



8th October - 14th October 2023

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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OCTOBER DEVOTION (PART 2: SOME THINGS WE CAN DO)

Last week we looked at the origins of the October Devotion or why the month of October has come to be known as the Month of the Holy Rosary. This week we wish to offer a few suggestions about how we can make this month worthwhile, that is, some of the things we can do within this month to truly reflect its meaning in our lives and families.

One of the beautiful things about monthly devotions is that there is usually NO set way to celebrate. This gives room for creativity, to make it fun and adapt the celebration to our families. Nonetheless, there are things that make every devotion unique. October Devotion is not an exception. So here are some things we can do:

The most unique spiritual exercise associated with October Devotion is PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY (the reason for this we saw last week). We are all encouraged to take more seriously and devotedly the praying of the Rosary daily this month as individuals and as families. If you do not have enough time to pray 5 decades, you can start with a decade or few decades. What is important is that you make effort to do something. Remember 'the family that prays together, stays together'. At such family Rosary, you could have one intention or each member gives an intention that he or she wants to be prayed for.

The other thing we could do this month is to listen more to Marian music or songs (could be a Gregorian chant, Magnificat etc) and to decorate our houses with Marian Arts. These help us focus and connect with what is going on.

Learn How to Pray the Rosary. If this is the only thing you are able to do or achieve this month as your October Devotion, trust me, you would have achieved a lot.

Read a Book that could help deepen your knowledge, appreciation and excitement about the Rosary. This would be very helpful not just for the month of October but even beyond. Here are some suggestions: *The Secret of the Rosary*; and *Sacred Braille, The Rosary as Masterpiece*.

Practice special act of charity to someone in need. This could be by giving them our time.

Share the Rosary with others. You can gift a Rosary to someone going through difficult times, you can pray the Rosary with someone, you can join a group in church who prays the Rosary, you can teach someone how to pray the Rosary etc.

Other things include: going on pilgrimage (visit a shrine dedicated to our blessed mother), Having a family Altar of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Decorating the statutes of Our Blessed Virgin Mary and many others.

The Point is, just do something and you would be glad you did. Remember, as a parish we agreed to pray 5 decades of the Rosary before Mass this month. Please, do well to participate.

Fr. Richard Odok, OP

Cafod family fast day - 6th October

Please place your Cafod envelope in this weekend's collection.

Our Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died and the families and friends who grieve for their loved ones.

Forthcoming funerals:

Requiem: Biddy Reardon
10th October 1.30pm
St Mary's Church

Requiem: Agnes Kiraly
13th October 12.30
St Julius the Martyr

Service: Colin Sheppard
18th October 11.00am
Saint David Lewis Church

Also please pray for the repose of the soul of
Mary Davies Jones
who died recently

*Eternal rest
grant unto them O Lord.
And let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

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Baptisms

Please pray for all those who will be entering the waters of Baptism this week

Alessia Perry
Hanna Lysik

Welcome

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Mass Intentions

If you would like to have Mass said these can be booked online at: <https://allsaintsrcnewport.org.uk/mass-intentions/>

or

by dropping a Mass request envelope into the collection.

First Holy Communion 2024

Registration opens on Friday 1st September for any children wishing to make First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year. Registration will be available for any child **School Year 3** or above. The registration form may be found here <https://allsaintsrcnewport.org.uk/fhc-registration/> As usual **the registration period will close at midday on Wednesday 1st November**, after which our team of catechists will begin their period of preparation and it will be no longer possible to admit any more onto the 2024 programme.

RCIC

Application forms are available on the website under **Sacraments**. This programme is for children between the ages of 9 and 16 years old who have not been baptised or received any of the Sacraments. Applications close on 1st November 2023 after which our team of catechists will begin their period of preparation and it will be no longer possible to admit any more onto the 2024 programme.

RCIA

If anyone is thinking of joining the Catholic church or knows of anyone who is considering it, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course starts on Tuesday 3rd October the course is held in St Mary's presbytery 7pm - 8pm. For more information please contact the parish office.

Symbolon

Please note Symbolon has now been postponed until the New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to the Institute in the New Year.

St. Mary's Church Cleaning

Do you have an hour to spare once every five weeks?

We are a happy group of cleaners, but we would love to have more help. No experience necessary, just a love of our beautiful church. If you can give your time, please leave your name and contact details at the parish office.

Cardiff Cathedral

From Monday of this week we will be trialling new times for Reconciliation (Confession) at St David's Cathedral. If you are in Cardiff please feel free to call in.

Monday - Thursday: 12 noon - 12.30 pm

Friday: 6.00 - 7.00pm

Saturday: 10.45- 11.45 & 4.30 - 5.15pm

Sunday : 10.00 - 10.30am

Newsletter

Please ensure that items to be entered in the newsletter reach the office by Wednesday midday. (Newport@rcadc.org)

Quiz Night

On 24th October there will be a Quiz Night at St David Lewis at 7.00pm in the church hall. All welcome.

Our Sick

Please continue to pray for the sick of the parish who include:

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| Jim McDonnell | John Roche |
| Lorraine Price | Mary Isgrove |
| John Sawford | Eve Smith |
| Martin Caceres | Debbie Burnett |
| Katherine Rose | Terence Rose |
| Liz Davis | Lourdes Rose |
| Claire Marie | |
| Rosemary Anderson | |
| Samantha Arangjelovic | |
| John & Denise Roberts | |

If you would like someone to be listed here (other than yourself)

Pastoral Care of the Sick

**Emergency Sick Calls Only
07805 696 474**

If you or your loved one are in hospital and would like a visit from one of the priests please ask the nursing staff to contact the on-call Catholic chaplain.

If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick please contact us to arrange an appointment.

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Accessing Mass from Home

Livestream 9am Sunday Mass our YouTube channel CatholicNewport - www.youtube.com/c/catholicnewport

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Readings for this weekend and next

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| Isaiah | 5:1-7 |
| Psalms | 79:9.12-16.19-20 |
| Philippians | 4:6-9 |
| Matthew | 21:33-43 |
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| Isaiah | 25:6-10 |
| Psalms | 22 |
| Philippians | 4:12-24.19-20 |
| Matthew | 22:1-14 |

Catholic Youth Ministry Internship

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience skills, training and qualifications as well as an opportunity to work with a team based in the Lake District. For more information contact:- director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Guild of St Stephen

The annual Mass for Altar Servers in England and Wales is being hosted for the first time at St David's Cathedral Cardiff at 12 noon on Sat 14th Oct. It would be good to have representation of Altar Servers from across the diocese. If you are able to attend please contact Rick Hoskins (Guild Of St. Stephen) by email rick59@sky.com

St Michael's Macmillan

Coffee morning. A mighty £264 was raised for the charity, so well done all!

October Devotions

Dear Parishioners,

The month of October is here again. This is one of the months set aside by the church to honour the Mother of Our Lord. We are all encouraged to make the best out of it. Let us seek the maternal intercession of our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary and other Marian prayers individually, as families and as a parish. Thus as a parish we would be praying 5 decades of the rosary 30 minutes before mass in all our churches all through the month of October.

May our Blessed Mother continue to intercede for us all
Amen.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Fr Richard OP

Sacramental and Prayer Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Saturday 10.30am - 12.00 noon St Mary's Church

30 minutes before Mass at the other churches or on request.

Baptism

To enquire visit <https://allsaintsrcnewport.org.uk/sacraments/>

Marriage

Marriages need to be booked at least 12 months in advance. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am-12 noon St Mary's Church

Sacred Heart Devotions

1st & 3rd Saturdays 3pm - 3.45pm St Mary's Church

Divine Mercy Devotions

2nd & 4th Saturdays 3pm - 3.45pm St Mary's Church

Rosary

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| Mon - Fri | 9.30am | St Mary's Church |
| Saturday | 4pm | St David Lewis Church |

Mass Times and Intentions for the Week Ahead

Sunday 8th October 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 4.00pm (Vigil) | St Mary | Public | Shelley Lomas RIP | JA |
| 4.30pm (Vigil) | St David Lewis | Public | Joyce Fleming RIP | JF |
| 6.30pm (Vigil) | Ss Julius, Aaron & David | Public | Maureen O'Donoghue RIP | |
| 9am | St Anne | Public | Gilbert & Nancy Jones Diamond Wedding | MN |
| 9am | St Mary | Public & Livestreamed | Mark & Izabella Prendergast Wed Anni- | TP |
| 10.45am | St Michael | Public | Shirley Dare RIP | CM |
| 11.15am | St Julius the Martyr | Public | Daniel Kerr | DK |
| 4pm | St Gabriel (at Bishpool Methodist) | Public | Isabel, Michael & John O'Neill R.I.P | SrM |

Monday 9th October - St John Henry Newman

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| 10.00am | St Mary | Public | Christine Hawkins RIP | WP |
| | | Private | Sr. Jerome intentions | SrC |

Tuesday 10th October - St Denis & Companions

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| 10.00am | St Mary | Public | Richard and Bella Burrows (wedding anniver- | JJ |
| | | Private | Sr. Marie Therese | SrC |

Wednesday 11th October - St John XXIII Pope

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| 10.00am | St. Mary | Public | Alan Cooke and Nora O'Toole RIP | BC |
| | | Private | Michael Foley RIP | ML |

Thursday 12th October- Feria

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| 10.00am | St. Mary | Public | John Hurley RIP | MH |
| | | Private | Eddie Tarling RIP | HT |

Friday 13th October- St Edward the Confessor

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| 10.00am | | Public | Monica Pugsley RIP Anniversary | CP |
| | | Private | Souls in Purgatory | BJ |

Saturday 14th October - St Callistus 1

No Mass (Adoration & Confessions - 10:30am - 12.00 Noon)

Private

Sunday 15th October 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| 4.00pm (Vigil) | St Mary | Public | Mary McGonigle | TL |
| 4.30pm (Vigil) | St David Lewis | Public | Bridget Marie Robinson | MW |
| 6.30pm (Vigil) | Ss Julius, Aaron & David | Public | Bridget Marie Robinson | MW |
| 9am | St Anne | Public | Peter Bracchi | CB |
| 9am | St Mary | Public & Livestreamed | Anne McDonall RIP | AA |
| 10.45am | St Michael | Public | Richard Abdie | CA |
| 11.15am | St Julius the Martyr | Public | For the well being of Debbie Travers | TF |
| 4pm | St Gabriel (at Bishpool Methodist) | Public | Sr Claude R.I.P. | SGR |

Other Sunday Masses in the local area

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| Vigil (Saturday) | Masses | 6.00pm - Ss Basil & Gwladys | Mass of the Day (Sunday) | 10.00am - St David |
| | | 6.00pm - St Patrick | | 10.00am - St Patrick |

Ecclesial bodies working within the All Saints area

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| Catholic Polish Mission | Msza w.j.polskim | Saturday 6.00pm | St David |
| Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham | Ordinariate Rite | Sunday 11.00am | Ss Basil & Gwaldys |
| Syro-Malabar Eparchy | Holy Qurbana | Sunday 2.30pm | St David |

Readings at Mass - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

First reading

Isaiah

5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled
on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Psalm

Psalm 79:9:12-16.19-20

(R) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R)**

Then why have you broken down the walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from the heavens and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. ®

Second Reading

Philippians

4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I chose you from the world
to go out and bear fruit,
fruit that will last,
says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a wine press in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord’s doing
and it is wonderful to see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’



Saints of the Week

St John Henry Newman - 9th October

John Henry Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both churches.

Born in London, England, he studied at Oxford's Trinity College, was a tutor at Oriel College, and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of Parochial and Plain Sermons as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar.

After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective.

Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion as a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Before Newman, Catholic theology tended to ignore history, preferring instead to draw deductions from first principles—much as plane geometry does. After Newman, the lived experience of believers was recognized as a key part of theological reflection.

Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive. Most famous are his book-length Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine, Apologia Pro Vita Sua—his spiritual autobiography up to 1864—and Essay on the Grammar of Assent. He accepted Vatican I's teaching on papal infallibility while noting its limits, which many people who favored that definition were reluctant to do.

When Newman was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto "*Cor ad cor loquitur*"—"Heart speaks to heart." He was buried in Rednal 11 years later. After his grave was exhumed in 2008, a new tomb was prepared at the Oratory church in Birmingham.

Three years after Newman died, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In time, his name was linked to ministry centers at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States.

In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in London. Benedict noted Newman's emphasis on the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, but also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved, and those in prison. Pope Francis canonized Newman in October 2019.



St Denis and Companions - 10th October

According to St. Gregory of Tours in the sixth century, Denis, the first bishop of Paris, was martyred (Circa 250) with Rusticus, a priest, and Eleutherius, a deacon. The Italian-born Denis and several other bishops were sent by the pope to evangelize Gaul (France). Denis and his companions succeeded in spreading the Gospel from an island in the Seine, but were arrested during a persecution by Roman Emperor Decius. After a long imprisonment, they were beheaded and tossed into the river. Their remains were recovered and buried; a chapel built over their graves was replaced by the Abbey of Saint-Denis, now a basilica in a northern Parisian suburb. Denis is a patron of France, and of those suffering possession and headaches.

St John XXIII - 11th October

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

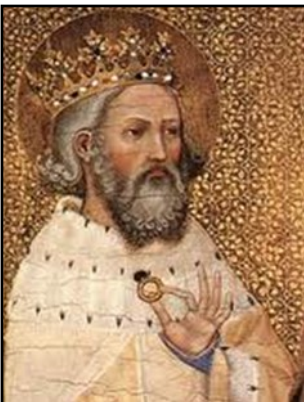
His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, "The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity."

On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead." "Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.



St. Edward the Confessor -13th October

Edward the Confessor was the son of King Ethelred III and his Norman wife, Emma, daughter of Duke Richard I of Normandy. He was born at Islip, England, and sent to Normandy with his mother in the year 1013 when the Danes under Sweyn and his son Canute invaded England. Canute remained in England and the year after Ethelred's death in 1016, married Emma, who had returned to England, and became King of England. Edward remained in Normandy, was brought up a Norman, and in 1042, on the death of his half-brother, Hardicanute, son of Canute and Emma, and largely through the support of the powerful Earl Godwin, he was acclaimed king of England. In 1044, he married Godwin's daughter Edith. His reign was a peaceful one characterized by his good rule and remission of odious taxes, but also by the struggle, partly caused by his natural inclination to favour the Normans, between Godwin and his Saxon supporters and the Norman barons, including Robert of Jumieges, whom Edward had brought with him when he returned to England and whom he named Archbishop of Canterbury in 1051. In the same year, Edward banished Godwin, who took refuge in Flanders but returned the following year with a fleet ready to lead a rebellion. Armed revolt was avoided when the two men met and settled their differences;



among them was the Archbishop of Canterbury, which was resolved when Edward replaced Robert with Stigand, and Robert returned to Normandy. Edward's difficulties continued after Godwin's death in 1053 with Godwin's two sons: Harold who had his eye on the throne since Edward was childless, and Tostig, Earl of Northumbria. Tostig was

driven from Northumbria by a revolt in 1065 and banished to Europe by Edward, who named Harold his successor. After this Edward became more interested in religious affairs and built St. Peter's Abbey at Westminster, the site of the present Abbey, where he is buried. His piety gained him the surname "the Confessor". He died in London on January 5, and he was canonized in 1161 by Pope Alexander III. His feast day is October 13.

St Callistus I - 14th October

The birth of St. Callistus I (also referred to as St. Callixtus) is not known, however, we do know that he was Pope from 217-222. He was the Pope during the reigns of the Roman Emperors Elagabalus, and Alexander Severus. The writings we do have of him came from his contemporary and enemy Hippolytus of Rome, the author of Philosophumena. He relates that Callistus as a young slave was put in charge of collected funds by his master Carphorus, the funds which were given as alms by other Christians for the care of widows and orphans.

Callistus lost the funds, and fled from Rome, but was caught near Portus. According to the information, Callistus



jumped overboard to avoid capture but was rescued and taken back to his master. He was released at the request of the creditors, who hoped he might be able to recover some of the money, but was arrested again for fighting in a synagogue when he tried to borrow money or collect debts from some Jews.

His health had become so weakened that his fellow Christians sent him to Antium to recuperate and Pope Victor I gave him a pension. St. Callistus was the deacon to whom Pope Zephyrinus entrusted the burial chambers along the Appian Way. In the third century, nine Bishops of Rome were interred in the Catacomb of Callistus, in the part now called the Capella dei Papi. The archaeologist Giovanni Battista de Rossi rediscovered these catacombs in 1849.

Around 222, according to the apocryphal Acts of Saint Callistus, Asterius, a Priest from Rome, recovered the body of St. Callistus after it had been tossed into a well and buried St. Callistus's body at night. Later, Asterius was arrested for this action by the Prefect Alexander and then was killed by being thrown off a bridge into the Tiber River. St. Callistus was honoured as a martyr in Todi, Italy. He was buried in the cemetery of Calepodius on the Aurelian Way, and his relics were translated in the 9th century to Santa Maria in Trastevere. The fourth century Basilica of Saints Callistus et Iuliani was rebuilt in the 12th century by Pope Innocent II, and rededicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is said to be built on the site of his martyrdom, which is attested to in the 4th century Depositio Martyrum, and is likely to be historical.