

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

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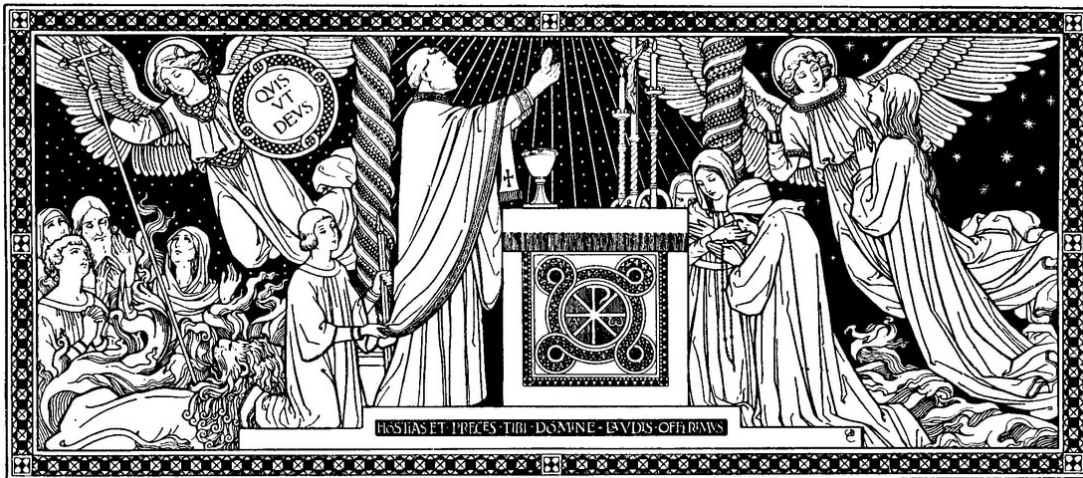
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8TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – ORDINARY SUNDAY 23 (YEAR B) EDUCATION SUNDAY & SECOND COLLECTION



Sunday 23 in Ordinary Time – Education Sunday

Sat 7 th Sep		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
Sun 8 th Sep		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Queen Elizabeth II RIP)	Dursley
Mon 9 th Sep.	Feria of Week XXIII		Fr. P's Day Off	
Tue 10 th Sep	Feria	9.30am	Mass (Debbie Valentine RIP)	Dursley
Wed 11 th Sep	Feria	9.00am	Mass ()	Dursley
Thu 12 th Sep	Holy Name of Mary	10.00am	Mass with the school ()	Nympsfie
Fri 13 th Sep	St John Chrysostom	6.00pm	Adoration & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Requiem Mass (Mary Bucci RIP anniversary)	Dursley
Sat 14 th Sep	TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS Feast	10.00 12.30pm	Mass () Holy Matrimony of Richard and Alexandra	Dursley Nympsfie

NO CONFESSIONS

Sunday 24 in Ordinary Time – Home Missions or Evangelium Gaudii

Sat 14 th Sep		5.30pm	Sunday Mass ()	Nympsfie
Sun 15 th Sep		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
		4.00pm	Holy Hour for Vocations	Nympsfie
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THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

MASS PROPERS FOR SUNDAY XXIII (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading – Isaiah 36:4-7 *The Prophet foretells that the Messiah will unseal the ears of the deaf and loose the tongues of the dumb.*

Responsorial Psalm My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading – James 2:1-5 *St James tells us not to make distinctions between people in church.*

Alleluia Verse Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Reading – Mark 7:31-37 *Jesus Christ makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Communion Antiphon Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the Living God.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

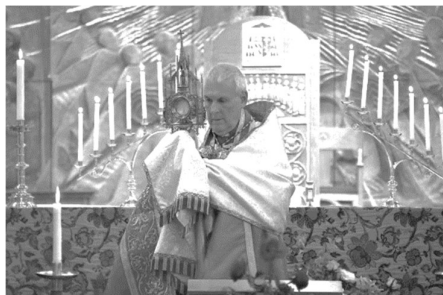
The Recently Dead: PLEASE PRAY for all who have recently died.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Knowle, Knowle West, Lawrence Weston & Shirehampton.

Churches Together: Those newly arrived in Dursley and district, including the Revd. Dr Juliet Jenson.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Saturday 14th September @ 12.30pm – Holy Matrimony at St Joseph’s, Nympsfield for Alexandra Holden and Richard Payne
- Sunday 15th September - BREAKFAST BEFORE MORNING MASS
- Ordinary Sunday XXVI 28th/29th September – Harvest Festival in both churches
- **Friday 4th October, St Francis of Assisi, co patron saint of Italy with St Catharine of Siena. 7.00pm Bilingual Mass [English and Italian] to celebrate the Italian contribution to life in Dursley**
- **Weekend of 20th October Ordinary Sunday 29B – Experimental Mass times.**
 - A) No Saturday Evening Vigil in Nympsfield
 - B) Sunday Morning 9.00am in Nympsfield & 11.00am in Dursley
- Sunday 29th December, Feast of the Holy Family, we propose replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2024 The Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary’s College, Oscott on Saturday 14th September 2024. St Mary’s College was the venue for the first ever Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation and in 2024 the Procession will lead the Church in preparing for the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. It is hoped the day will renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. It is to unite ourselves with this national event that we are being asked

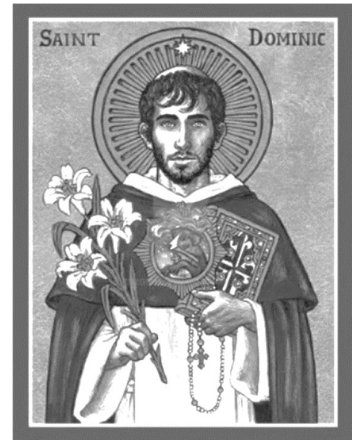
in every parish in England to hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that weekend. We don’t often hold Sunday afternoon or evening services these days, so when we do, please support them. Furthermore, these Holy Hours allow us a special opportunity to pray for vocations for the Ordained Ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and to the Consecrated Life of nuns, monks, sisters and brothers, canons and canonesses, friars, Oratorians and so on.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Sunday 8th September Catholic Education Service – prayer for our school and parish catechists
- Sunday 15th September [Evangelium Gaudii Sunday] Home Missions – Prayer for every diocese, parish and religious congregation in England and Wales

PARISH BREAKFAST - SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER @ 9.00AM The cost of this community building exercise will be £5 per person to cover costs. THE CHOICE WILL BE BETWEEN A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON THE ONE HAND, AND BACON & EGG BUTTY ON THE OTHER. WE NEED NUMBERS FOR CATERING PURPOSES. [No Café Dominic afterwards] – **Dispensation from the Eucharistic Fast is granted for the day!**
SIGNUP SHEETS AT THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH AND MONIES ARE NOW DUE

PARISH GROUPS The UCM is a national organisation and has been for over 100 years. There has been an active group at St. Dominic's since 1960. Its aims have always been to help the Parish Priest in the work of the parish and to provide friendship and support to everyone. Longstanding friendships have been formed and we hope that the same will happen through our new groups. In recent times, there have been many changes affecting our parish as others, and we have seen the Parish UCM continue as 'Independent' members of the national UCM, and they are willing to be involved in setting up the Osma group. Fr. Philip is very keen to establish a women's group and to introduce one for the men, to be called Toulouse.



Nympsfield parishioners are invited to join in anything they wish.

The two groups have names loosely connected to St Dominic's ministry. The Ladies will be the **Osma Group**, because Dominic was a canon of Osma Cathedral in Spain, before starting his preaching against the Albigensian Heresy. The Gentlemen will be the **Toulouse Group** after the place in France, where Dominic set up the Dominican Order. These names are provisional and can be altered by the groups themselves. The idea is that they start in September and carry on from there, meeting monthly or every other month, as they chose.

Father's hope is that these two groups will enable people to grow in their community/Christian life and in their knowledge and practice of the Faith. This may well mean regular meetings. Parishioners should think about when and where this should happen. It could involve social events together as well as religious ones, trips to the cinema or theatre as well as exhibitions. We could invite speakers. We could also do some limited book study for adult catechesis.

As we grow in faith and confidence as groups and individual members, we might feel able to do things for the overall parish. The possibilities are endless – involvement in church and presbytery, the hall [on completion of our renovation project], garden; financial acumen to help with balancing the accounts, fund raising and expenses; eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, church linen, cleaning the church and brass, flowers, singing in the choir, playing a musical instrument. This is but the tip of the iceberg for a flourishing parish or pair of parishes.

DURSLEY MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR AUGUST

Income = £2998
Expenditure = £3048
Hall Fund income = £640 [Ring fenced]

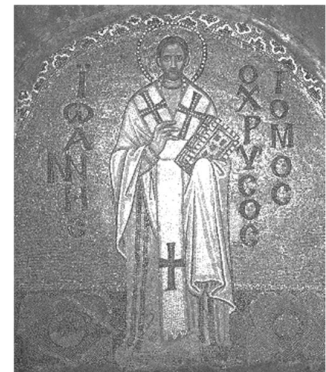
HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now ***Evangelii Gaudium Sunday***. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. ***Second Collection next week.***



PILGRIMAGE TO ST WULFSTAN As you know, Bishop Declan reorganised the Deaneries of the Diocese a little over a year ago. Because Deaneries are areas for pastoral work and cooperation, they are also known as Pastoral Areas. Each of our new ones is dedicated to a different saint. Ours is dedicated to St Wulfstan. He was born around 1008 and died on the 20th January 1095. He was an English Benedictine monk who served as Bishop of Worcester from 1062 to 1095. He was the last surviving pre-Conquest bishop. St Wulfstan is venerated by all the episcopal ordered, Western Christian communities. The Diocese of Worcester in Catholic times (up to Henry VIII) covered all of modern-day Gloucestershire and much of Avon as well as Worcestershire and Birmingham. The Catholic diocese of Gloucester existed under Queen Mary I and only had one bishop. St Wulfstan worked to curtail the slave trade from the port of Bristol all those centuries ago.

As our Deanery Patron, we will normally keep him with a bit more oomph, but this coming year, he falls on a Sunday and Jesus is more important!! There will be a walking pilgrimage from Worcester Cathedral to Clifton Cathedral next year. Those of us not walking are asked to support and encourage the pilgrims each evening as they rest from their labours. As a pair of parishes, we might like to think about a day trip to Worcester to pray in the Cathedral and then spend some time shopping. ***More details will be made available for the Walking Pilgrimage as soon as we have them.***

FR. PHILIP WRITES St John of the Golden Mouth (Chrysostom) was Patriarch of Constantinople, the Successor of St Andrew and second most important bishop in the Catholic world at the time. He was a powerful teacher of the truth and was quoted with approbation by the Council of Trent. He is one of the Greek Doctors of the Church. His name is linked to the most typical form of Mass in the Byzantine Tradition, the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, sung on most Sundays of the year outside Lent. His criticism of people in authority brought him persecution and he was nearly martyred. He died on the feast of the Holy Cross in 407. He is either kept one day early or on the 27th January (anniversary of the return of his relics from the exile in which he died to Constantinople).



The 8th September is normally Our Lady's Birthday, and kept in Clifton also as Our Lady of Glastonbury. There are many "heavenly birthdays" {dates of death} in the calendar but only 2 saints besides Christ Himself have their earthly birthdays in the calendar, the BVM and St John the Baptist. This speaks of their importance. Back in Catholic times, the roads to Glastonbury at this time of year would have been clogged with pilgrims. Move over the Glastonbury Festival!!!! The great Abbey complex occupied the centre of town and the shops and inns clustered around it. Today, there is hole where the Mother of God should be.

