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## **The Week Ahead**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2
Weekday Cycle of Readings Year II
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

## Sunday 4 August, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09:15: Kitty Healy

Tuesday 6 August, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

09:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00: Jessica Wolfe (Birthday Mass Bouquet) 18:00: Rosary Group (led by Steve, all welcome)

Friday 9 August, Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe

18:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 19:00: Mr M E Connelly (JA)

Sunday 11 August, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 09:15: Veronica Goldberg R.I.P.

<u>Confession:</u> Available during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

<u>Pope's Prayer Intention for August:</u> We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

<u>We remember in our prayers:</u> The sick and housebound of the parish and all known to us who are particularly unwell at this time.

<u>Gift Aid</u>- Please speak with Helen Dudley if you would like to know more about our planned giving scheme, Gift Aid and Standing Orders.

## James Crosskey, Sponsored walk for

Macmillan Cancer Support: "James is taking part in another 26 mile sponsored walk to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The hike is at the beginning of September and is in the Wye valley. His JustGiving page is at: www.justgiving.com/james-crosskey and he would be really grateful for any sponsorship for such a worthy charity"

<u>**Livestreaming from St Joseph's is temporarily paused:**</u> Until we can gain control of the management of the account. If anyone does know the passwords, please pass them to Fr Paul.

**Feast Day 9 August: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross' Story:** A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wroclaw, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology-an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis. After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later. (Franciscan Media)