

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CHRONOLOGY

1801

Cardinal Newman born February 21

Literary Context

1801 – Tennyson b.

Historical Context

1801 – Suppression of Irish Parliament; Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland

1803 – Napoleonic Wars begin

1808 AGED 7

Goes to Ealing School

Literary Context

1814 – Wordsworth: The Excursion; Byron: The Corsair; Scott: Waverley

1815 – Coleridge: Kubla Khan published

Historical Context

1815 – Battle of Waterloo; Corn Law; Congress of Vienna restores Papal States

1816 AGED 15

Converted to Evangelical Christianity

1817 AGED 16 Becomes an undergraduate at Trinity College, Oxford

Literary Context

1818 – Byron: Don Juan

1820 AGED 19 Achieves a B.A. Degree

Literary Context

1820 – Scott: Ivanhoe; Keats: Ode to a Nightingale

1821 – Keats d.: James Mill: Elements of Political Economy

Historical Context

1820 – Accession of George IV; Cato St conspiracy

1822 AGED 21 Elected to the Oriel fellowship

Literary Context

1822 – Shelley d.

1825 AGED 24 Becomes vice-principal of Alban Hall; takes Holy Orders

1826 AGED 25 Becomes tutor at Oriel

Literary Context

1827 – Keble: The Christian Year; William Blake d.

1828 AGED 27 Meets Hurrell Froude; becomes Vicar of St Mary's

Historical Context

1829 – Catholic Emancipation

1830 AGED 29 Newman and Froude deprived of Oriel tutorships

Literary Context

1830 – Hazlitt d.; Cobbett: Rural Rides

Historical Context

1830 – July Revolution; Accession of William IV

1832 AGED 31 Tour of Southern Europe

Literary Context

1833 – Walter Scott d.

Historical Context

1832 – Reform Act

1833 AGED 32 Returns to England; Arians of the Fourth Century; Tracts for the Times begins

Literary Context

1833 – Carlyle: Sartor Resartus

Historical Context

1833 – Keble Assize sermon; Factory Act

1834 AGED 33 Parochial and Plain sermons (1834-42)

Historical Context

1834 – New Poor Law; Parliament burns down

1837 AGED 36 Prophetical Office of the Church

Literary Context

1837 – Hurrell Froude: Literary Remains

Historical Context

1837 – Accession of Queen Victoria

1838	AGED 37	Appointed editor of The British Critic; Lectures on Justification Literary Context 1839 – Darwin: Voyage of the Beagle Historical Context 1838 – Rise of Chartism 1839 – Bedchamber plot; Birmingham riots; Penny postage Act
1841	AGED 40	Tract xc; condemned by University authorities Historical Context 1841 – Robert Peel becomes Prime Minister
1842	AGED 41	Newman withdraws to Littlemore Historical Context 1842 – Chartist riots; Lord Ashley's Act protecting women and children in mines

1843 AGED 42 Retracts anti-Roman statements; resigns from St Mary's;
Oxford University Sermons

Literary Context

1843 – Carlyle: Past and Present; J.S. Mill: System of Logic

1844 – Disraeli: Coningsby

1845 AGED 44 Received into the Catholic Church; Essay on the Development
of Christian Doctrine

Historical Context

1845 – Maynooth grant

1846 AGED 45 Leaves Oxford

Literary Context

1846 – Edward Lear: Book of Nonsense

Historical Context

1846 – Repeal of Corn Laws, Election of Pius IX

1847 AGED 46 Created D.D. and Ordained Priest, in Rome

Literary Context

1847 – Charlotte Bronte: Jane Eyre, Thackeray: Vanity Fair;

Emily Bronte: Wuthering Heights

1848 AGED 47 Founds Birmingham Oratory; Loss and Gain

Literary Context

1848 – Dickens: Dombey and Son; Kingsley: Yeast; Mrs Gaskell: Mary Barton

Historical Context

1848 – Gorham judgement; European revolutions

1850 AGED 49 Difficulties of Anglicans 1851 50 Present Position of Catholics;
Rector of Catholic University of Ireland

Literary Context

1850 – Dickens: David Copperfield; Tennyson: In Memoriam
1851 – Ruskin: Stones of Venice

Historical Context

1850 – Restoration of Catholic Hierarchy in England causes anti-Catholic sentiment

1851 – Ecclesiastical titles Act forbidding Catholic use of names of existing dioceses

1852 AGED 51 First Part of Idea of a University

Newman spends some weeks recuperating at Abbotsford, Robert Hope-Scott's home in the Scottish Borders

1853 AGED 52 Unjustly found guilty of libelling Giacinto Achilli

Literary Context

1853 – Matthew Arnold: The Scholar Gipsy

1854 – Dickens: Hard Times

1855 – Trollope: The Warden

Historical Context

1853 – Crimean War begins (ends '56)

1855 – Daily Telegraph founded

1856 AGED 55 Calista

1857 AGED 56 Invited by Wiseman to undertake new Bible translation

Literary Context

1857 – George Eliot: Scenes of clerical life

Historical Context

1857 – Indian Mutiny

1858 AGED 57 Translation project fails for lack of support. Final return from Ireland

Historical Context

1858 – India transferred to Crown; Jews admitted to Parliament

1859 AGED 58 Consulting the faithful on matters of doctrine'; accusations of unorthodoxy

Literary Context

1859 – Darwin: Origin of species; J.S.Mill: On Liberty

1860 – Wilkie Collins: Woman in White; Dickens: Great Expectations; Ruskin: Unto this last Essays and Reviews

1863 – Kingsley: Water Babies

Historical Context

1860 – Unification of Italy; loss of most Papal States; discovery of the source of the Nile

1864 AGED 63 Apologia pro Vita Sua

Literary Context

1864 – Tolstoi: War and Peace; Trollope: Small House at Allington

Historical Context

1864 – Pius IX: Syllabus of Errors

1865 AGED 64 Dreams of Gerontius

Literary Context

1864 – Tolstoi: War and Peace; Trollope: Small House at Allington

1865 – Lewis Carroll: Alice in Wonderland; Rudyard Kipling b.; W.B. Yeats b.

1866 – Kingsley: Hereward the Wake; Dostoyevsky: Crime and Punishment

1867 – Marx: Das Kapital, Vol 1

1869 – Matthew Arnold: Culture and Anarchy; J.S. Mill: On the Subjection of Women

Historical Context

1864 – Pius IX: Syllabus of Errors

1865 – Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

1866 – Treaty of Vienna; invention of Dynamite

1867 – Marx: Das Kapital, Vol 1

1869 – Foundation of Girton College, Cambridge; Abolition of debtors prisons

1870 AGED 69 Essay in aid of a Grammar of Assent

Literary Context

1870 – Death of Charles Dickens; Disraeli: Lothair

1874 – G.K. Chesterton b.

Historical Context

1870 – Vatican Council, Pius IX 'Prisoner of the Vatican',

Franco-Prussian War

1872 AGED 71 Summer 1872: Newman at Abbotsford, his influence leading to many conversions and the construction of new churches

1875 AGED 74 Letter to the Duke of Norfolk

Literary Context

1875 – Kingsley d.

Historical Context

1875 – Purchase of Suez Canal

1877 AGED 76 Age 76 – Elected to honorary fellowship of Trinity College, Oxford

Literary Context

1877 – Henry James: The American

1878 – Thomas Hardy: The Return of the Native

Historical Context

1878 – Election of Leo XIII

1879 AGED 78 Age 78 – Receives Cardinal's Hat from Pope Leo XIII

Literary Context

1879 – Ibsen: A Doll's House

1880 – George Eliot d.; Lytton Strachey b.

1881 – Thomas Carlyle d.

Historical Context

1879 – Trotsky and Stalin b.; British Zulu War

1890 AGED 89 Dies in Birmingham, August 11

Literary Context

1890 – Oscar Wilde: The Picture of Dorian Gray

Historical Context

1890 – Charles De Gaulle b.; First Electric power station; Forth Bridge opened