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25 FEBRUARY 2018 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“Repent and believe the Good News.”

Times of Mass This Week

24 Feb Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM Second Sunday of Lent
25 Feb Sunday	+ Mary Corso, mother of a friar	8:00 AM Second Sunday of Lent
25 Feb Sunday	+ Dorothy Roxburgh, req. Jocelyn	10:45 AM Second Sunday of Lent
26 Feb Monday	Bernadette Williams (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Isabel of France, sister of St. Louis
27 Feb Tuesday	+ Nicholas Bell, req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM St. Anne Line, hidder of priests, Martyr
28 Feb Wednesday	Henry, req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM St. Hilary, Pope
1 Mar Thursday	NO MASS	9:00 AM St. David
2 Mar Friday	Paul & Hilary Lumley (FMA)	6:00 PM St. Agnes of Bohemia, Virgin
3 Mar Saturday	Frances & Philip (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Non, Mother of St. David of Wales
3 Mar Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM Third Sunday of Lent
4 Mar Sunday	Andrée Hurford req. John H-W	8:00 AM Third Sunday of Lent
4 Mar Sunday	Intentions on St. Anthony Board	10:45 AM First Sunday in Lent

→ DON'T FORGET STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT 5:00 PM ←

When was the last time you sang the "Stabat Mater" with a group of Catholics?

Last Week's Collection 18 February: £377.13 [Does not include direct deposit donations]

Lourdes Pilgrimage: £105.89

I received a gift for the Church from a friend in Philadelphia of \$100 for which the bank will credit us £70.37 minus £6 service charge, i.e. £64.37

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Chris Howard (Ve's brother), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, and James, (Fr. Brian's father).

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Joan Sherwood, sister of Audrey Hatter & Sheila Miller, Pat Dixon, brother-in-law of Aoife Coleman in Ireland, Nicholas Bell, step-son of Ray Bell, who died suddenly, Canon Francis Harrington, former parish priest in Woking, the students and faculty murdered in a Florida school, members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, the people for whom we offer Mass this week.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION: THE DISCUSSION GROUP WILL MEET ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2018, AT THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB AT 5:00 PM. Exodus 20: 1-17 & Gospel: John 2:13-25-10. Jesus in the wilderness. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PENANCE SERVICE: ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY & ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH, 33c MAGDALEN, St. Leonard-on-Sea, WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH AT 7:00 PM. A great way to begin Lent and prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard



St. Hilary was born in Sardinia, Italy. Hilary was used by Pope St. Leo I on many assignments and when he died, Hilary was elected Pope.

He worked to strengthen the Church in France and Spain. He also rebuilt many Roman churches and erected the chapel of St. John Lateran.

He rebuked the Emperor Anthemius for supporting heresy and consolidated the Church in Sardinia, Africa and Gaul.

He died in Rome.

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MOTHER AND SON SAINTS: A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER BECOMES

SAINTLY: According to tradition, St. David was the son of King Sant of South Wales and St. Non. He was ordained a priest and later studied under St. Paulinus. Later, he was involved in missionary work and founded a number of monasteries. The monastery he founded at Menevia in Southwestern Wales was noted for extreme asceticism. David and his monks drank neither wine nor beer - only water - while putting in a full day of heavy manual labor and intense study. Around the year 550, David attended a synod at Brevi in Cardiganshire. His contributions at the synod are said to have been the major cause for his election as primate of the Cambrian Church. He was reportedly consecrated archbishop by the patriarch of Jerusalem while on a visit to the Holy Land. He also is said to have invoked a council that ended the last vestiges of Pelagianism. David died at his monastery in Menevia around the year 589, and his cult was

approved in 1120 by Pope Callistus II. He is revered as the patron of Wales. Undoubtedly, St. David was endowed with substantial qualities of spiritual leadership. What is more, many monasteries flourished as a result of his leadership and good example. His staunch adherence to monastic piety bespeaks a fine example for modern Christians seeking order and form in their prayer life. His feast day is March 1. *This week there are feasts of St. Non and St. David, mother and son. I don't know that this happens frequently in the church year. Certainly, there are many weeks when Jesus and His Mother both have feasts, but other than Monica and Augustine, I can't think of any others. Perhaps when the Martin Family (St. Therese) are canonized, this will happen again.*

'Service station' liturgy sucks the life out of Church: Irish theologian

{Even though this article is about Ireland, I think it applies to all countries that used to be strongly Catholic}

WARSAW, Poland, May 2, 2017 (LifeSiteNews)

A renowned Irish theologian says the state of the liturgy in Ireland is “**uninspiring**” and the country’s vocations shortage a result of a **crisis of faith**.

Father Vincent Twomey, SVD, professor emeritus of moral theology for Ireland’s national seminary and former student of Joseph (Cardinal) Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), criticized a routine, obligatory approach to Mass.

He said this has produced “what could be called the ‘service station’ model of church, which, with the declining number of clerics, is putting a huge strain on their time and their limited energy.”

“The faithful are satisfied, once they have ‘been to Mass,’” Father Twomey said, and that frequently the mindset is the shorter the Mass the better.

In a paper titled “The End of Irish Catholicism? Fifteen Years On” for the Jesuit journal *Studies Irish Review*, Father Twomey wrote how this **pedestrian attitude toward the Mass** has pushed clergy to reduce it to the minimum. The article was covered in a report from Catholic Ireland and picked up by CatholicCulture.org.

Father Twomey commented as well about ill-prepared liturgical ministers and clergy in need of formation, and said **the main purpose of Eucharistic ministers is seemingly to cut the time taken for Communion distribution.**

“Readers read scriptural texts that evidently make no sense to them. Very often, they are indistinct or inaudible,” he stated. “As with the Eucharistic ministers, their presence seems to be a token recognition of lay involvement, in particular by women, with little or no awareness that readers, Eucharistic ministers, choir members (if they exist), and sacristans all need theological training as much as the clergy need ongoing formation and education.”

{My Note: The Church has never adequately explained what the reasons were for letting the non-ordained do what, for hundreds of years, was restricted to the ordained. The reason of “more active participation in the liturgy” makes no sense since it is only a small number of laity who are lectors and EXTRAORDINARY ministers of the Eucharist. What has happened is a confusion of the roles of clergy and laity in the Mass and has given men less reasons to become priests, among other problems. Most importantly, the laity have “forgotten” that their purpose in coming to Mass is NOT to do what the priest does, but “actual participation” which is to offer their lives to God united with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and become holy, so that they can bring the Gospel into the public square.}

The result of all of this, Father Twomey said, is that the “source and summit of the Christian life has been reduced to an obligation to be satisfied with the least pain for either priest or people.” **{My note: pain? Oh My!}**

Ireland has suffered from a decline in the number of priests for years. The Diocese of Limerick had cancelled all daily Masses on Tuesday of last week because diocesan priests were away on “important in-service formation.” The local bishop instructed every parish in the diocese instead to “host a lay-led liturgy of the Word.”

The bishop did not rule out the possibility of some parishes forgoing **Sunday Mass** for a lay-led liturgy in the future. **{!, my addition}**

Father Twomey rebuffed suggestions for changes in the Church proposed by the dissenting Association of Catholic Priests because they offered nothing different than the current failed approach and would bring about a barren “service station” approach to Mass.

Specifically, he said the dissident group’s proposals are “predicated on the same traditional model, namely providing the requisite services to the people, as in a service station. The net result is a desiccated liturgy.”

Father Twomey has been a member of the Ratzinger circle of former students that meets with now-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI annually for a theological seminar since the group’s 1978 inception.

Known for his defense of Church teachings on life and family, Father Twomey received the highest award the pope can bestow upon laity and religious for outstanding service to the Church and the Holy Father. Cardinal Raymond Burke conferred the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal upon the Irish priest in 2011.

In his 2002 book “The End of Irish Catholicism?” Father Twomey addressed the question of why the Catholic Church in Ireland has been “unable to meet the challenges of the modern age … the onslaught of secularization, the onslaught of relativism, etc.” **{my note: a worldly and protestant mentality towards the liturgy.}**

In his paper on Irish Catholicism, the theologian contended that the fundamental weakness of the Church in Ireland has been its anti-intellectual attitude, and conversely, its greatest achievement had been its missionary tradition.

Today, though, missionary vocations have dried up completely, Father Twomey acknowledged, and this, with the lack of spiritual leaders, point to the source of the real crisis — a crisis of faith — facing the Church.

“It has been posited that what we are facing is really a crisis of identity caused by our post-modern, post-truth world,” he wrote. “Perhaps one could more accurately say that the present crisis is probably a combination of a crisis of faith and a crisis of identity.” **{My note: the crisis of identity for priests coming because of his diminished role in the liturgy.}**

Mary, Mother of the Most Blessed Eucharist, obtain for us the grace to offer our minds, our hearts, our souls, our spirits, our bodies and all that we are and do TO the Father in union WITH the offering of Jesus IN THE POWER of the Holy Spirit at every Mass that we attend!