

Port Elizabeth Oratory

## Celebration of the Canonisation of the Blessed John Henry Newman C.O.



*On October 13th this year the English Oratorian Founder and Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) is to be canonised (declared a Saint) by Pope Francis in the Vatican. Newman, a famous theologian, writer and convert to Catholicism from Anglicanism, is the fourth Oratorian to be declared a Saint by the Church. Already known to many of us through his hymns and prayers, this year provides an opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of this holy Christian, of his fascinating life-story and of his teachings. Here at the Oratory we invite you to join us for some special events leading up to and surrounding the Canonisation itself.*

### **September talks on Newman, 7:15pm, St Bernadette's Hall**

Thursday 5th September  
Thursday 12th September  
Thursday 19th September  
Thursday 26th September

### **A Musical Oratory: Newman and the Ideal of Christian Holiness**

Sunday 22nd September, 4pm, St Bernadette's Church

### **Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman**

Wednesday 9th October, 5.15pm, Solemn Benediction, St Bernadette's Church

### **Canonisation Day, Sunday October 13th**

Broadcast of Canonisation ceremony, 10am in the hall (to be confirmed)

### **Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving**

Saturday 19th October at 8.30am

***More details overleaf***

## Comprehensive Schedule of Events

September talks on Newman on Thursday evenings

### **"John Henry Newman: The kindly light of Faith"**

This series of talks, taking place each Thursday in September at 7.15pm in St Bernadette's hall, will explore Newman's life and some of his key and best-known teachings.

Thursday 5th September: "Newman, 1801-1890: The Life Story of Our Saint"

Thursday 12th September: "Newman on Faith and Reason: Why do we believe?"

Thursday 19th September: "Newman and the Mission of the Catholic Laity Today"

Thursday 26th September: "Newman and the Oratory: Son of St Philip Neri"

Musical Oratory

### **"A Musical Oratory: Newman and the Ideal of Christian Holiness"**

Sunday 22nd September at 4pm

This Musical Oratory in St Bernadette's church incorporates readings from the works of Newman on the ideal of Christian holiness along with music – including a number of Newman's hymns. On the model of our annual musical Stations of the Cross, this Musical Oratory promises to be a beautiful spiritual preparation for the approaching Canonisation. The musical Oratory is followed immediately by Solemn Vespers to which all are also warmly invited.

Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman

9th October, just before the Canonisation, is in fact Newman's annual feast day. This year Newman will still be honoured on that day (for the very last time) as Blessed Newman. This is a fitting day to honour our Saint-to-be in the days immediately before his Canonisation. There will be Solemn Benediction on Wednesday 9th October at 5.15pm in the church, before the evening Mass.

Canonisation Day, Sunday October 13th

On this Sunday all Masses at St Bernadette's will reflect the Canonisation ceremony taking place today in Rome. It is hoped to broadcast the Canonisation ceremony in the hall at 10am on this day, dependent upon broadcasting availability (details to be given in due course).

Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday 19th October at 8.30am

On the Saturday after the Canonisation, we celebrate a Solemn Sung Mass of thanksgiving at St Bernadette's for the declaration of Newman's Sainthood. Join us for this special Mass, followed by refreshments in the hall.