

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage. Sun 5 September 3pm

www.harvingtonhall.com see poster in porch for details.

Retired Parishoners Prayer and Social Group. Fri 10 Sep 10.30am.

Flat 1, 71 Chantry Rd.

Youth Club resumes - Fri 10 September 7.00 - 9.00, in the church hall. The exciting new programmes will be unfolded. There will be 2 groups: Secondary (12 upwards), and Primary yrs 5 & 6. Parents need to accompany new members to sign application forms. Many thanks to all helpers and leaders for last year. There is a **leaders' meeting beforehand at 6.30** in the Hall.

Ecumenical Service for Racial Justice Sunday, On Holy Ground 12 September 4.00-5.30pm. St Catherine's, Bristol Street.

Sun 12 Sep, 11.00am. Preparatory meeting for those attending the Papal Mass in the Hall. Parish Pilgrim Leader: Mick McKearney

Papal Mass of Beatification of John Henry Newman, Cofton Park, Longbridge, Sun 19 September www.thepapalvisit.org.uk

No one can enter Cofton Park without a pass received on the coach. You will need to take photo ID. Coaches leave between 5-6am, departure point to be announced. Bring food, drink, something to sit on.

Clent Hills, Sponsored Walk for SCJ Missions Sat 25 Sep 1.00pm start at Nimmings Wood car park OS: SO938807. Directions/Forms in Porch.

Prayer for the papal visit to Britain: 16 - 19 September

God of truth and love,
your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart.
As we strive with your Grace to be faithful in word and deed,
may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.
We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy
to his forthcoming visit to our countries.
May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady mother of the Church - pray for us.
St Andrew - pray for us. St George - pray for us. St David - pray for us.

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September 2010		Twenty Third Sunday		Readings Cycle Sun C, Weekdays 2	
Mass Times	Sat	4	6.00 Vigil	People of the Parish	
	Sun	5	10.00 Twenty Third Sunday	John Collins	
	Mon	6	9.30 Eucharistic Service.		
	Tue	7	No Mass, no Service.		
	Wed	8	9.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 Eucharistic Service.		
	Thu	9	No Mass, no Service.		
	Fri	10	9.30 Eucharistic Service.		
	Sat	11	6.00 Vigil	People of the Parish	
	Sun	12	10.00 Twenty Fourth Sunday	John Collins	
	Confessions		Saturday 5.30-5.45 pm & by request		

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick: Margaret Williams, Mary Shepherd, Sister Veronica, Liam Keavaney, Mary Hartigan, Clive and Katie Thomas, Louisa Thomas, Majella McAtavey, Catherine Shaw, Harry Walkley, Rudolf Douglas, Peggy Scanlon, Francis McCarthy, Jim Casserly, Paul Daly, Anne Brennan, Mary Cox, Liz Seabright, Kai Dawo.

Anniversaries: Shane Glover. Mary Mulrennan. Patrick John Crowley. Eamonn O'Connor. James Holland. Margaret Mary Hagarty. Sheila Wheatley. Frank Kelly. Michael Coughlan. Helen Noonan. Martin Joseph Kennedy. Peter Mallon. Dorothy Alice Heal. Thomas Hand. Lawrence Albert (Bert) Solloway. Edward Brennan. Jean Doreen Mills. Blanche Jones.

Foreign coins jam our counting machine – please do not put any in the collection bag.



At about the new moon (10 Sep) our Jewish neighbours will celebrate *Rosh Hashana* (New Year 5771) and our Muslim neighbours will end the fasting month of *Ramadan* with *Eid ul-Fitr*. Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Do you enjoy singing? Choir Practice Tuesday 7 & 14 Sep at 7pm in the Margot Hutchison Centre. Preparing for Sunday 18th. New members are always welcome, just turn up at a rehearsal or see Nigel Hobbs after mass.

St. Chad's Cathedral, Free Guided Tours for Heritage Open Days on **Thurs 9 Sep 10.00am** and **Sat 11 Sep 2.00pm**. Meet in Cathedral porch.

100th Birthday Mass in honour of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. St Chad's Cathedral, Sat 25 Sep 10.00am. Followed by refreshments and a presentation of her legacy, Grimshaw Room.

Mass for Altar Servers, St Chad's Cathedral, Sat 9 Oct 12 noon

EDF Half Marathon Sun 24 October will stop traffic in most streets between Pershore Rd and Willows Rd. www.birminghamhalfmarathon.com
Help and info about transport from 0121 464 6002

Thinking about running? you can help CAFOD 01922 722 944

Journey in Faith course begins in the last week of September.
Exact date to be arranged. Afternoon **1.30-3.00** or evening **7.30-9.00**.

This course is for:

1. Those who wish to be baptised and enter the Catholic Church.
2. Catholics who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation,
3. Those who wish to know more about the Catholic way of Christian life, whether they are Catholics or not.
4. Any Catholics who feel they wish to know more about their faith.

Anyone is welcome to come without obligation or commitment. See Fr Dominic more information or if you wish to enrol.

John Henry Newman – part 2

Born 21 Feb 1801. Converted to Evangelical Christianity age 15, graduated age 19, ordained Anglican priest age 24, received into Catholic church age 44, ordained Catholic priest age 46, made Cardinal age 78, died Birmingham 11 Aug 1890 age 89. Leo



John Paul II wrote to Vincent Nichols in 2001: Newman was born in troubled times which knew not only political and military upheaval but also turbulence of soul. Old certitudes were shaken, and believers were faced with the threat of rationalism on the one hand and fideism on the other. Rationalism brought with it a rejection of both authority and transcendence, while fideism turned from the challenges of history and the tasks of this world to a distorted dependence upon authority and the supernatural. In such a world, Newman came eventually to a remarkable synthesis of faith and reason which were for him “like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth”.

In his *Letter to the Duke of Norfolk*, Newman responded to Gladstone's charge that Papal infallibility made Catholics "moral and mental slaves" and compromised their civic loyalty. Newman invites Gladstone to propose a toast to conscience first and the Queen second.

It seems, then, that there are extreme cases in which Conscience may come into collision with the word of a Pope, and is to be followed in spite of that word. ... it is never lawful to go against our conscience ... if I am obliged to bring religion into after-dinner toasts, ... I shall drink - to the Pope, if you please, - still, to Conscience first, and to the Pope afterwards.

In his novel, *Callista, A Tale of the Third Century*, Newman put these words into the mouth of a saint:

"There is but one Lover of souls," cried Caecilius, "and he loves each one of us, as though there was no one else to love. He died for each one of us, as if there were no one else to die for. He died on the shameful cross...The love which he inspires lasts, for it is the love of the unchangeable. It satisfies, for his is inexhaustible. The nearer we draw to him, the more triumphantly does he enter into us; the longer he dwells in us, the more intimately have we possession of him. It is an espousal for eternity.

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You are invited to refreshments in the Hall after the 10am Mass