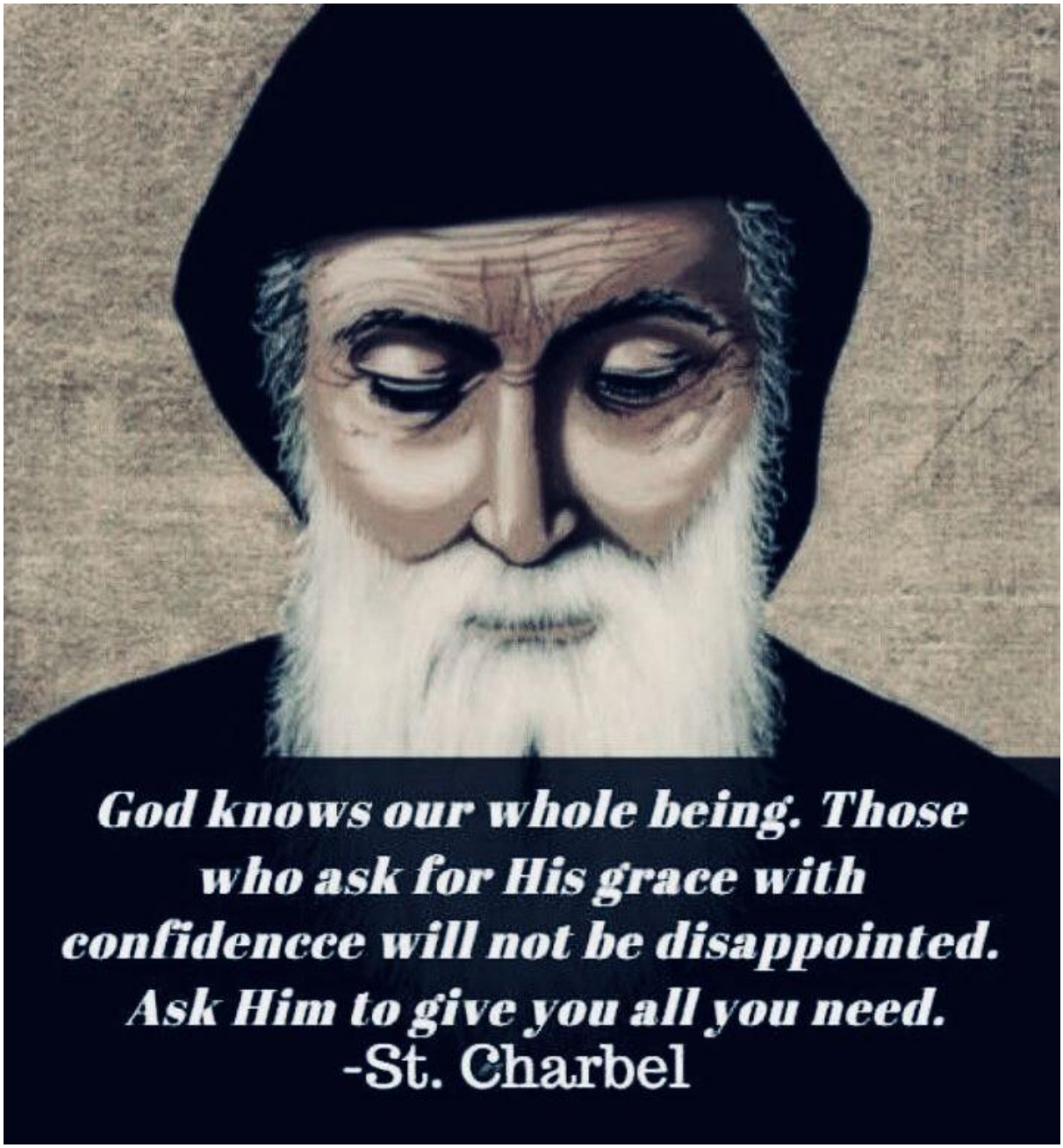


To Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Charbel on July 24th there will be a Healing Mass at
10am in St. Marys Church, Headford and at
7pm in St. Marys Church, headford.
This will be followed by a blessing with the first-class relic of St. Charbel and Holy Oils.

St Charbel was born Youssef Antoun Makhlouf in a small village in Lebanon in 1828, to a poor religious family. His father was a mule driver who died when Youssef was only three. Two of his uncles were hermits and Youssef wanted to follow their example. As a boy, he tended the family's, flock of sheep and goats and would spend the day praying at a small grotto where he had installed an icon of the Blessed Virgin.

Youssef Makhlouf entered the Maronite Monastery of St. Maroun, (A Lebanese Maronite order) at 23 and was ordained a priest in 1859 and took the name Charbel after a second-century martyr. He served there for 16 years, then retired to the hermitage of Ss. Peter and Paul. Charbel lived a severely ascetic life of prayer, mortification, and self-denial and had a remarkable devotion to the Eucharist.

He had a massive stroke while saying Mass on Christmas Eve 1898. For 45 days a bright light surrounded his tomb. The monks exhumed his body, and it was found incorrupt. For approximately 62 years a viscous liquid came from his body. Many miracles are attributed to his intercession.

Beatified - 5 December 1965, Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City by Pope Paul VI.
Canonized -9 October 1977, Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City by Pope Paul VI
Major shrine Monastery of Saint Maron Annaya, Byblos District, Lebanon St Charbel's – Many confirmed miracles.
There are over 26,000 miracles attributed to the intercession of Saint Charbel Makhlouf since his death in 1898.

"***Your wealth is measured by the lack of your needs, not by the abundance of your possessions". St. Charbel***