

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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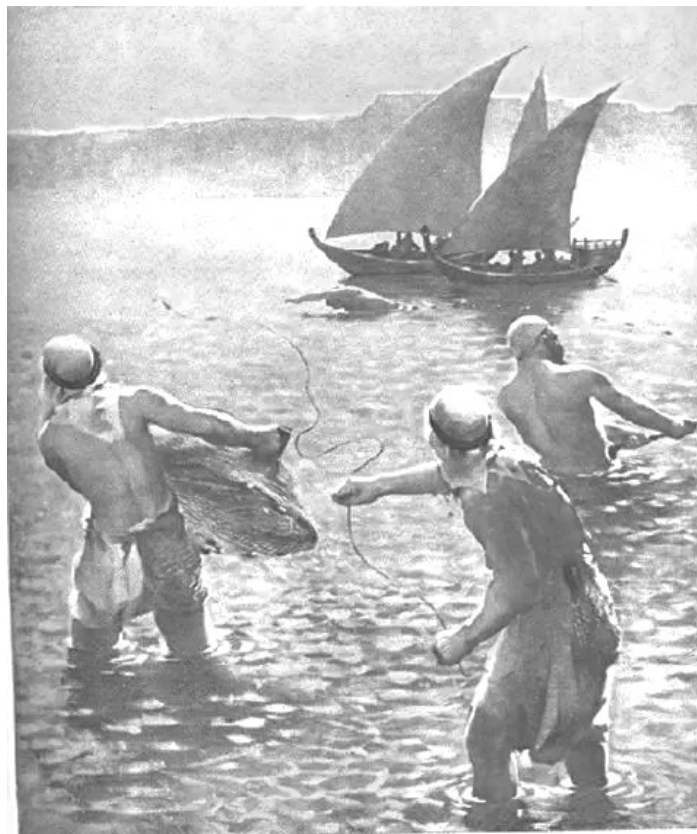
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ORDINARY SUNDAY V (Year C)

Sat 8 th Feb		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 9 th Feb		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00pm	Holy Baptism of Bernard McDonagh	Dursley
Mon 10 th Feb	St Scholastica	NO PUBLIC MASS		
Tue 11 th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.30am	Mass ()	Dursley
	Day of Prayer for the Sick	11.30am	Osma Group in the hall	Dursley
Wed 12 th Feb	Feria of Week 5	9.00am	Mass ()	Dursley
Thu 13 th Feb	Feria	10.00am	Mass with Yr 3 from school ()	Nympsfield
Fri 14 th Feb	Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS, Feast as patrons of Europe	6.00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ()	Dursley
Sat 15 th Feb	Our Lady on Saturday	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00pm -	Confessions	Dursley
		4.00pm		

ORDINARY SUNDAY VI (Year C)

Sat 15 th Feb		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 16 th Feb		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	Dursley

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious.

**MASS PROPERS FOR
ORDINARY SUNDAY V
- (Year C)**

Entrance Antiphon O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God Who made us, for He is the Lord Our God.

First Reading – Isaiah 6:1-2a & 3-8 *Upon seeing a vision of God's glory, the prophet offers to be His witness and messenger. 'Here I am, send me!'*

Responsorial Psalm In the presence of the angels, I praise You, O Lord.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *St Paul begins giving important teaching about the Resurrection. 'So we proclaim and so you believed!'*

Alleluia Verse Follow me, say the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

Gospel Reading – Luke 5:1-11 *St Luke's relates the calling of some of the apostles and a miraculous catch of fish.*

Communion Antiphon Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.



FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Osma Group on Tuesday 11th February – Speaker Fr. P M Thomas BA (Dunelm.) Cert. Theo. Southampton
- **Thursday 20th February – 10.30am Coffee Morning at Pat Uglow's, 11 Stanthill Drive, Dursley GL11 4PP. Raffle, 'Bring & Buy'. Bring your friends. Parking on the drives of kind neighbours at Numbers 3, 11 & 12**
- Shrove Tuesday 4th March – 6.00pm Pancake Evening in St Dominic's Parish Hall
- Sunday 16th March Lent II – Soup Lunch in the hall after Café Dominic

"AGING GRACEFULLY" – LENTEN SERIES You are invited to join in with the Ageing Gracefully course. It starts on **March 5th and will run for 6 weeks from 2pm to 4pm, during Lent.** The course is led by Ian Donald, a retired Doctor and Christian. It is designed for those who are ready to confront the process of ageing, blending medical expertise with biblical insight and practical Christian wisdom. I enclose a flyer to book onto the course or please do feel that you can just turn up. For more information please look at this link, <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2024/ageing-gracefully-course-practical-theology-of-later-life/>



ST SCHOLASTICA, SISTER OF ST BENEDICT OF NURSIA AND MOTHER OF ALL BENEDICTINE NUNS

St Gregory the Great, Apostle of the English, is our primary source of information about both Benedict and Scholastica. He was himself a Benedictine monk and used brothers from his monastery as part of the evangelisation of Britain. It is he who tells us a story full of faith and humour about St Scholastica receiving a visit from her brother at the foot of Monte Cassino and prayer for a storm to prevent his return up to the monastery, when he refused to stay with her.

She is venerated as the patroness of all Benedictine nuns and sisters (e.g. the Grace and Compassion Sisters OSB at More Hall Convent in Stroud). The nuns of the English Benedictine Congregation are the heiresses of a

great and noble tradition of nuns in England. We are grateful for their survival through the Reformation upheavals by taking refuge in Continental Europe. They returned to this country following the French Revolution, when it became unsafe to remain where they were. The most famous house is Stanbrook Abbey, first established at Malvern near Worcester and now moved to Yorkshire near the monks of Ampleforth. The Irish Benedictine nuns of Kylemore Abbey recently entered the EBC. They gave refuge to several Dames from Oulton Abbey when it closed.

These new Benedictine nuns have come from America at the invitation of the Archbishop of Birmingham to be part of the Church's mission to the English. These Benedictines of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles see themselves as united with Our Lady at the foot of the cross in praying for the mission of the Church. Their mother Abbey in America is called Our Lady of Ephesus. Their new foundation at Colwich is their second



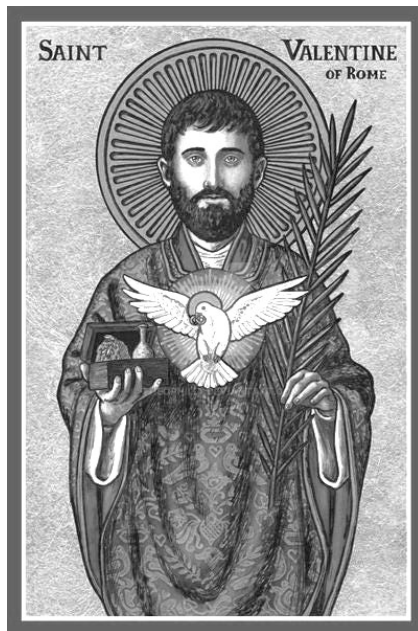
daughter foundation and their first outside the USA. New Colwich is under the title of Our Lady Immaculate. They are conscious of entering into a wonderful history and tradition. In 1623 3 great, great-granddaughters of St Thomas More were amongst the English Dames who came together in Cambrai in France to live the Benedictine Life.



SAINTE BROTHERS, CYRIL (Constantine) & METHODIUS, CO-PATRONES OF EUROPE

Following on from the Daughters of St Scholastica in England, praying for the Church's missionary outreach to this land, we come to these two brothers from Constantinople who left the Byzantine Empire to

evangelise the Slavonic peoples of Eastern Europe. They started their work in modern day Bulgaria, translating the Bible and liturgical books of Byzantium into the local language, now known as Old Church Slavonic. They spread as far as modern-day Hungary. They were conscious of their communion with the Pope and visited him in Rome. St Cyril was a monk and died there. Methodius became a missionary bishop.



ST VALENTINE To the secular world (and especially to those trying to sell us special meals, chocolates and fine flowers), the 14th of February is not Cyril and Methodius, but St Valentine. He disappeared from the General Roman Calendar in 1969, but he is a real saint still remembered by the Church, probably a bishop and martyr.

To the secular world, he is the patron saint of lovers and all in love. To the Church, he is patron to the Diocese of Terni in Italy, much venerated in Dublin and a patron of beekeepers. It seems fitting that those in love should have a patron. The strong emotion of love can make seeing straight hard work ["Smoke gets in your eyes"]. When complicated by sexual desire and lust, things only get worse. Romance can be very unrealistic. People forget that too much sugar rots our teeth and roses have sharp thorns. May the prayers of the holy Bishop Valentine guide all in love to the safe harbour of marriage and family

Although not kept where Cyril and Methodius are kept as the Co-patrons of Europe, St. Valentine reminds us of the importance of love in the mission of the Church. St Therese of Lisieux, an enclosed Carmelite nun, is a patron of mission, because she realised that every body, both human and also mystical, needs a heart. Without the heart pumping blood and nutrients around the human body, we simply die. The prayers and love of those devoted to prayer keeps grace and life circulating in the Mystical Body of Christ, Holy Mother Church.

Christ commanded us to love our neighbours and to love our enemies. Missionaries at home and abroad face difficult situations and trials where this command of love is very hard to obey. It is wonderful to know that there are men and women, religious houses and parishes praying for their mission and their love. In a world of hatred, strife and war, we need to speak powerfully and convincingly of the love of God, to bring peace, harmony and justice. May St Valentine pray for all missionaries.

200 CLUB JANUARY WINNERS

- Elizabeth Archer
- Maureen O'Donnell
- Jamie Whitney

There are numbers available, if you would like to sign up for this simple fun and fundraiser