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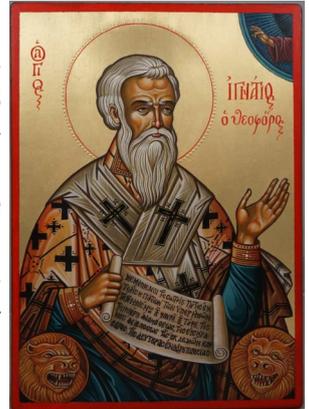
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Saintly Inspirations

St Ignatius of Antioch - Feast Day October 17th

Nothing is known of Ignatius' life apart from what may be suggested within his letters. It is said that he converted to Christianity at a young age and tradition identifies him, along with his friend Polycarp, as disciples of John the Apostle. He later became the Bishop of Antioch. Ignatius was taken prisoner during a persecution of the Antioch church; he was put in chains and escorted, along with others, by a unit of soldiers to Troas in north western Asia Minor for boarding to Rome. By that time he must have been a well-known figure among Christians. All along his way delegations of churches, even from places off his route, accompanied him from town to town. It was during this journey to Rome that Ignatius wrote his letters. His letters serve as an example of early Christian theology, in them he addressed important topics such as the sacraments, the role of bishops and ecclesiology (the origins of Christianity and its relationship to Jesus). Ignatius was martyred in Rome around 110AD



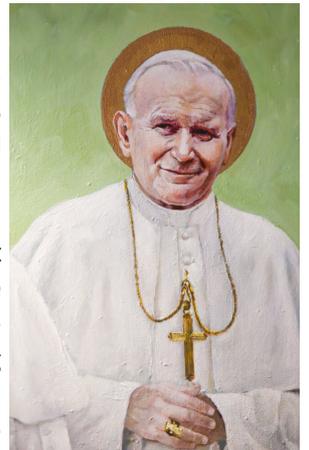
St John Paul II - Feast Day October 22nd

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on the 18th May 1920. His father was a lieutenant in the Polish army. His mother, Emilia, died when he was eight years old; his brother, Edmund, who had become a doctor, died less than four years later. Karol was an outgoing youth, though always with a serious side. He excelled in academics and dramatics, played football and, under his father's guidance, lived a regimented life and practiced his faith daily. At the age of 20 Karol returned from work one day to discover that his father had died alone; he prayed by the body all night. By the autumn of 1942 he had decided to enter the priesthood.

He became the bishop of Rome and head of the Roman Catholic Church in 1978. He was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first ever from a Slavic country. His pontificate of more than 26 years was the third longest in history. As part of his effort to promote greater understanding between nations and between religions, he undertook numerous trips abroad, traveling far greater distances than had all other popes combined, and he extended his influence beyond the Church by campaigning against political oppression and criticizing the materialism of the West. He also issued several unprecedented apologies to groups that historically had been wronged by Catholics, most notably the Jewish and Muslim people.

More generally, John Paul used his influence among Catholics and throughout the world to develop the respect of human dignity and to deter the use of violence.

Pope John Paul II died on April 2nd 2005 and was canonized on April 27th 2014.



Chaplaincy News.....

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Macmillan collection, **£200** was raised for the charity.



It has been lovely to receive students from Year 7, 8 & 9 into the Chapel for the month of the Holy Rosary, we will continue to say the Rosary daily for the rest of October for our communities intentions.

Next week we are delighted to be hosting the Rosary with students from the Catholic Schools partnership via teams.

All Things for Christ

The WORD Explained

Sunday's Gospel

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Jesus has invited each of us to his wedding feast. He extends this invitation each and every day. We should be asking ourselves; what is my response to Jesus' invitation? Do I always have an excuse why it is impossible for me to attend the feast: "I have work to do," or "I have another commitment," or: "I am too tired to come." How will you respond to Jesus' invitation today? Be awake and alert: Jesus' invitation may come in an unusual manner or through a person you do not like or even know! However, if we accept the invitation, Jesus is waiting to grace us through this encounter.



Congratulations to all our students who have or will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation this month.

Gracious and Holy Father,

Please give them:

intellect to understand you, reason to discern you,

diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,

a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you,

ears to hear you, eyes to see you,

a tongue to proclaim you, a way of life pleasing to you,

patience to wait for you and perseverance to look for you.

Amen

October is the month
of the Holy Rosary



Our Lady of the Rosary
Pray for Us