

## *The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

This week continues to be rich in liturgical feast days. **Monday** is the feast of the Dedication of the **Basilica of St Mary Major** in Rome. Built by Pope Sixtus III after the Council of Ephesus (431) is the principal Church of Our Lady under the title of Mother of God (Theotokos in Greek). It is one of the four major basilicas in Rome situated on the Esquiline Hill. Like the other basilicas the Church is very beautiful and ornate.

**Tuesday** is the feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord** a feast which marks the start of the novena in preparation for the **Solemnity of the Assumption** on August 15th. Novena prayer will last for nine days and will take place before Mass beside the altar of Our Lady.

**Thursday** sees the feast of **St Dominic** founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans founded to counteract the Albigensian Heresy.

**Friday** sees the feast of **Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** whose name was Edith Stein murdered on 9th August 1942 at Auschwitz.

**Saturday** is the feast of **St Lawrence** who was a deacon and martyr. His name is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer One (the Roman Canon).

In our catechesis last week we asked the question, 'is it still possible to produce saints from our families?' Have you heard of **Joe Wilson** a local lad attending Taylor High who died on the 20th December 2010? This rather extraordinary boy has had a collection of his thoughts published. There are devotions celebrated at the Grotto in his name. The next is on **19th August** at the **Grotto** at 7.30 pm. See the notice board and look at joesfaith.com Having read the thoughts from his diary there is definitely something of the **Little Way of Therese** in them.

Raffle tickets in support of the work of the **Holy Ghost Fathers** are available after Masses this weekend.

Students returning into either 5th or 6th year at **Taylor High School** may come to school on Thursday August 8th to discuss any changes to curricular choices following the 2019 SQA results of August 6th. 10.00 for Fifth year pupils. 12 noon for Sixth Year pupils. Senior Leadership and Principal Teachers of Pupil Support will be present.

From next weekend baskets will be available on the altar steps for us to bring in **sealed petitions** to be placed beside the relics of St Teresa during the night of 29-30th August. No money should be placed in the envelopes. Intentions only.

## **FOURTH CATECHESIS ABOUT ST THERESE.**

The life of the Church is enriched with the example of its saints. Occasionally the Church encourages the Faithful to follow the spirituality of particular saints none more so than St Therese of the Child Jesus whose simple approach to a rich spiritual life is called the **Little Way**. Therese tells us that from an early age she hoped to become a saint. She thought there was not enough about her to perform staggering acts of heroism or wisdom or even holiness. How wrong she was in this analysis. However, she became convinced that it was possible to become a saint **by performing the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary fashion**. We call it **The Little Way**. She would take small steps like a child takes with a parent placing herself confidently in the merciful arms of a loving God with whom she fostered a close personal relationship. The ordinary blessings of life which can so often be forgotten would be opportunities to offer the Lord **thanks**: a beautiful day, a visit from the children, the blessing of a good meal, the support of friends met in the street, the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. These and a thousand other opportunities were avenues of thanksgiving and Grace. There would also be innumerable opportunities to perform **small acts of kindness** which might be little and unobserved but which were performed for the love of God. Then there were the **small self sacrifices** which Therese was so particular about. She would sit beside the nuns in the Convent whom she did not particularly take to. She would be pleasant to the Sisters who were not always pleasant or affirmative towards her. Such daily experiences may have run against her inclinations but became opportunities to spread the love of God and make the small world in which she lived become a better place. The spiritual approach known as **The Little Way** of Therese is suggested to each of us as a means of achieving sainthood. By performing the ordinary things of life for the love of God, they become extraordinary and we live by the **Little Way**. As far as Therese was concerned this was how amazing grace was released into the world and the love of Jesus given to everyone. It would seem that the opportunity to become a saint is there for us. We may not become martyrs or brilliant theologians or spiritual icons but we can achieve holiness through **The Little Way**. Begin the practice this week in preparation for the events at the end of this month. It is our patron saint who invites us to do this.

# A Prayer For The Week

When Teresa left home it was for you, O Lord.  
 When she lived the Gospel way, it was for you, O Lord.  
 When in sickness and in tears she faced up to all her fears.  
 When she gave of her young years, it was for you, O Lord.

When she faced the daily strife, it was for you, O Lord.  
 When she offered up her life, it was for you, O Lord.  
 When she taught the childlike way and then lived it every day.  
 When she left her Little Way, it was for you, O Lord.

When we work and rest and play, it's all for you, O Lord.  
 When we give you love each day, it's all for you, O Lord.  
 When we follow you each each day, by responding to your way.  
 When we live in love today, it's all for you, O Lord.

*Response to the Psalm:*  
*O Lord, you have been our refuge from*  
*one generation to the next*

**Month's Mind:** Annie McAvoy,  
**Anniversary of:** Alex Madden, Jack & Annie Connor, James &  
 Janet Myles, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy McGarry, Lawrence McGarry,  
 Thomas McGarry, Nellie Warrington, Mary & Tommy Mulvey, Lachie  
 MacNeil, John O'Hara, Hugh Collins, Margaret McAnaw.

*Attendances: 204, Collection: £629*  
**Thank you to the parish for their generosity.**



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 4th Aug	10:00am 4:00pm	John O'Hara and Hugh Collins Devotions in Honour of St Therese
Monday 5th Aug <i>The Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	9:30am 1:30pm	Lachie MacNeil Mass in the State Hospital
Tues 6th Aug <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Novena in Preparation for the Assumption Jack & Annie Connor
Wed 7th Aug <i>St Cajetan</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Novena in Preparation for the Assumption James & Janet Myles
Thurs 8th August <i>St Dominic</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Novena in Preparation for the Assumption Alex Madden
Friday 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9:00am 9:05am 9:30am 10:00am	Mass in Shotts Prison: Jack Meehan Novena in Preparation for the Assumption Service of the Word with Holy Communion Mass in Shotts Prison: Mary & Tommy Mulvey
Saturday 10th Aug <i>St Lawrence</i>	4:00pm 4:30pm	Novena in Preparation for the Assumption Margaret McAnaw

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 10th August	F Carroll	Holiday Time !
Sunday 11th August	W Doran	Holiday Time !