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## PRAYING THE ROSARY WHERE IT HAPPENED

AS you all know I was recently blessed with a pilgrimage to Israel. The first blessing was that all the pilgrims share our Faith. I mention this in the first place, because this determined the personality and contents of the pilgrimage itself. The day would always begin early so that we could be sure to be able to visit as many of the biblical sites as possible, so the wake-up call came anywhere from 4:30 to 6:00 A.M. Once we were on the bus, we would have prayer or a hymn to start the day. Our bus driver was Christian. Janet and Steve Ray who are familiar to some of you who watch EWTN, are converts to Catholicism themselves and were our main guides as we followed the footprints of Jesus and Mary.

As we visited each location, we were able to pray the corresponding mystery of the Rosary in that place with rosaries that we purchased in the Holy Land and were blessed there. Many of the pilgrims brought these rosaries home as gifts for their families and friends. We were also blessed



with Amir, a Palestinian Catholic who is a member of Annunciation parish, which is the biggest church in the Middle East, seating over 2,500 people. Our group was gifted also with Fr. Vincent Nagle, who now works with the Patriarch of Jerusalem and was our Spiritual Director for all 10 days. As a side note, Fr. Nagle is a convert from Judaism and was raised in San Francisco in a 'hippie' commune. We celebrated Mass every day, often on location where some of the more solemn moments and events in the life of Our Savior occurred.

Thus, from the Sea of Galilee to the Garden of Gethsemane to the empty tomb at the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, we were nourished with the Eucharist. It was also a special moment for the married couples to be able to renew

their vows during Mass at Cana in Galilee, as it was also for us all to renew our baptismal vows by the Jordan River. One evening we were treated to the Passover meal in Bethlehem with lamb, spices and good wine. On the outskirts of Bethlehem at the chapel of the Shepherd's field in the month of October we sang "O Come all ye Faithful" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". Imagine that I went to bed every night and woke up for over four days looking out on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus calmed the storm, slept on the boat and fed the apostles after the miraculous catch early in the morning when He had risen from the dead. We were also able to take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee. We prayed the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, visited the Wailing Wall, celebrated Mass at the church of St. Stephen (first martyr), and were part of a solemn entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem as the Franciscan monks sang Gregorian Chant. Breathtaking moments, such as when we were on Mount Tabor where Our Lord was Transfigured and the mount where Christ preached what we commonly call the Sermon on the

Mount or the Beatitudes.

I realize this is but a list of places and events, but, I hope you can sense the Grace that flowed through all our souls because we all believe in Jesus. I simply kept repeating to myself, over and over, **THIS IS WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED.**

Let me finish by saying that it was important, as I mentioned at the beginning, that all the pilgrims shared our Faith, but it was also exceptional that all those who guided us—from priest to bus driver, to our wonderfully knowledgeable guides in Scriptures and the culture of the country, were truly in love with Our Savior, and therefore so willing to celebrate with us some of the more prominent Sorrowful and Glorious moments in the life of Jesus Christ. Only once did we really have an extended wait in line, and that was in the Church of the Nativity, to kneel on the spot indicated by a Star where Our Lord was born. You can easily appreciate that none of us seemed to mind. We were never anything but safe, enjoyed some more secular moments such as lunch at a kibbutz, a trip to Masada and floating in the Dead Sea. If you have ever been excited to visit a place or country where your grandparents or relatives hail from, think for a moment, how blessed your rector is to have walked with Jesus in His Native Land. God Bless,

Fr. John McCormick, Rector

¶ This article appeared in the November 22, 2009 issue of the parish paper of St James Cathedral, Orlando, Florida.

## IN HONOR OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

**A**T that dinner party in today's Gospel only One Person was absolutely certain however little the world knew or cared about Him, or where He sat at table, that nevertheless He was known to and cared for by His Heavenly Father. In the final analysis, although we can get stewed up over many things, this is the only One that matters. Jesus said it doesn't matter of you gain the whole world if you are not accepted by your Father in Heaven. And it is on *His* terms, not yours or mine.

That is humility. It is not about table manners or modesty. It is about waiting upon God alone. The world does not understand or admire this. But that does not fool those who do. During the next three-day blow, go to a great library and comb the French newspapers for the years 1873 to 1897 and you will *not once* find the name Marie-Françoise Thérèse Martin. Not once! Yet today all the people reported on in those papers combined are not as well known as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, "the little flower gathered by Jesus" as she called herself. She was hid from us, and we never knew her name until she was safe in Heaven. It is that way with all the saints, whether they are public or not. They are concerned with how their Father sees them in secret, and that is the motivation for all they are and do: Where they sit at table, and a whole host of others things that might concern us everyday are not even on the radar screen! And the reason for this strange behavior is because they have been told about and come to know a God Who for



SAINT THERESA  
of Lisieux

Image of St. Theresa by Ade Bethune

us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and took upon Himself the nature of a slave for our sakes. That is the real humility, and *Screwtape* knows it well! It's what makes all the red warning lights and alarm bells go off on his control board!

There is nothing like the Christian lifestyle in all the world. You and I know it is likely to get trampled on. But do not attempt to water it down or make it worldly acceptable! For it follows One Who, first in excellence, was willing to be last in precedence, taking the place of a servant. And we call *Him* Lord and Christ.

Father Bradford

¶ An excerpt from a sermon preached on August 29, 2010. The memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus is Saturday, October 1, 2011.

## WE WERE MADE BY SOMETHING

**H**UMANS have become so technically evolved that they can now make a living, breathing person. A summit of scientists believed that because they now had the power to create life, God was no longer needed. So they all decided that someone should go and tell God this. One man volunteered to go. One day he climbed a mountain and called upon God. "God! We humans now have the ability to bring people from the dead, we can create our own life. We don't need you anymore so you can leave us alone." God listened to the scientist and nodded his head. "Okay, I'll tell you what, if you can really create life, let's have a competition. If you can create a better person than I, I'll go, but we'll have to do it the way I did it in the old days." So the scientist agrees and begins to collect some dirt to make his person. God simply watches him and finally asks him what he's doing. "I'm using the dirt to make a person." God smiles, looks at the scientist and replies, "Go make your own dirt."

Mother Mary Elizabeth, OSB

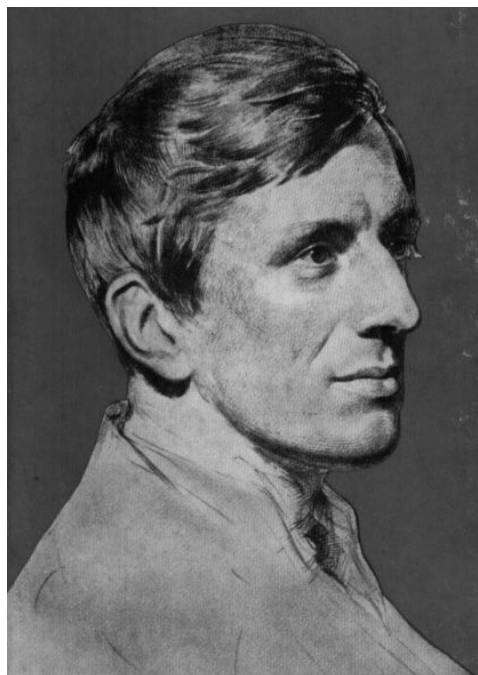
¶ *This story was part of The Revd Mother's column in The Benedictine Bulletin (Summer/Fall 2011) published by St Scholastica Priory, Petersham, MA.*



## THE COMMEMORATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Cathedral of the Holy Cross  
3:00 P.M.



John Henry Cardinal Newman  
1801-1890

## A SYMPOSIUM

Newman as Educator, Poet, Preacher and Convert  
Panelists are Dr. Philip Crotty, Dr. Peter Kreeft,  
Dr. William Fahey, and Fr. Peter Stravinkas.

The Symposium is followed by refreshments  
and

### Solemn Evensong & Benediction

Officiant & Celebrant: Father Bradford

Preacher: Father Stravinkas

Sponsored by The Cathedral of the Holy Cross

and

The Congregation of St. Athanasius

## SHORT NOTES

✠ Saturday Mass is offered in the Anglican Use at 9 A.M. in the Saint Theresa Convent Chapel this month on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

✠ Confirmation/Inquirers' Classes are available by arrangement with the Chaplain who is available for instruction mid-week in the St. Theresa of Avila Rectory, West Roxbury. The course is based upon *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*. A syllabus is available.

✠ Thanks to our participants in the annual joint Evensong with St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brockton. David Burt produced the service leaflet, Steve Cavanaugh coordinated our participation in the joint choir, and Jim Reedy was the organist.

✠ All Souls' Day intercession papers are available with Sunday service leaflets during the month of October. Please return to Steve Cavanaugh by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Readers at a distance may send names of the departed souls to Steve at 26 Moulton St., Brockton, MA 02302.

✠ Fr. Bradford and his family will be visiting Dr. Jessica Bradford in Tanzania during the second half of the month of October. During that time, in an emergency, please call your local parish, or St. Theresa of Avila Parish, West Roxbury.

✠ Our schola has been invited to join the choir at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brockton, when they offer Evensong on Sunday, November 6th on occasion of the blessing of a new organ. The service is at 3 P.M. and is followed by an organ recital.

✠ Thank you to Dr. Sarah Byers who gave a program with photos she took at Littlemore, Blessed John Henry Newman's transitional home near Oxford as he prepared for reception into the Catholic Church.

✠ Fr. Peter Stravinskas will be preacher at Mass on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## LINCOLN AND THE QUAKERS

**D**URING the war Mrs. Gurney, an eminent Quakeress, sought an interview with Mr. Lincoln in order to animate his spirit by exhortation and prayer. One rainy Sunday morning she, in company with three friends, saw the President in his private room at the White House. In a short address she assured him of the sympathy which she and the Friends felt for the burden-bearing Executive. She then knelt in fervent prayer for him and the country. As Mrs. Gurney was leaving, the President took her hand, and holding it for a few minutes in silence, said: "I am glad of this interview. In the very responsible situation in which I am placed, as an humble instrument in the hands of my Heavenly Father, I have desired that all my words and actions may be in accordance with His will; but if, after endeavoring to do my best with the light which He affords me, I find my efforts fail, then I must believe that for some purpose unknown to me He wills it otherwise. If I had had my way, this war would never have been, but nevertheless it came. If I had had my way, the war would have ended before this, but nevertheless it still continues. We must conclude that He permits it for some wise purpose, though we may not be able to comprehend it. For we cannot but believe that He who made the world still governs it."

¶ Thanks to parishioner Eva Murphy for sending this article from *The Dedham Transcript*, 30 June 1883, p. 4, cols 2-3.

## A RECONCILING SPIRIT

**T**HE whole Gospel of S. Luke is full of the spirit of reconciliation, the reconciliation of man with God, of person with person. The spirit of reconciliation is necessary in all ages. We may have perfect organization and perfect machinery, but, unless we have a right spirit behind them, they will not effect much. The forces of coercion on one side and revenge on the other will never do any good. Christ's religion reveals His spirit, and it is a reconciling spirit. Some people, wherever they go, bring trouble, and others bring blessing and healing, as did this great tender doctor, who was with S. Paul to the end, and must have had so sweet a character.

It is of the first importance that the world should be educated, and rightly educated. If a boy is taught



to write beautifully, without a true teaching of morality, he may become a clever forger. If a man is taught the science of medicine without religious faith, he may become an inventor of poisonous drugs. One need not be afraid of education, but only of bad education: nor need we be afraid of the truth, but only of a half-truth. Our religion teaches us that the whole of life is one thing. The interest of India is the interest of England; the interest of Germany is the interest of France; the interest of men is the interest of women. We are one great family, and, as we are created in the image of our Father, it must be our joy, as it is our duty, to produce the perfect life of the true children of God, the life of men and women who can look into each other's eyes with courageous love, because they have the faith that can face any future without fear.

Father Andrew, SDC

¶ *Fr Andrew was an Anglican priest, spiritual director and writer in the mid twentieth century. St Luke's Day is Tuesday, October 18, 2011.*

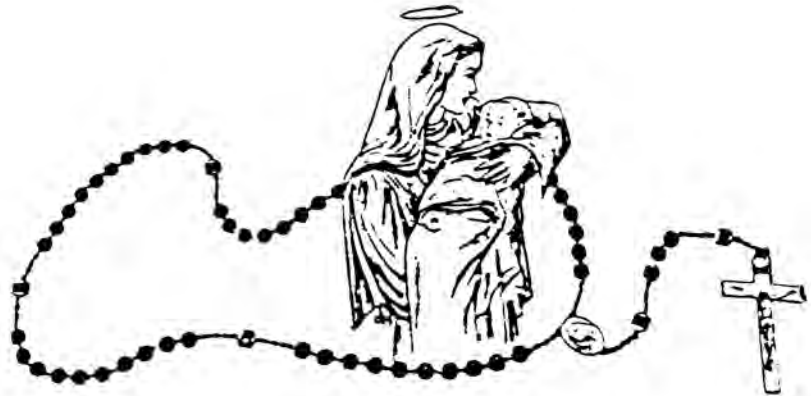
In their own words

**“When we go to Mass, we go to a miracle.”**

Fr. Harrison

¶ *From an article on the New English Translation of the Roman Missal, in The Oratory Magazine (August 2011), Vol 88, No. 1083, published by The Brompton (London) Oratory.*

## THE SCHOOL OF MARY



**C**HRISt is the supreme Teacher, the revealer and the one revealed. It is not just a question of learning what he taught but of “learning him.” In this regard could we have any better teacher than Mary? From the divine standpoint, the Spirit is the interior teacher who leads us to the full truth of Christ (Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). But among creatures no one knows Christ better than Mary; no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of his mystery better than his Mother.

The first of the “signs” worked by Jesus—the changing of water into wine at the marriage in Cana—clearly presents Mary in the guise of a teacher, as she urges the servants to do what Jesus commands (Jn 2:5). We can imagine that she would have done likewise for the disciples after Jesus’ Ascension, when she joined them in awaiting the Holy Spirit and supported them in their first mission. Contemplating the scenes of the rosary in union with Mary is a means of learning from her to “read” Christ, to discover his secrets and to understand his message.

This school of Mary is all the more effective if we consider that she teaches by obtaining for us in

abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit, even as she offers us the incomparable example of her own “pilgrimage of faith.” As we contemplate each mystery of her Son’s life, she invites us to do—as she did at the Annunciation: to ask humbly the questions which open us to the light, in order to end with the obedience of faith: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38).

Pope John Paul II

¶ *This excerpt is taken from the Holy Father’s Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.*

¶ *Fr Romanus Cessario, OP has written a beautiful series of meditations on The Seven Joys of Mary. It is lavishly illustrated for both devotional reading and gift giving. Published by Magnificat. List price is \$12.95.*



NOVEMBER  
1<sup>st</sup> ALL SAINTS



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Tuesday, November 1, 2011  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

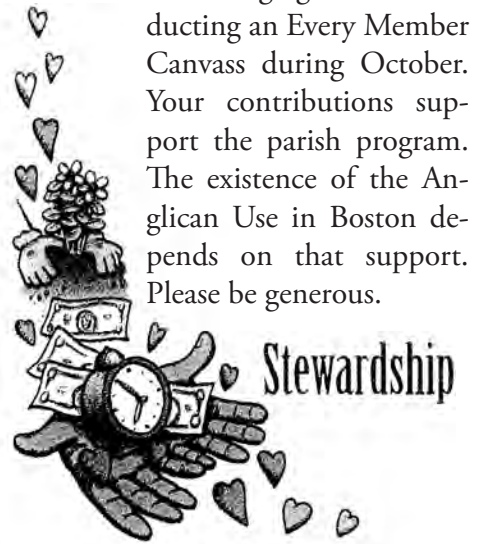
¶ *Note: There is no Anglican Use Mass today.*

*Mass in the Ordinary Form*

*Saint Lawrence Church: 7:00 P.M.*

*St. Mary's, Brookline: 7:30 A.M. and 12:10 P.M.*

*St. Theresa of Avila, West Roxbury: Vigil Masses: 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.  
6:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 12:15 P.M., & 7:30 P.M.*



The Congregation is conducting an Every Member Canvass during October. Your contributions support the parish program. The existence of the Anglican Use in Boston depends on that support. Please be generous.

Stewardship

In their own words

Abortion does not give a woman the chance to decide not to become a mother, but, like infanticide, gives the woman the choice not to continue to be a mother in the biological and gestational senses.

Christopher Kaczor  
*The Ethics of Abortion*

¶ *Respect Life Sunday is October 2, 2011.*



ALL SOULS' DAY

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed  
Wednesday,  
November 2, 2011  
Parish Requiem Mass  
7:30 P.M.

¶ *You may submit names of departed souls to be remembered by name at Mass on All Souls' Day*

"Bury this body anywhere; only this I beg that you remember me at the altar of the Lord."

Dying words of  
Saint Monica

## BRITISH MARTYRS & CONFESSORS

**O**VER the years 200 men and women have been beatified for their heroic witness to the Catholic Faith in the British Isles during and after the Protestant Reformation. Here we continue brief mention of some of these individual martyrs.

### BLESSED EDWARD JAMES

*Priest (c. 1559–1588)*

**R**AISED as a Protestant, Edward James, of Breaston, England, had developed a degree of sympathy for the Catholic faith by the end of his studies at Oxford University. He was, however, hesitant to become a Catholic. A Catholic layman in London finally persuaded Edward to take the definitive step of entering the Church, and to dedicate his life to the faith by becoming a priest. In October of 1583, he was ordained in Rome. In April of 1586, Father James and three other priests embarked upon a ship bound for England. The ship subsequently ran aground along the English coast, where an Elizabethan magistrate who had boarded the vessel to search it discovered the four priests and apprehended them. Under interrogation, Father James admitted that he had been on the ship to fulfill a vow he had taken in Rome “to come into England to help his countrymen in his function and calling of priesthood.” He is described as “a very mild and virtuous man much given to meditation.” On October 1, 1588, Father James was condemned to death by drawing and quartering merely for having *intended* to enter England as a priest. His sentence was carried out that same day.

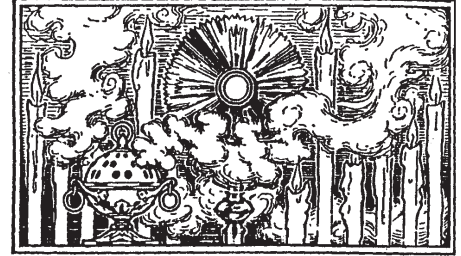
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### BLESSED WILLIAM HARTLEY (ALIAS GARTON)

*Priest and Martyr (c. 1557–1588)*

**W**ILLIAM Hartley, of Wilne, England, an Oxford student, became a Catholic and departed for France in 1579 to study for the priesthood. In June of 1580, four months after his ordination, Father Hartley set out for his native England to serve the country's Catholics suffering persecution under Queen Elizabeth I. The English authorities began to hunt for Father Hartley after he secretly placed in Oxford's Church of St. Mary four hundred copies of the apologetical tract *Decem Rationes* written by the Jesuit priest (Saint) Edmund Campion († 1581). In August of 1581, Father Hartley was captured and imprisoned. When he was discovered celebrating Mass in prison, he was laid in irons. In 1585 Father Hartley was put aboard a boat and banished from England. After making a pilgrimage to Rome in April of 1586, he re-entered England in secret, undaunted by the peril to his life. In September of 1588, he was recaptured. Condemned to death for his priesthood, he was hung at a London theatre (“near the curtain”) on October 5, 1588. His mother, who was present, found solace in the glory her son had given to God by his death.

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Next Evensong

### Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Solemn Evensong  
and Benediction

5:00 P.M.



Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Return to Eastern Standard Time  
Sunday, November 6, 2011  
set clocks **BACK** one hour

### The Congregation of Saint Athanasius

The Revd.

Richard Sterling Bradford,  
Chaplain

Saint Lawrence Church

774 Boylston Ave.

Chestnut Hill, Mass.

(Parking lot behind church.)

Sundays 11:30 A.M.

Sung Mass

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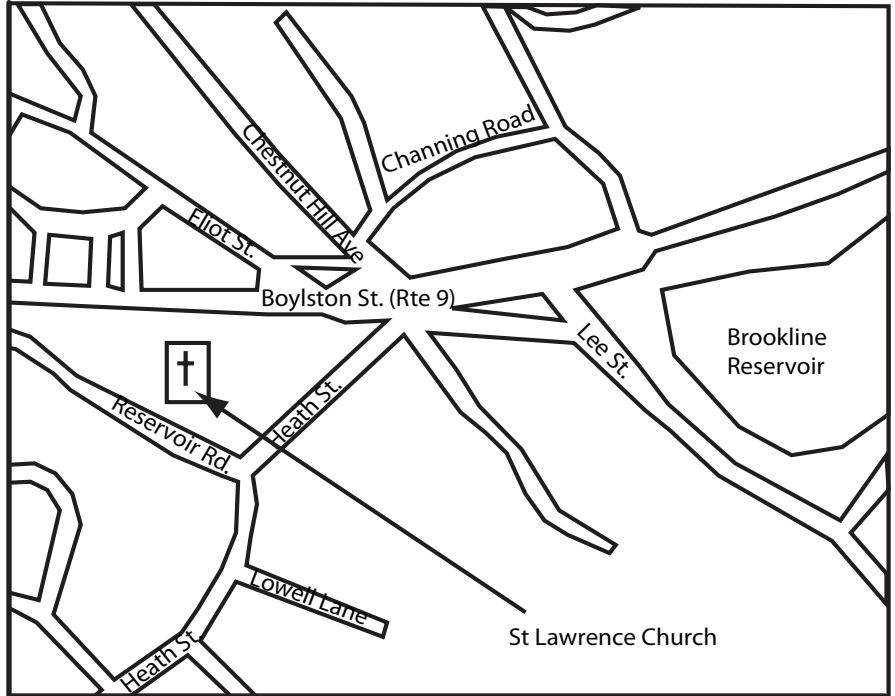
St. Lawrence Church, 774 Boylston Street (Route 9).

Park in the church parking lot behind the Church, off of Reservoir Rd.

Directions by Car: From the North or South: Route 128 to Route 9. At signal for Reservoir Road, take right; Church parking lot is a short distance on left.

From Boston: From Stuart/Kneeland St., turn left onto Park Plaza. Drive for 0.2 miles. Park Plaza becomes St James Avenue. Drive for 0.3 miles. Turn slight left onto ramp. Drive for 0.1 miles. Go straight on Route-9. Drive for 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Heath Street. Drive for 0.1 miles. Go straight on Reservoir Road. Drive for 0.1 miles. Parking lot is on your right.

Directions by Public Transportation: Green line to Kenmore Square terminal. Bus #60, has a stop in front of the Church. The Church is a 15-minute walk from the Cleveland Circle Green Line station. On weekdays and Saturdays only the #51 bus route which runs from Cleveland Circle to Forest Hills via Hancock Village is a 3-minute bus trip from Chestnut Hill/Reservoir, which stops at Lee St.



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