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WEEK COMMENCING 9 AUGUST 2020 - YEAR A
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 3
Day of Special Prayer for Europe



SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS: EDITH STEIN - FEAST DAY 9 AUGUST

Nun, Discalced Carmelite, martyr

Edith Stein (1891-1942) youngest of 11, was born into a **Jewish family** in Breslau (now Wrocław), Poland on **12 October 1891**, on the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur, Feast of Atonement. Being born on this day was like a foreshadowing to Edith. Her father died when she was only two, leaving her mother to bring up the family and run the family business alone. Though her mother was devout, Edith lost her faith in God.

Edith studied German and History at the University of Breslau, though her real interest was Philosophy. She transferred to Göttingen University to study under the mentorship of philosopher Edmund Husserl, principal founder of phenomenology (meaning and value of reality as a lived experience). She also met philosopher Max Scheler who directed her attention to Roman Catholicism.

During World War I, Edith served in a field hospital, having done a nursing course. It was a hard time for her seeing young people die. When the hospital was dissolved, she followed Husserl as his assistant to Freiburg, Germany, where she passed her doctorate *summa cum laude* (with utmost distinction). While there, she observed a woman go "straight from the busy marketplace into this empty church" to pray, "as if she was going to have an intimate conversation". This "was something totally new to me," she wrote, something she did not experience in the synagogues and Protestant churches, where they "simply went to the services." When Edith's friend (wife of Husserl's assistant, Adolf Reinach and convert to Protestant Christianity) became widowed, she visited, and found in her a woman of great faith. It was her "first encounter with the Cross and the divine power it imparts to those who bear it ... the moment when my unbelief collapsed and Christ began to shine his light on me."

Back in Breslau, Edith resumed her academic writing, and read the New Testament, Kierkegaard (father of existentialism), and Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. Then one evening, she picked up an autobiography of St Teresa of Avila and read this book all night. This prompted her conversion and desire to seek the life of a Discalced Carmelite.

On 1 January 1922 Edith Stein was baptised. She was initially dissuaded by her spiritual advisers from seeking immediate entry to the enclosed life of a Carmelite nun, and obtained instead a position to teach at the Dominican nuns' school in Speyer. While there, she familiarised herself with Catholic philosophy, translated Thomas Aquinas' *De Veritate* (*Of Truth*) into German, and tried to bridge the phenomenology of her former teacher, Husserl, to Thomism. She learnt it was possible to pursue scholarship as a service to God and sought to be a "tool of the Lord" in everything she taught. Her main philosophical and theological work was *Finite and Eternal Being*.

In **1933** darkness broke out over Germany, and the severe measures against Jews she had heard of became a reality. The Nazi law had made it impossible for Edith Stein to continue teaching, and her spiritual advisor now no longer stopped her from entering a Carmelite convent. Her last visit to her family was very difficult. Her mother struggled with her choice of Christianity over Judaism, and it was her sister, Rosa, who maintained contact. Edith joined the Cologne Carmelite Convent in 1933. Her investiture was in 1934 and her eternal profession in 1938. She took the name **Sister Teresia Benedicta a Cruce - Teresa, Blessed of the Cross**. She wrote: "I understood the cross as the destiny of God's people, and that those who understood the Cross of Christ should take it upon themselves on everybody's behalf."

By **1938** the **anti-Semitism** of the Nazis had become apparent to the whole world. Synagogues were burnt, and the Jewish people were subjected to terror. She was smuggled across the border into the Netherlands, to the Carmelite Convent in Echt in the Province of Limburg. In 1941 she wrote to a friend, also a member of her order, "One can only gain a *scientia crucis* (knowledge of the cross) if one has thoroughly experienced the cross. I have been convinced of this from the first moment onwards and have said with all my heart: 'Ave, Crux, Spes unica' (I welcome you, Cross, our only hope)." Her study on St John of the Cross is entitled: "Kreuzeswissenschaft" (The Science of the Cross).

Edith Stein was arrested by the Gestapo on 2 August 1942, while she was in the chapel with the other Sisters, including her sister, Rosa, who had also converted. Her last words were addressed to Rosa: "Come, we are going for our people." Together with many other Jewish Christians, the two women were taken to a transit camp in Amersfoort and then to Westerbork. On 7 August, early in the morning, 987 Jews were deported to Auschwitz. Sister Teresia Benedicta a Cruce, her sister and many other of her people were gassed, probably on **9 August 1942**.

When Edith Stein was **beatified in Cologne on 1 May 1987**, the Church honoured "a daughter of Israel", as Pope John Paul II put it, who, as a Catholic during Nazi persecution, remained faithful to the crucified Lord Jesus Christ and, as a Jew, to her people in loving faithfulness."

Taken from the Vatican website: https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_19981011_edith_stein_en.html

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

SATURDAY VIGIL	8	5.30pm	St Peter's	
SUNDAY	9	9.30am 11.30am	St Peter's *POLISH* St Peter's	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS Day of Special Prayer for Europe For Mass Intentions see printed copy
Monday	10	10.00am	St Peter's	ST LAWRENCE
Tuesday	11	7pm	St Edward's **	St Clare
Wednesday	12	10am	St Peter's	St Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday	13	10am	St Joseph's **	Ss Pontian & Hippolytus
Friday	14	10am	St Peter's	St Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday	15	10am	St Peter's	

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
MASS BY TELEPHONE Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (Remains available after)
SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays from Cardiff www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar
READINGS AT MASS & DAILY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Links for these are available on our website & in porch.
POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INT: *that families may become "schools" of true human development*

† **RECENTLY DEAD** Jean Marshall (Lincoln), Clair Boyle (Whitby), Matthew Gilson (Chesterfield), Mgr Henry Posluszny (Poland)
 † **ANNIVS** Margaret Aveyard, Canon Lovelady, Bill Barron **MASSSES RECEIVED FROM** see printed copy
MASS COUNT last weekend: Sat 5.30pm **49**; Sun 9.30am (Polish) **56**; Sun 11.30am **88**; **Total 193**; weekday average **18**
OFFERINGS: Loose plate **£341**; Gift Aid envelopes **£566**; average weekly Standing Orders **£614**; total **£1,521**
PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the Parish Office

CONFESSIONS AT ST PETERS available at **side altar** on **Saturday mornings after Mass until 11am** or by request
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/PRIVATE PRAYER 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, except Mondays

WELCOME ALL OUR HOLIDAY MAKERS AND VISITORS to our church.

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS Contact Father Gubbins for guidance.

DAY SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE There are various Days of Special Prayer in the Church's Liturgical Ordo, which are appointed by the Bishops' Conference. This **Sunday 9 August** we observe a **Day Special Prayer for Europe**. There are **5 such days** in the year, each occurring on the Feast Day of a saint of particular significance for Europe (see 19 July newsletter). One such saint is **Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - see front cover article**. On this Day of Special Prayer, *let us pray that Europe may always work towards the common good, especially in matters of health and economic welfare, in these times of Coronavirus and Brexit.*

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF MARY next **Sunday 16 August** – Mary's greatest Feast Day

SUNDAY OBLIGATION continues to *be suspended* until further notice. Do consider shielding or coming to Mass during the week instead of the weekend, when there are fewer people.

OUR LADY'S GROTTTO at St Peter's church is **open every day** to light a *free* candle.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST PETER'S We still have problems with the broadband.

ST JOSEPH'S BUNGALOW CONVERSION UPDATE We continue to make progress with the expansion of the area /room adjacent to the church to accommodate up to 40+ people. We are seeking quotes for the work after lockdown.

ST EDWARDS & ST JOSEPHS ONE WEEKDAY MASS ONLY for the moment.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS do keep in touch with parishioners who are shielding.

PLEASE NOTE If you have already filled in a **Test & Trace form** for one Mass, you do **NOT** need to fill one in again. Once is sufficient (*the list is updated once a week*).

FOGGING MACHINE/ FLUID to sanitize the churches cost £900.00. **Donations welcome**

RAINBOW CENTRE needs donations of non-perishable food for needy families.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Elderly wife: "I think my mind is almost gone." Husband: "I'm not surprised. You've been giving me a piece of it for years."*

FACE COVERINGS became **mandatory** on **8 August** in places of worship. We are legally obliged to comply. We therefore ask you to comply and to yourself and others safe. There are exemption provisions – see Government website links below for more information (can be printed by request if you do not have access online).

New mandate: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/31-july-announcement?>

Exemptions: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFE DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **No need to "book"** in advance *if we already have your details (this may change if numbers exceed capacity)*
- If you are **not** on the list, you **must** fill in a Test & Trace form
- On arrival, give your **full** name to the steward
- We cannot admit those unwilling to provide their full name and contact details (this is a legal matter)
- *Try to arrive early to avoid crowding*
- Observe 2-meter & sanitising rules
- Wearing a face covering is now **mandatory by law** in public places of worship
- Worshippers should limit contact with others not in their group

TEST & TRACE We are obliged to comply with Government Test & Trace, which states we must keep a record of **full names and contact details** of everyone attending church. Your details will be used only by the NHS in the event of an outbreak. Forms are kept for 21 days from the date of the last Mass attended, after which time they will be destroyed.

TOILETS, HALL & CENTRES According to the Covid-19 guidelines, toilets and meeting rooms **cannot** be used until further notice