



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 31st December 2023

The Feast of the Holy Family

(The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas)



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Collect

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy wondrous holiness didst adorn a human home, and by thy subjection to Mary and Joseph didst consecrate the order of earthly families: grant that we, being enlightened by the example of their life with thee in thy Holy Family, and assisted by their prayers, may at last be joined with them in thine eternal fellowship; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First reading *Sirach 3:2-6,12-14*

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; and do not despise him all the days of his life. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you a house raised in justice to you.

Second reading *Colossians 3:12-21*

Brethren:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And over all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a

widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Prayers for the Holy Land

Lord Jesus Christ, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of those who seek you. Hear your people who today cry out for peace in the land your footprints made holy. Take away the people's fears and still their troubled hearts, heal the wounded and comfort the bereaved, gather into your arms the souls of the dead. You once calmed the storm to take away your disciples' fears; calm now the storm of violence that rages across your Holy Land that brings fear and terror into innocent hearts so that all people may seek the ways of true justice, love and peace together. Amen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, who gather today, in a world of incredible violence and pain. We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who suffer from injuries and illness... God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world; peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront terrible events in our society. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for

a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XVI

Almighty Father, Faithful God, bless our brothers and sisters in the land of the Holy One. Grant peace in that land, peace in their homes and peace in their hearts. Inspire all men and women to build on your foundations of justice, mercy and peace. Keep the cries of this land in our hearts. This we pray in the power of the Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, who show a father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Notices and news

Recently departed

Ian O'Hara
Fr Brian Gill
Fr John Lungley

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Ian O'Hara RIP

It is with great sadness and shock that we mourn the death of Ian O'Hara on Christmas Eve. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul, and bring before the God of all compassion and tenderness Ian's family, especially Mary, Clare and Rachel.

Funeral arrangements are yet to be made, but I will be offering a Requiem Mass for Ian at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 4th January**. The Mass is slightly earlier than the usual Thursday evening Mass because of the service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Mary Magdalen's at 7.30pm. I hope that you will be able to join me.

Fr John Lungley RIP

Fr John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated by the Ordinary at 11.30am on 11th January at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Wolverhampton, WV10 8PG.

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh: multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at the last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S

Our friends at St. Mary Magdalen's invite us to join them for a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Epiphany at **7.30pm on Thursday 4th January**. This is a service dear to our hearts, so I hope a good number of us will be able to attend. It is good that the relationship between All Souls and St. Mary Magdalen's is very good and cordial. Long may it continue.

Anniversaries of death

1st Jan Beatrice May Gilberthorpe
Diane Watson
6th Daniel O'Hara


O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A very big thank you..

...to all those who helped prepare the church for Christmas, and for all that you do throughout the year. We are very blessed.

The Precious Blood & All Souls Coventry

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION



Monthly at 7pm

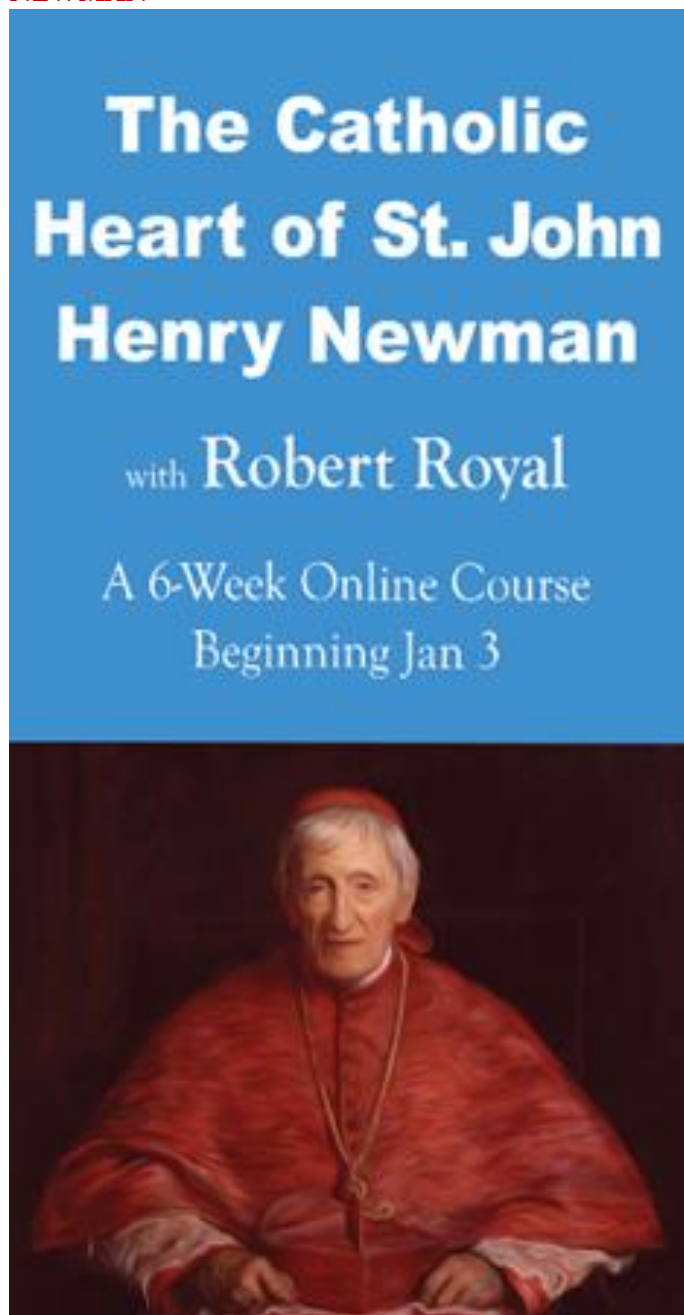
Wednesday 13th December
Wednesday 24th January
Wednesday 28th February
Wednesday 20th March

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Our next Solemn Evensong and Benediction is on Wednesday 24th January 2023 at 7pm. Please try your very best to be there, so that we can effectively do what as members of the Ordinariate we are asked to do: share with our brothers and sisters in the Church the worthy Anglican patrimony that has been welcomed into the Church.

O HOLY Ghost the Lord, who on Pentecost gavest the Church the gift of tongues that Christ might be known, loved and served by peoples of divers nations and customs: watch over the Anglican heritage within thy Church, we pray thee, that, led by thy guidance and strengthened by thy grace, this worthy patrimony may find such favour in thy sight that the people formed therein may increase both in holiness and number, and so show forth thy glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Son, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC HEART OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



John Henry Newman was a prolific writer. His thinking has been so influential on the life of the Church that the Bishops of England & Wales have called on the Holy See to declare him a 'Doctor of the Church'. This 6-week online course, beginning on 3rd January, is designed to give a brief but serious introduction to the words Newman wrote and the truths he laboured to defend, despite attempts by some to make him seem to say things he would actually reject, and did in his lifetime. In his writings Newman asserts that as believers asked questions over the centuries about practices and beliefs, Church teaching answered those questions, not by departures from her foundation - what Newman called "corruptions" - but by making explicit what had earlier only been implicit. Developments, unlike corruptions, were in living continuity with what came before. Corruptions deviated or contradicted earlier teaching. I encourage you to take the time to be

inspired and guided by Newman's calm and reasoned thinking in these challenging and confusing times. Register at <https://courses.thecatholicthing.org/product/the-catholic-heart-of-st-john-henry-newman/> Father Paul

Livestreamed Evensong Sunday to Thursday

Evening Prayer is prayed publicly in church **Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm**, using Divine Worship Daily Office. If you are able, please join me either in person or via the livestream.

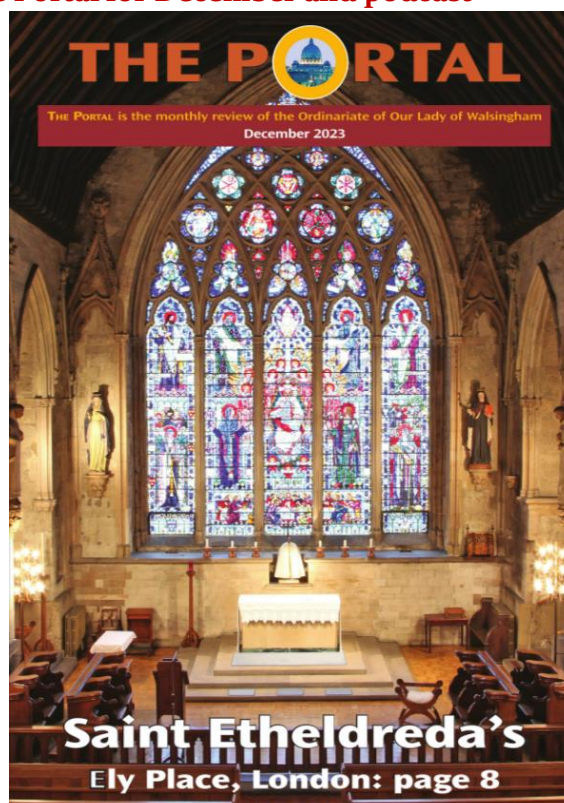
Thursday evening Mass

Please do attend Thursday evening Mass if you are able, which is celebrated according to Divine Worship.

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Praying the Daily Office this week

Evening Prayer is recited publicly in church Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm and is livestreamed (see the parish website). Please join in.

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO), unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 31st FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Pss 19 45 85	711	213	77	Pss 89 110 132	712	212	77	
Monday 1st Jan SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (The Octave Day of Christmas)	Ps 119:1-32	718	215	77	Pss 91 121	718	215	77	
Tuesday 2 nd Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazienzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	468	721	212	106	471	722	212	106	
Wednesday 3 rd The Holy Name of Jesus	473	723	212	106	476	724	212	106	
Thursday 4 th Feria	479	725	212	77	481	727	212	77	Collect of the Sunday
Friday 5 th Feria	484	728	212	77	486	729	212	77	Collect of the Sunday
Saturday 6 th Feria (The Epiphany is transferred to 7 th this year)	489	730	212	77	Pss 19 87	734	216	77	EPI of The Epiphany
Sunday 7th SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles)	Ps 72	734	216	77	Pss 96 97 117	735	216	77	MP: The Athanasian Creed is said (p.339)

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.