



St. Alphonsus Liguori

Alphonsus Liguori, born in 1696, was the son of an ancient Neapolitan family. His father was an officer in the Royal Navy. At the age of sixteen, Alphonsus received his doctorate in both canon and civil law and for nearly ten years practiced at the bar. When he found that one of the legal cases he was defending was not

based on justice but on political intrigue, he gave up the practice of law and dedicated his life to God.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1726, St. Alphonsus Liguori joined a group of secular priests dedicated to missionary activities. He involved himself in many kinds of pastoral activities, giving missions and organizing workers, and had a part in the founding of an order of contemplative nuns.

In 1732, he founded the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers, to work especially among the country people of Italy who often lacked the opportunity for missions, religious instruction, and spiritual retreats. Strangely, his first companions deserted him; but Alphonsus stood firm, and soon vocations multiplied, and the congregation grew.

The Redemptorists were approved by Pope Benedict XIV in 1749, and Alphonsus was elected superior general. In 1762, he was appointed bishop of Sant' Agata dei God and as bishop he corrected abuses, restored churches, reformed seminaries, and promoted missions throughout his diocese. During the famine of 1763-64, his charity and generosity were boundless, and he also carried on a huge campaign of religious writing.

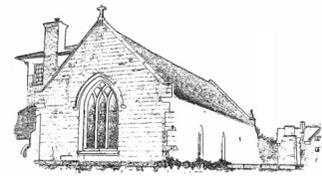
In 1768, he was stricken with a painful illness and resigned his bishopric. During the last years of his life, problems in his congregation caused him much sorrow and when he died on August 1, 1787, at Pagani, near Salerno, the Redemptorists were a divided society. He was beatified in 1816, canonized in 1839, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

Excerpted from the *The One Year Book of Saints* by Rev. Clifford Stevens

Patron: Confessors; final perseverance; theologians; vocations.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2018-08-01>

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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 28 July

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the People of The Parish
Michael Lamb R.I.P.

Monday 29 July

9.00 am -

Memorial of St Martha

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Tuesday 30 July

9.00 am -

Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Briege Grant R.I.P.

Wednesday 31 July

9.00 am -

Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

In thanksgiving for all parishioners who are supporting Michael Bird in prayer.

9.30 am - *The Discussion Group meet in the Stable.*

Thursday 1 August

11.30 am -

Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Stuart Denleigh-Maxwell R.I.P.

Friday 2 August

No Mass today as Fr John is attending a funeral.

Memorial of St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop Memorial of St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Saturday 3 August

10.00 am -

(At Harvington Hall in the Georgian Chapel)

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Jean & Tom Wilcox R.I.P.

Sunday 4 August

8.30 am -

10.30 am -

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the People of The Parish

Clifford & Hilda Willetts R.I.P.

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Please note we are using a temporary website at the moment with a new and improved one in the pipeline thanks to the continuing efforts of Toby Weymouth. As you see from the address above the website for now may be found using this: www.stmarysharvington.weebly.com



Anniversaries in July:

Rev Arthur Vaughan (1792), Sir George Throckmorton (1826), Jospeh Ilsley (1874), Helen Chare (1899), Katherine Drinkwater (1939), Winifred Mewburn Crook (1980), Clive Grant (1980), Veronica Webster (1992), Eric Thomson (1995), Dorothy Tweddell (2000), Margery Thomas (2001), Elizabeth Medicott (2011), Margery Hillman (2014).....

Prayers for the sick: Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Jeannie Morrison, Michael Bird, Lucinda Robinson.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sunday 28 July Eddie Picardo, Helen Raphael
John Charuk, Steve McWalter
Sunday 4 August Greg Kelly, Bridget Robson
Denise Grant, Mary Meese

READERS:

Sunday 28 July Anne Carter
Reuben Smith
Sunday 4 August Sheila Hall
The Brown Family

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Friday 2 August Anne Carter & Brian Hogg
Friday 9 August Anne Quinn, & Pauline Teare

MONEY COUNTERS:

For the 28 July collection Julie Charuk & Marie Hesketh
For the 4 August collection John Bradley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 21 July

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £193.00
Loose cash £177.50

ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Boszko

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house



The **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** thank everyone who supported their fund raising efforts last Sunday. The afternoon tea party was a great success and the FHL raised nearly £1,000 at the event. The money will go towards the support of Christians in the Holy Land.



The next **PARISH WALK** is on **Tuesday 30 July** starting at **10.30am** from the Windlass Café in Stourport to Hartlebury. Please add your name to the list on the clip board in the porch if you are planning to walk from either Harvington or Chaddesley so the organisers know who to expect!



KIDDERMINSTER CATENIANS are holding a Barbecue on **Friday 2 August** at 7pm at Shelsley Walsh Water Mill WR6 6RP - adjacent to the Hill Climb. The mill is expected to be open & working. Not only a barbecue and licensed bar but also entertainment by the West Mercia Police Band & Licensed Bar.

Tickets £10 per person available from:
Steve McWalter 07754 878609 and Mike Burns 07925 953142



The Social Committee invite all parishioners to join each other for a **PARISH LUNCH** on **Sunday 13 October** at Hogarth Stone Manor. The charge for a three-course meal is £29.00 or £25 for a choice of two courses. An additional charge of £3.25 will be made if diners want tea/ coffee. When the menu choices are available we are asked to pay a deposit of £10.00 at the time of joining the list.



PRAYERS FOR SICK:

If you wish your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours to be printed in this weekly newsletter would you **please complete a consent form (to be found in the plastic wallet on the porch notice board)** and either hand it to Fr John, post through his front door or send by mail.

We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member have consented to their name being published on the printed newsletter as it is seen by numerous people when displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church, it is also available for anyone to pick up in church as well as being published on the internet through the parish website. We also want to take proper care of your information and comply with current data protection law.

There are also blank letters available (on the notice board) for anyone who may want prayers, visits or any other support from the parish whilst they are not well.