

# St Margaret Mary Parish



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## TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th October, 2018

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The 27th Sunday of the Year</b>
8.00am	People of the Parish
10.15am	Sergio Scalas, RIP
6.30pm	R & F Hanley, RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Oliver Wierzbicki RIP ( <i>Hampstead</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Blessed John Henry Newman</b>
9.30am	Mgr. Philip Holroyd, RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	<i>No Intention</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St John XXIII</b>
9.30am	<i>No Intention</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St Wilfred</b>
9.30am	MASS AT FAREHAM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady, The New Eve</b>
9.30am	NO MASS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8.00am	People of the Parish
10.15am	<i>No Intention</i>
6.30pm	Bishop Peter Doyle, <i>Anniversary</i>

*Confessions: By request or appointment at any time*

## 27th Sunday of The Year

### Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### Responsorial Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!** Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## A POPE'S REFLECTION

Let us now turn in prayer to Mary Most Holy, whom we venerate this Sunday as Queen of the Holy Rosary. We pray today, the traditional "supplication" to God, to which countless people around the world are united. As we, too, join in spirit to that choral invocation, I would like to propose to everyone the value of praying the Rosary in the year ahead. Through the Rosary we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, the model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ. Day after day she helps us to better assimilate the Gospel, so that it gives a form to our life as a

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Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the "two become one" for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

**"And the two shall become one..."**

whole. Thus, in the footsteps of my Predecessors, especially Saint John Paul II who 10 years ago gave us the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, I invite you to pray the Rosary on your own, in your family and in your community, placing yourselves in the school of Mary, who leads us to Christ, the living centre of our faith.

*Benedict XVI*

## Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th

On this day, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honour of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against the Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout the whole of Christian Europe.

The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on 1st October in memory of a 10th century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition. Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, written in 1883 he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer when he wrote,

*"It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary.*

*This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven, has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies."*

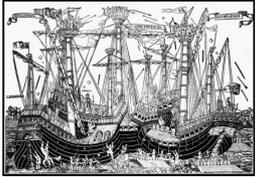
Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and, in fact, world history. Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS:

**Monday**, Galatians 1:6-12; **Tuesday**, Galatians 1:13-2;  
**Wednesday**, Galatians 2:1-14; **Thursday**, Galatians 3:1-5  
**Friday**, Galatians 3:7-14; **Saturday**, Galatians 3:22-29

## CAFOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The special collection for the **Cafod Fast day** will be taken after all Masses today.



invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their vast empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the autumn of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7th, 1571. Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces. Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was then granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's eventual stunning victory.

Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th.

*“Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom,”* wrote the military historian John F. Guilmartin, *“and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained.”*

**October 8th, Saint John Leonardi, (d. 1609)**

“I am only one person! Why should I do anything? What good would it do?” Today, as in any age, people seem plagued with the dilemma of getting involved. In his own way, John Leonardi answered these questions. He chose to become a priest. After his ordination, he became very active in the works of the ministry, especially in hospitals and prisons.

The example and dedication of his work attracted several young laymen who began to assist him. They later became priests themselves. John lived after the Protestant Reformation and the Council of Trent. He and his followers projected a new congregation of diocesan priests. For some reason the plan, which was ultimately approved, provoked great political opposition. John was exiled from his home town of Lucca, in Italy, for almost the entire remainder of his life. He received encouragement and help from Saint Philip Neri, who gave him his lodgings—along with the care of his cat! In 1579, John formed the Fraternity of Christian Doctrine, and published a compendium of Christian doctrine that remained in use until the 19th century. Fr. Leonardi and his priests became a great power for good in Italy, and their congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement in 1595. He died at the age of 68 from a disease caught when tending those stricken by the plague.

**Reflection:** What can one person do? The answer is plenty! In the life of each saint, one thing stands clear: God and one person are a majority! What one individual, following God's will and plan for his or her life, can do is more than our mind could ever hope for or imagine.

Each of us, like John Leonardi, has a mission to fulfil in God's plan for the world. Each one of us is unique and has been given talent to use for the service of our brothers and sisters for the building up of God's kingdom.



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**KSC Autumn Walk - Sunday 14th October**

Parishioners welcome to join this pleasant walk of 5.7 miles that starts from the attractive village of Cheriton to the east of Winchester. The route follows the River Itchen north through Tichborne Park to Tichborne with a short visit to St Andrews church, a pre-Reformation Catholic chapel. Before following the Kings Way south towards Gander Down. Meet 1.30 pm by village green SO24 0PX.

Duration 3 hours. Donation of £3.50 to KSC funds. details contact [a.quigley573@btinternet.com](mailto:a.quigley573@btinternet.com)

**November 3rd, Fireworks at St Anthony's School**

The Holy League of Nations has called for a Worldwide day of prayer on the Feast of the Holy Rosary: Sunday 7th October. The Rosary on the Coast has called our nation to pray with Our Lady at the Foot of the Cross on this day. There will be an afternoon of prayer, reparation and witness at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham beginning at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.

**St Anthony's School Cleaner required**

Monday - Friday term time 2pm-6pm with additional hours during the school holidays (hours can be negotiated) £8.76 per hour. Please contact the school office: 01489 579100 or [office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk) for application pack.

**Mayor of Fareham Charity Concert**

7pm Sat 13th October

St Mary's Church, Warsash

Tickets from Cathie Hallam or pay on night.

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**Diocesan E-News**

The Diocese produces an excellent E-magazine on a regular basis and is normally emailed to subscribers. If you wish to receive a copy please sign up at the bottom of the e-news page.

**The present edition can be viewed here:**

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/issue198.php>



**In the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I Trust**

Look to the Star, Call upon Mary!

In danger, in difficulty or in doubt,

think of Mary, call upon Mary,

Keep her name on your lips,

Never let it pass out of your heart.

Following in her footsteps,

you will not go astray:

praying to her, you will not fall into despair:

thinking of her you will not err.

While she keeps hold of your hand,

you will not fall ...you will not grow weary ...

you will have no fear ...

Enjoying her protection, you will reach the goal.

*(Saint Bernard of Clairveaux)*

**Please remember in your prayers**

Doug Caldwell, Helen Worstmann, Aileen Hopkins, Pam Hale, Oliver Russell, Irene Hollywood, Jim Brown, Pat Juke, Joseph Dolan, Siobhan Jefferies, Irene Otter, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Marion Celand, Eileen Parsons, Josie Cutcliffe, Maria & John Marvao, Michelle Gray, Kol Thelis, Val Stoker, Thomas McCartney, Pat Elward, Mamie Allen, Netta Tracy, Sue & John Forer, June Paris, John Kinneavy, Susan Bolton, Natalie Mahon, Jeanne Key, Kазzy Madeley, Joseph Chisholm, Anne-Marie Mooney, Joyce Redding.

