for granted in today's world, we like the prophet, turn to God in prayer. We are not expecting that we can change things thanks to our own resources, we turn instead to God. Or do we sometimes live as if our prayer cannot be effective? We live in hope that God can be saviour.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 1, 6 – 8. 13 – 14: Faith we are being continually told is a private matter. We never ask a stranger what his/her religion is, we keep very quiet about our own religious convictions or our personal religious practice. How often do we bless ourselves before a meal in a restaurant? Paul here gives guidelines as to how to bear public witness to the faith in the Christian community. Sören Kierkegaard claimed that faith must witness to the outside world the inner intensity of which it is the expression. We might pray that the life of our parish community might fan into a flame the gift of faith God bestowed at baptism.

Gospel: Luke 17, 5 – 19: It is comforting for us who struggle with the faith to hear that the apostles asked Jesus to strengthen their faith. For Jesus it was a matter of their belief in him, in the values of the kingdom which he preached, and in the providential God he taught them to call Father, being applied in the business of day-to-day living. As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out, anything we construct or build is not thanks to our own efforts but thanks to the strength we draw from the shared faith of our community.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book: pp 146-148

Masses and Intentions

Week 27 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5th October 10.00 Betty McHenry
Feria in Ordinary Time

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 5th October 17.30 Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Sunday 6th October 10.00 People of the parish

12.30 Baptism

18.30 Angela Caruana RIP

Monday 7th October 09.15 Margerita & Maru RIP
Memorial: Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday 8th October 08.00 Our Lady & St Anne
Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 9th October 09.15 John Faulkner RIP
Feast: Bl. John Henry Newman

Thursday 10th October 08.00 People of the parish
Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 11th October 12.30 Henri Waro Paulette
Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 12th October 10.00 Johnny Cher RIP
Feria in Ordinary Time

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 12th October 17.30 Martin Ward RIP

Sunday 13th October 10.00 James & Elsie McAdden

18.30 Derek O'Donnel

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
		16.45 - 17.15

Exposition

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