

## St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross -9th August

Also known as St. Edith Stein. St. Teresa converted from Judaism to Catholicism in the course of her work as a philosopher, and later entered the Carmelite Order. She died in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1942. Edith Stein was born on October 12, 1891 – Edith's father died when she was just two years old, and she gave up the practice of her Jewish faith as an adolescent.

As a young woman with profound intellectual gifts, Edith gravitated toward the study of philosophy and became a pupil of the renowned professor Edmund Husserl in 1913. Through her studies, the non-religious Edith met several Christians whose intellectual and spiritual lives she admired.

After earning her degree with the highest honours from Gottingen University in 1915, she served as a nurse in an Austrian field hospital during World War I. She returned to academic work in 1916, earning her doctorate after writing a highly-regarded thesis on the phenomenon of empathy. She remained interested in the idea of religious commitment, but had not yet made such a commitment herself. In 1921, while visiting friends, Edith spent an entire night reading the autobiography of the 16th century Carmelite nun St. Teresa of Avila. "When I had finished the book," she later recalled, "I said to myself: This is the truth." She was baptized into the Catholic Church on the first day of January, 1922.

In 1933, the rise of Nazism, combined with Edith's Jewish ethnicity, put an end to her teaching career. After a painful parting with her mother, who did not understand her Christian conversion, she entered a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name "Teresa Benedicta of the Cross" as a symbol of her acceptance of suffering. She saw it as her vocation "to intercede with God for everyone," but she prayed especially for the Jews of Germany whose tragic fate was becoming clear. "I ask the Lord to accept my life and my death," she wrote in 1939, "so that the Lord will be accepted by his people and that his kingdom may come in glory, for the salvation of Germany and the peace of the world."

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Blessed John Paul II canonized her in 1998, and proclaimed her a co-patroness of Europe the next year.



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## **19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**8TH AUGUST 2021**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

*Loving God, we thank you for the love you show  
by sending your Son Jesus to lead us to you. Help  
us to listen to you and to show our faith in all that  
we do. Amen.. (CAFOD)*



| Ordinary (B1)   | Psalter week 3  | Intention/Info  |
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| <b>Sunday 7th/8th</b><br><b>19th Sunday of the</b><br><b>Year</b> | <b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b><br><b>9.45am Mass BH</b><br><b>11.30am Mass OH</b> | People of the Parish<br>Tadeusz & Margaret<br>Wieckowski<br>Jean Hancox |
| Monday 9th<br>St Teresa Benedicta                                 |   |   |
| Tuesday 10th<br>St Lawrence                                       | <b>10am Mass OH</b><br><b>10.30am-11am OH</b>                             | Josephine Fernandez<br>Adoration and Confession                         |
| Wednesday 11th<br>St Clare  | <b>10am Mass BH</b><br><b>10.30am-11am BH</b>                             | Nguyen family<br>Adoration and Confession                               |
| Thursday 12th<br>St Jane  |   |   |
| Friday 13th   | <b>10.30am-11am KF</b><br><b>11am Mass KF</b>                             | Adoration and Confession<br>Maria Hue                                   |
| Saturday 7th<br>St Maximilian Kolbe                               |   |   |
| <b>Sunday 14th/15th</b><br>Assumption                             | <b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b><br><b>9.45am Mass BH</b><br><b>11.30am Mass OH</b> | People of the Parish<br>Tess Healy<br>Valerie Leedham                   |

Collections: KF18/7 GA £40.00, Loose £162.60, 25/7/21 GA £61.00, Loose £416.00, 1/8 GA £98.00, Loose £117.50, Sisters £99.40

**Confessions** - Fr Shanju will be happy to hear Confession on request during any of the times of Adoration. Please just let him know beforehand that you want to receive Confession. Thank you.

**Jumble sale - Saturday 14th at OH** Madge would appreciate any help all volunteers will be very much appreciated!

**Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Sunday 12th September** - Mass at 3pm please take own chairs and any refreshments as these will not be available this year. There will also not be any guided tours of the hall itself.

**March for life Saturday 4th September** - An announcement will be made in all Churches on the weekend of 14th/15th regarding this and how you can get involved. Any donations made via the marchforlife.co.uk will be greatly appreciated as the event itself costs thousands of pounds to host and promote. More importantly please pray for the work they do in being a voice for the voiceless. The work they do is for the Glory of God and we can do nothing without his help!

**Eucharistic ministers** - if you are, are or were, taking Communion to any house-bound parishioner can you please speak to Fr Shanju after Mass. He wants to check what is happening and see when he needs to visit the sick. Thank you.

**Ava** - from KF Parish is making her first Communion on Saturday 7th August at the 5pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend on the 7th and join her for tea and coffee in the Parish hall after Mass to celebrate. Please keep Ava in your prayers.

**Fr Stephen** - If you would like to donate to a leaving gift please put it in an envelope clearly marked and give it to Fr Shanju. Thank you.

**Sacramental Preparation - thank you to Nadine** for beautifully preparing Ava for her Sacraments.

Please pray for all those whose have died recently, those on our August deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 2nd August 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre  
**KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Garry Partridge, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS** - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

**Pope's prayer intention for August:**

*Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. Amen.*