

St Francis Xavier Church

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 30th July 2017

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Mass Times



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| Monday—Friday | 10.00 am | |
| Monday—Thursday | 1.00 pm | |
| Saturday | 10.00 am | 5.00 pm |
| Sunday | 9.00 am | 11.00 am |

Confessions

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| Tuesday | 1.45—2.15 pm |
| Thursday | 1.45—2.15 pm |
| Saturday | 4.15 - 4.45 pm |



LITTLE FLOWER NOVENA



The first week of the Novena to St Therese of Lisieux will be held on **Wednesday 2nd August at 7.00 pm** in the Parish Church.

The Petitions Box will be available in the Church from this weekend.

PARISH COLLECTION

Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection. The Parish collection totalled £1563.

EVENING PRAYER

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| Monday | 8.00 pm |
| Tuesday | 8.00 pm |



MARIAN DEVOTIONS

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| Sunday | 6.00 pm |
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CENACOLO

Monday 7th August 7.00 pm in the Glass Chapel

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick — Jacob Canning, Mary Hart, Aqueel Naseem, Susan Inayat, John Brady, Teresa Cochrane, Ellen Knowles, Michael Miller, Elenor Giuberelli, Margaret Curran, Michael Gaynor, John McKeown, Peter McKenna, Nancy Buggie (Cullen), Ella Kearney, Tom Ahearn, Francey Connelly, Daniel Hughes, Jennifer Cunningham, John Cook, Ann Dunbar, Matt Lees, Margaret McMahon (Corby), Margaret Kane (McGinn), Mary Doyle.

Those who have recently died — Francis Lyons, Graeme Fallon, Christine Polly Burns, Patricia Johnstone, Mary Bellingham, Jessie Fulham, John Robinson, James Lennon, Joe Greene, Margaret O'Hara, Nancy O'Donnell, Louise Smith, Effie McInnes (Cumbernauld), Gerry Fergus, Tariq Siddique, Peter Harmon, Maurizio Puricelli, Charles Conlon, Connor McDowall, Tom Law, Eddie Bonnar, Brian Gallagher, Michael Gara, Gerrard Fergus, Elizabeth Quinn, Susan Grubish, John Cameron, Patrick Smith, Susan Hodgson.

The months' minds and anniversaries of those we wish to especially remember — Sadie Shannon, Catherine, Charles and Tracy Devine, Joseph Devine, Margaret Murray, Therese Cairns, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew and Ellen O'Rourke, the O'Rourke family, James and Alice Doherty, the Doherty family, Cathie Hughes, Elizabeth Carr, Theresa Hughes, Lesley and Ellen Molloy and family, Tosh and Phyllis Walsh and family, Deceased members of the McComisky family, William Wood, Ellen Delaney, Thomas Ruddy, William Lockhart, Alice McFarlane.

LITTLE FLOWER NOVENA

On Wednesday of this week, 2nd August, we begin the Novena to the Little Flower which will take place at 7.00 pm in the Church for the next nine Wednesdays, concluding on 27th September, prior to the saint's feast day on 1st October.

The Petitions Box will be available in the Church from this weekend for you to enclose any petitions you may have. You should not put cash donations into this box.

FAREWELL TO FR MICHAL

This weekend we say farewell to **Fr Michal Sadowski** who has supplied in the parish during July. Fr Michal will soon be returning to work in the seminary and university in Poland. We thank him for all the work he has done in the parish over the last few weeks, coping with a greater liturgical and sacramental schedule than in probably any other parish in the diocese. He had made many friends in the parish. Hopefully he will return to St Francis Xavier in future years.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - new rotas available this weekend in the sacristy.

In the twentieth century the Church had a succession of memorable Popes, some of whom we are fairly well acquainted of. However, some of the Popes we will be less familiar with and, over the next few weeks, we will examine the lives of contributions of these lesser known Popes of the twentieth century. This week, we look at the life and papacy of -

Pope John Paul I (1912 - 1978)

John Paul I, whose original name is Albino Luciani, was born on October 17, 1912, in Forno di Canale, Italy. Born of a poor family, Luciani was ordained a priest in 1935. Appointed deputy director of the seminary in the Belluno diocese, he taught moral theology, canon law, and sacred art. He earned a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1947 and was made vicar-general of his diocese the following year. He remained concerned with the teaching of church doctrine and wrote widely in order to instruct less-educated Roman Catholics.

In 1958 Luciani was appointed bishop of Vittorio Veneto. He was made Patriarch of Venice in 1969 and became a cardinal in 1973. In both of his dioceses he was known and respected as a holy, humble and pastoral bishop who was totally focussed on the care of his priests and people.

Follow the death of Pope Paul VI, Luciani was elected pope on August 26, 1978, becoming the first pope since Pius X to come from a pastoral rather than a diplomatic or scholarly background. He was the first pope in centuries who refused to be crowned, opting instead for the simple pallium of an archbishop and installation at Mass. He was known affectionately as "The Smiling Pope" because of the smile he often displayed in public. He was also the first pope to choose a double name and did so in commemoration of his two immediate predecessors, John XXIII, who consecrated him Bishop of Vittorio Veneto, and Paul VI, who appointed him as Patriarch on Venice. Interestingly, when asked to chose his papal name, he chose 'John Paul **the First**' despite the fact that, in the case of popes and monarchs, the first of that name would not have a regnal number until a second one took the same name. It is also said that, on being asked if he would accept the papal election, he said to the cardinals in the Conclave '*May God forgive you for what you have done.*'



Pope John Paul I died on September 28, 1978 in Rome and his 33-day pontificate in 1978 was the shortest in modern times. His sudden death, the apparent result of a heart attack, led to rumours of conspiracy and foul play but these have no basis in fact. Despite the short length of his papacy, in his humility and poverty of heart, he set standards which no later Pope has altered.

A Cause has been established to pray for his beautification and eventual canonisation.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday - St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556) founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led him to write his Spiritual Exercises.

Tuesday- St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) Bishop and Doctor of the Church and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). He is remembered as a preacher and an influential theologian.

Friday - St John Vianney (1786-1859) He had to contend with poverty, military service and what he saw as his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817 he was sent to care for the people in the small, obscure French village of Ars and is better known as the Curé d'Ars. From 1830 he is said to have averaged 12/16 hours per day in the confessional. Through his spiritual life, holiness and humility, he is seen by many as the model for all parish priests.