

October 2020  
The Month of the Holy Rosary  
Booklet on Liturgy and Scripture



*The Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2020:*  
The Laity's Mission in the Church.

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity,  
especially women, may participate more in areas of  
responsibility in the Church.



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



*The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel*

The Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 79

St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

St Matthew's Gospel 21:33-43

Phrases to look out for:

Let me sing to my friend the song of love for his vineyard.  
He expected it to yield grapes but sour grapes were all that it gave.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving.

Fill your minds with everything true, noble, good and pure, everything that we love and honour and everything that can be though virtuous or worthy of praise.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see.

The Kingdom of God will be given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Please pray this week for Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright who will be ordained as Bishops for service in the Archdiocese of Birmingham this Friday (9<sup>th</sup> October) at 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral.

You are most welcome to join the Mass via the Livestream only.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



*Everything is ready: come to the wedding!*

The Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm 22 (23)

St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

St Matthew's Gospel 22:1-14

Phrases to look out for:

On this mountain the Lord will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food of fine wines.  
He will remove the mourning veil and the shroud. He will destroy death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek, take away his people's shame.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

I have been through my initiation and I am ready for anything anywhere.  
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.  
My God will fulfil your needs as lavishly as only God can.

The kingdom of heaven ... a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.  
Tell those invited to come. But they were not interested.  
The servants went out and collected together everyone they good find and the wedding hall  
was filled with guests.



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God*

The Prophet Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Psalm 95

The First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

St Matthew's Gospel 22:15-21

Phrases to look out for:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by name.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.  
Give the Lord glory and power, the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for all of you.  
You have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope.  
We know that God loves you and that you have been chosen.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus.  
And they sent their disciples and the Herodians...  
Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



*You must love the Lord your God...you must love your neighbour as yourself*

The Book of Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm 17

St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

St Matthew's Gospel 22:34-40

Phrases to look out for:

You must not oppress the stranger, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt.  
If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset.

My God is the rock where I take refuge  
The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

It was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel.  
We started the work among you,  
how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God,  
and became servants of the real, living God.

The Pharisees got together to disconcert [Jesus].  
Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?  
You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.

The JOY of the  
GOSPEL

# The Prayer of the Rosary

## The Holy Rosary

For centuries, the Holy Rosary has been a treasured devotion in the Catholic Church. A deeply contemplative prayer, the Rosary contains a summary of the Christian faith in language and prayers inspired by the Holy Scriptures. When praying the Rosary, Catholics recall the most important events in the lives of Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary. These events are called "Mysteries" and are divided into four groups of five decades: the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. Each decade consists of one "Our Father", ten "Hail Mary's", and one "Glory be to the Father".

## How to Say the Rosary

1. Begin on the Crucifix and say the "Apostle's Creed".
2. On the first bead, say one "Our Father".
3. Say one "Hail Mary" on each of the next three beads.
4. Say one "Glory Be to the Father".
5. At the beginning of each decade, announce the Mystery to be contemplated. For example, the first Joyful Mystery is "The Annunciation". After a short pause for reflection, say one "Our Father" on the large bead.
6. Recite ten "Hail Mary's" on the ten smaller beads, followed by one "Glory be to the Father". An invocation may be added after each decade.
7. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same manner until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group is said.
8. Conclude by saying the "Hail Holy Queen". At the end of the Rosary, the "Prayer to St. Michael" or some other Marian prayer is recited.

## The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Fatima Prayer

This prayer is an example of an invocation that may be said after each decade and was requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy".

4th  
Mystery

## Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

3rd  
Mystery

2nd  
Mystery

## Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..



## The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, Finding in the Temple

## The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

Agony in the Garden, Scourging at the Pillar, Crowning with Thorns, Carrying Cross, Crucified

## The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

Resurrection, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption, Crowning as Queen

## The Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

Baptism in the Jordan, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom & Call to Repentance, Transfiguration, Institution of the Eucharist

## Days of Special Significance in October 2020

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial of St Therese of Lisieux

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial of the Guardian Angels

*The first days of October complete the Season of Creation which traditionally runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> October which when not on a Sunday is celebrated at the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi.*



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> **Feast of St John Henry Newman (See also next page)**  
*This day is also CAFOD Harvest Fast Day*

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Memorial of St Teresa of Avila

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feast of Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

## Weekday Scriptures for October 2020

During the First Week in October, we complete our reading of the Old Testament Book of Job.

Then on weekdays for the rest of the month, our focus turns back to the writings of St Paul with the Letter to the Galatians (5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>), the Letter to the Ephesians (15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>) and finally the Letter to the Philippians for the last couple of days and leading into the first week of November.

## The Ordination of Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

This year, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrate the Feast of St John Henry Newman for the first time since the great occasion of his Canonisation by Pope Francis, in St Peter's Square, Vatican City, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The Feast Day will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Birmingham with special joy as it will also be the day on which Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright are ordained Bishops by Archbishop Bernard Longley, for service as Auxiliary or Assistant Bishops in the Archdiocese.

Everybody is most welcome to join the Livestream broadcast of this Mass from St Chad's Cathedral at 12noon and to pray for our two new bishops.



Bishop David Evans will have pastoral responsibility for the 4 Deaneries of Birmingham and the 2 Deaneries of Worcestershire.



Bishop Stephen Wright will have pastoral responsibility for the Deaneries of Staffordshire and the Black Country.

Together with Bishop William Kenney who continues to exercise pastoral responsibility for the Deaneries of Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Coventry, the Auxiliary Bishops work alongside Archbishop Bernard Longley.