



## Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

### Sunday 5th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

(Sat) 17:00 - Holy Mass: Terry and Hazel O'Brien, RIP  
8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Szymon Michon, Int  
10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP  
11:15 - Holy Mass: Judge Parick Curran, QC, RIP  
16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

### Monday 6th October - St. Bruno

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls  
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises  
09:30 - Holy Mass: Private Intention  
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

### Tuesday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/ George Family, Int  
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises  
09:30 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP  
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

### Wednesday 8th October - Feria

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/George Family, Int  
19:00 - Holy Mass: Dianne & Paul Botto, Int (60th Wedding Anniversary)

### Thursday 9th October - St. John Henry Newman

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls  
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises  
09:30 - Holy Mass: Pro Populo  
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

### Friday 10th October - St. John Leonardi

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Kazio Marciniak, RIP  
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises  
09:30 - Holy Mass: Beryl Hayes, Int  
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

### Saturday 11th October - Our Lady's Saturday

08:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Constance Way, Int  
16:30 - First Vespers  
17:00 - Holy Mass: Jaymeen Patel, RIP

### Sunday 12th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Giselle Aghedo, Int  
10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP  
11:15 - Holy Mass: Sr Mary Wilfred, IC, RIP  
16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

### CONFESSION TIMES

Sundays: 15 minutes before and during all Masses  
Weekdays: 7:15 to 7:30; 9:00 to 9:30

Since the time of St. Philip Neri, the Fathers of the Oratory have made themselves available for Confessions during daily Mass. Outside of these set times, there is a Confessional Bell positioned in between the two Confessional Boxes in the Church. Ring to alert a Priest.

### ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.00- 9.30  
Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm

### HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 09:00pm  
Wednesday: 6:40pm

Pope Leo has called on the faithful to pray the Rosary daily throughout October for peace. Let us answer that call together: join us before the 9:30 Mass this month as we entrust our world and our lives to Our Lady.



### VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Friday: After morning Masses

*The veneration of the relic of St. Philip Neri is a long-standing Oratory custom. When we pray before his relic, we ask for his intercession and strength to live more faithfully as Catholics.*

## PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

Please join the Cardiff Oratory Fathers and Brothers in praying daily for the sick and those who have care for them.

Dianna Ward, Jimmy Pratt, Mike Grant, Shirley O'Leary, Victoria Sweeney, A.& N Xavier Philips, Kevin Harris, Kate, Pauline Cook, Daniel Doran, Robert Matthews, Rita Taylor, John C. Keenan, Dennis Kassimi, Shirley Thomas, Neil B. Anne, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Libby Conway, Elizabeth Conway, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Dorotka Sookanadenchetty, Jason Benedito, Gareth Bowen, Ann Henry, Sarah, Claire Hawkey, Danielle Camilleri, Jane Morris, Jonathan Bowen.

### THIS WEEK'S VIGIL LAMPS

*Please use the dedicated candle envelopes in church to make a donation for your vigil candle. If you would like to have one of the vigil lamps burn for a loved one's anniversary or for some special intention or in thanksgiving please use the candle envelopes or write the name on an envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.*

- Blessed Sacrament: Teadora Destanna Louro
- Sacred Heart: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP
- Divine Mercy Chapel: Glowacki & Szczech Families
- The Lady Chapel: Geraldine, John, Patrick & Eveleen, Pam, Francis, & Margaret Eccles, RIP and Jean & Roy
- Chantry of Our Lady: Thanksgiving for the birth of Baby Oliver Foster
- Our Lady of Pity: Teresa Jonker, RIP
- St Joseph: The Children of St. Alban's School
- Our Lady of Walsingham: David Woolf & the Order of St. Lazarus

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 6th October - Tai Chi with Jeanette**

11:00-12:30

Jeanette who teaches the low-impact Chinese martial art which combines slow, flowing movements, deep breathing, and mental focus to promote overall wellbeing, balance, and strength. Great for all ages.

#### **Tuesday 7th October - Coffee Morning**

10:00-12:00

The monthly coffee morning takes place after the 9:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. This includes the 200 club draw and a few games of bingo. Always a jolly time to be had over a cuppa and some delicious cakes.

#### **Tuesday 7th October - St. Luke Bible Study**

18:30-19:30

Consider coming to the monthly bible study on the writings of St. Luke. This takes place in the lower Sacristy. The first class will be an overview of the literature and what to expect over the following months. No need to bring your bible for the first class.



## St. Alban's Rugby Report

It was a tricky fixture last weekend as St. Alban's travelled up to Bailey Park to take on Abergavenny RFC in the Division One cup. Even though Abergavenny have not won a competitive match this season, the Buns were still looking to prove that they deserve to be in this division.

Most Gwent sides are known for their emphasis on the forwards, thankfully St. Alban's managed to match them in physicality. Although the defense leaked a few tackles here and there, it was the away side who took advantage. St. Alban's built a comfortable 15-6 lead going into half time, Abergavenny only scoring penalties.

With fifty minutes to go Abergavenny took the lead for the first time, clawing the score back with a converted try and a penalty, the same old tale of discipline not helping the Buns. However the lead was not to last and St. Alban's scored a converted try and a penalty of their own to win the match 16-25.

They are now in the next round of the cup where they will host Abercrave on the 25th of this month. However, eyes turn towards Penarth as St. Alban's look to topple the table leaders.

**ST ALBAN'S STAKES**

PLEASE ENTER YOUR SELECTION(S) BELOW  
FOR RACING BETS, PLEASE CLEARLY MARK TIME AND MEETING

**Race Night**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2025**

**£4 Entry**  
*(Includes a glass of Prosecco)*  
**18+ only**

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR SELECTIONS

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**Saint Aloysius (Luigi) Scrosoppi (1804–1884)** was an Italian Oratorian priest renowned for his deep charity and tireless service to the poor and abandoned. Born in Udine, he entered the Oratory founded by St. Philip Neri and dedicated his life to works of mercy. With great trust in Providence, he founded the *Sisters of Providence* to care for orphans, the sick, and the marginalized, ensuring their education and dignity. Known for his humility, gentleness, and perseverance amid hardship, he was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2001. Today he is venerated as the patron saint of footballers and of those in need. His feast day is usually the 5th October, however this year the Sunday takes precedence.



## **St. John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church**

On the first of November, Pope Leo XIV will proclaim St. John Henry Newman as the newest doctor of the Church. His life and writings were influential in his time, but also an example for our era.

Born in London on February 21, 1801, Newman was raised in a devout Anglican family and exhibited early intellectual brilliance. He studied at Trinity College, Oxford, where he quickly gained recognition for his academic prowess, particularly in classics and theology. Ordained as an Anglican priest in 1825, he served in various parishes and academic positions, including as a tutor at Oriel College, Oxford. Newman's early theological work was shaped by the Oxford Movement, which sought to revive the Catholic heritage and apostolic roots of the Church of England.

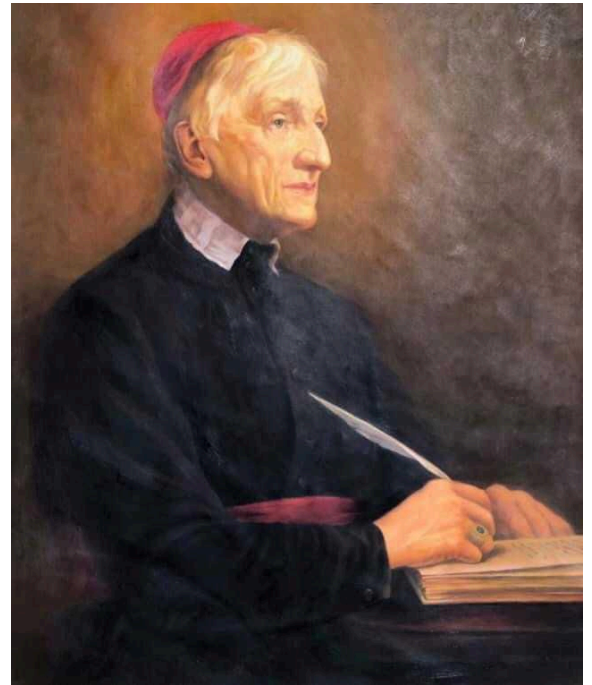
In 1845, after careful study and reflection, Newman entered the Catholic Church, a decision that shocked many contemporaries. Following his conversion, he was ordained a Catholic priest and later became a member of the Congregation of the Oratory, eventually he established the Birmingham Oratory.

Newman's literary output is remarkable for both its theological depth and its accessibility. His autobiographical work, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* (1864), is considered a masterpiece of spiritual literature. Written in response to public criticism of his conversion, the *Apologia* offers a defense of his religious journey; articulating the role of conscience and intellectual inquiry. It is widely praised for its clarity, humility, and persuasive power, and it remains a model for spiritual autobiography.

Another significant work is *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* (1845), in which Newman explores how doctrine can legitimately develop over time while remaining faithful to the original apostolic deposit. This concept of doctrinal development has had lasting influence in Catholic theology, helping the Church articulate the continuity between Scripture, Tradition, and contemporary teaching.

Newman's impact was recognized both during his lifetime. He was created a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, in recognition of his theological acumen and service to Catholicism in Britain. It is very fitting that Pope Leo XIV will make him a Doctor.

St. John Henry Newman's life and writings exemplify the union of faith and reason, the pursuit of truth, and the courage to follow conscience even amidst opposition.



St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

## SCHOOL NEWS



It has been a busy start of the school year. The Children are now in full swing with their studies. This week they were encouraged to be ethically informed citizens and healthy confident individuals. Making the most of the weather before Storm Amy hit, the children had some outdoors learning about healthy and unhealthy choices for their bodies.

Play Leaders are doing a wonderful job strengthening our school community and promoting a positive inclusive culture. They received training from the Cardiff Council Children's Play Service team. Thank you to all our volunteers - you keep our playtimes safe and energetic!



It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Weekly Mass on Thursdays. Those who have read at Mass have been brilliant in their pronunciation and projection. This week the class learned about the Holy Guardian Angels. This sparked curiosity among the pupils. Fr Illtyd explained the Church's teaching that each person is entrusted to the care of a guardian angel, who guides, protects, and intercedes for us before God. They were encouraged to pray daily to their Guardian Angel.

ANGEL OF GOD,  
MY GUARDIAN  
DEAR, TO WHOM  
GOD'S LOVE  
COMMITTS ME  
HERE, EVER THIS  
DAY, BE AT MY  
SIDE, TO LIGHT  
AND GUARD,  
RULE AND GUIDE.  
AMEN





## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **OCTOBER**

#### **RACE NIGHT**

***Friday 24th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.***

Supported by the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales. £4 entry includes a class of Prosecco. Strictly Eighteen and Over.

#### **BARONIUS TALKS**

***Saturday 25th at 12:30pm in the Lower Sacristy***

A monthly talk given on Catholic History and Culture. The first talk is given by Dr Robert Matthews on Recusancy in Monmouthshire and South Wales. There is no cost to attend these talks.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

***Friday 28th at 4:30pm outside the Church***

One of the highlights of the year is happening, the arrival of the Christmas tree! This year, the tree lights will be switched on at 4:30 p.m., accompanied by the joyful singing of Christmas carols. Father Christmas will be joining us too, ready to collect letters from children with their Christmas wishes. Don't miss this wonderful start to the holiday season!

#### **PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

***Saturday 29th from 10am - 1pm in the Parish Hall***

Join us for a delightful day of festive treats, handmade gifts, and seasonal cheer. Tables are available for just £10 to sell crafts and other Christmas treats.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS OPEN MIC**

***Sunday 30th from 6pm-9pm in the Parish Hall***

After the success of the last Open Mic, the young adults have asked for another one to be held. Those 18-35 are encouraged to come along and show off your talents, whether it be singing or storytelling. There will be refreshments available. Tickets will be £2.

### **DECEMBER**

#### **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

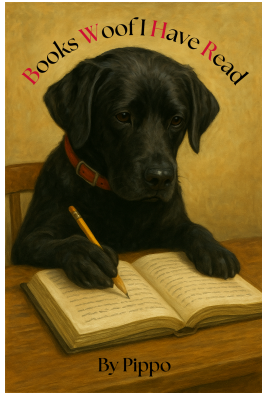
***Friday 12th 7pm in the Church***

The Annual festival of Lessons and Carols is another highlight of the Christmas season. His Grace, the Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia will preside this year. Following the service there will be minced pies and mulled wine in the Parish Hall.

#### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

***Saturday 20th starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall***

The Christmas Social is always a jolly occasion where there will be Carols, Pantomime Sketches and the Christmas raffle draw.



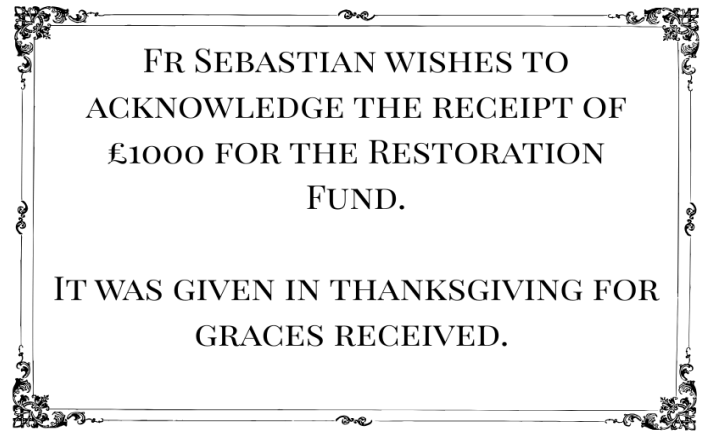
This week, I read 'All His Spies: The Secret World of Robert Cecil', by Stephen Alford.

Born in 1563, Robert Cecil was the second son of the great Elizabethan statesman, William Cecil, later 1st Baron Burghley. Whilst this connection offered Cecil some obvious advantages, he lived at a time when any kind of physical deformity was an enormous disadvantage. Suffering, as he did, from scoliosis, the hunchbacked Cecil was ridiculed for his appearance all his life; and this could have proved problematic.


What Cecil lacked in physical beauty, however, he more than made up for in statecraft. His apprenticeship was a long one, but the decline and death of his father left a power vacuum which the younger Cecil was naturally placed to fill. Possibly Cecil's greatest triumph, however, was to navigate the succession of James VI of Scotland to the English throne upon the death of Elizabeth I in 1603. Cecil could have fallen from favour overnight. The fact that he maintained his position, however, and even profited from the transition, is testimony to his skill. Within 3 years of James's accession, Cecil had become first a baron, then a viscount, then 1st Earl of Salisbury and a Knight of Garter.

I think the title of this book is a little misleading. Whilst it references Cecil as England's spymaster, the reality is that much of the book has nothing to do with running spies or espionage generally.

For the most part, it recounts the life and career of Cecil himself. I cannot say I enjoyed it less for that fact, however, because Cecil was an interesting character, and one of the more successful politicians in British history. For these reasons, it was well worth the read.





**ST. LUKE**  
Monthly Bible study on to writings of the Evangelist  
Every First Tuesday Starts at 6:30pm  
Starting October 7th @ The Cardiff Oratory

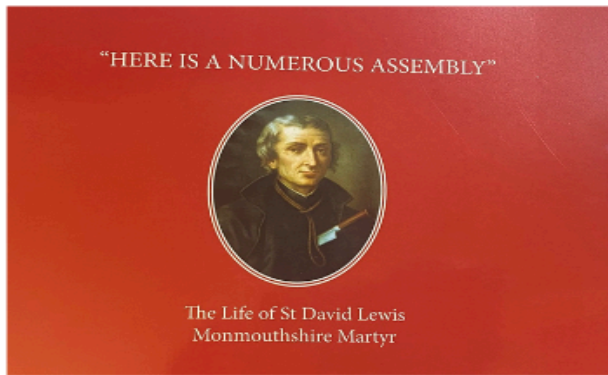


**A Catholic view:  
The History of Western Philosophy**

Join our year-long programme exploring the great journey of philosophy, from the wisdom of the Ancient Greeks to the questions of modern times. Along the way, uncover how these ideas are understood by the Church.



Third Tuesday of the Month  
6:30pm  
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## “HERE IS A NUMEROUS ASSEMBLY”

A new book on the life of St. David Lewis and the other Welsh Martyrs. The book contains records of the trail and martyrdom of the last Welsh martyr.

£15

*Written by a Father of the Oratory*



The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7, commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary’s intercession in the victory of the Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. Pope Pius V instituted this feast in thanksgiving for what was seen as a miraculous deliverance from the Ottoman fleet, attributing the victory to the prayers of the faithful reciting the Rosary. Over time, the feast has come to celebrate not only this historical event but also the spiritual power of the Rosary as a tool for meditation on the mysteries of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

The feast also serves as a reminder of the Church’s call to prayer for peace and unity in the face of adversity, echoing the historical context of Lepanto. Devotionally, it highlights Mary’s maternal care, inviting the faithful to entrust their personal struggles, intentions, and the broader needs of the world to her intercession.



## First Holy Communion and Confession 2026

Classes for children wishing to receive these Sacraments of Initiation will begin on the 11<sup>th</sup> **January**. Classes will take place in the Lower Sacristy from 4:30pm-6pm.

If you wish your child to begin in January please speak to either Fr. Illtyd, Maggie or Theresa.

The deadline for enrolment is the 21<sup>st</sup> **December**.

## Children’s Liturgy

Each Sunday there is Children’s Liturgy in the Lower Sacristy during the 10am Mass.

The Children learn about that Sunday’s Gospel and how to put it into practice.

Speak to Theresa about your child joining.

