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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & VATICAN

for the Canonisation of

St. John Henry Newman



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On the 19th of September 2010, there was a (Brentwood) diocesan trip to attend the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Birmingham (in England). A few of us from the Billericay parish of the Most Holy Redeemer were in attendance. The beatification service was beautiful, and as pilgrims we were warmly welcomed with a pack of reading material, a CD, and a papal flag.

The canonisation of Cardinal Newman might become the conclusion of the official recognition of Newman's sanctity by the Catholic Church, which happened nine years after the beatification, on 13th October 2019 at the Vatican (which is geographically encircled by Italy's capital of Rome). As with his beatification, the Brentwood diocese sent out a group of pilgrims on a diocesan trip to attend the canonisation. Likewise, on this trip, there were again pilgrims from the Most Holy Redeemer parish.



Photo of St. Peter's square in Vatican City by DAVID ILIFF ¹

The cardinal motto that was chosen by Cardinal Newman, was "Cor ad Cor Loquitor" ("Heart speaks to Heart"), and is very much associated with this new saint.

St. John Henry Newman was born in 1801 in Oxford, and baptised in the Church of England. He studied Christian theology and on 9th October 1845 was received into the Catholic Church, at Littlemore (outside Oxford) by Blessed Dominic Barberi. In 1847, he was ordained a Catholic priest. The Pope gave him the mission of forming oratories of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham and London. His first Catholic home was on the site which is now called the Maryvale Institute, and the name Maryvale is the name of St. Philip Neri's church in Rome. The oratories are small, stable communities of priests living together in charity, dedicated to prayer, to the liturgy, preaching, teaching and the intellectual life.



"Cor ad Cor Loquitor" standard propped-up by pupils of the Oratory school near Reading in Oxfordshire. Used with permission.

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Picture of St. Mariam Thresia; image in public domain.

Four other saints were also canonised during the ceremony encompassing Newman's canonisation:

St. Giuseppina Vannini ^(Rome)

St. Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan ^(India)

St. Dulce Lopes Pontes ^(San Salvador of Bahia)

St. Margarita Bays ^(Switzerland)



Photo of pilgrim at canonisation ceremony, taken by Mark Fernandes. Used with permission.

Some of us have the books that were distributed at the ceremony, which gave the Latin and English versions of the Mass. St. John Henry Newman was honoured in music at the ceremony, when his hymn "Lead Kindly Light" was played.



Photo of Brentwood diocese pilgrimage group, taken by Katherine Manning. Used with permission.

As a pilgrimage group, we also visited the English College in Rome (where English seminarians conduct some of their studies), Frascati (a city where Frascati wine is produced), and Castel Gandolfo (summer residence traditionally used by popes). We also had significant time for our own personally-chosen expeditions. Some pilgrims visited the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, whilst others perhaps shopped for Italian curios, visited ancient Roman sites, and in other ways sampled more greatly the local Italian culture.



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Photo of Basilica of St. Paul "Outside the Walls", taken by Jennifer Fernandes. Used with permission.



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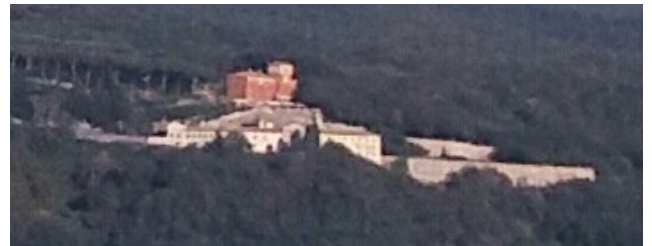


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We stayed at Villa Palazzola, owned by the English College –a beautiful residence with superb views of the adjoined large volcanic lake. We attended Mass every day and ate meals at the residence. The recently ordained curate of Brentwood cathedral was the primary priest overseeing our group. There were lounge areas at the residence, and a bar too, where pilgrims could informally socialise. We also met with fellow pilgrims separate to our diocesan group, in a convivial atmosphere.



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St. John Henry Newman, pray for us.



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