

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.15am-2.30pm



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

7th October 2018

*Our longing for union with another
reflects our longing for God.*

As I prepare to pray with this week's readings I notice how I am feeling. What reaction do I have to the picture and title words? What grace do I want to receive?

The **First Reading** (Genesis 2: 18-24) from Genesis reveals a God who wants human beings to enjoy relationships. We need to explore what it is to be different and attracted to others. God sees this as good.

The **Psalms** (127) continues the idea that God delights in the love between spouses.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter to the Hebrews (2: 9-11). Jesus had to endure being separated from the Father during his earthly life.

In the **Gospel** (Mark 10: 2-16) Jesus emphasizes the sacredness of union but refuses to put debates about controversial issues before welcoming the little ones.

Collect

Almighty, ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us, to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Please note the location of the fire exits

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **this weekend** for Harvest Fast Day.

Human Trafficking: How is it a problem? On 13/14th October, at the end of Mass, Claire Jones (Diocesan Representative for the human trafficking charity, The Medaille Trust) will raise our awareness on how it effects all of us! There will also be a second collection for this cause at the end of Mass. www.medaille-trust.org.uk

Confirmation Candidates should be signing in from this weekend. The book will be near the crucifix at the side of the Church.

Confirmation Catechists Meeting: There will be a meeting for the confirmation **catechists** on Thursday 11th October at 8.00pm in the presbytery.

FHC Celebration Mass: Welcome Sunshine's & Rainbow's to their first Celebration Mass. We have collected items of food for the foodbank. We are showing how we can share and support others during this Harvest Season.

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the newly formed children's choir at the 9.30am mass. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Mass Count: We are currently holding the annual mass count on behalf of the Diocese, which runs for four weeks. It is important that we have a strong congregation, particularly during these weekends, as the Diocese can use the figures to make decisions on whether to add / remove masses from the current Parish schedule.

Prayer in the Home: The next meeting will take place Tuesday 9th October, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 18 Dorian Road. The prayer session will be led by Fr Martin and others. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends and neighbours and the evening consists of the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady will be brought to the home to remind us that Our Lady, Mary, is the Mother of the Home.

Musicians Needed for some Sunday masses. Please see Fr Martin if you can help.

Teresa Stevens RIP: Teresa's funeral will take place on Tuesday 9th October at 1.30pm.

Frederick Onodu RIP: Please pray for Frederick who passed away on Monday.

Composing Bidding Prayers: We need more people willing to learn how to write our Bidding Prayers and to go on the rota. If interested, please call Brian on 07790 321845.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

Confirmation - URGENT APPEAL: If anyone is interested in becoming a Confirmation catechist please could they contact the parish office for more information.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

School Forms – Important Information If your child and your family are known to Fr Martin and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly either on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please come and see him along with your child during the dates and times below where he will issue a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. Fr Martin will need to see the child's baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate (if applicable) and proof of address and your mass attendance card in order to issue this certificate. The remainder of the application should be completed directly with the school or Local Authority as usual. If your child and your family are not known to Father Martin and do not attend Sunday Mass, please do **not** go to Father Martin, instead, simply complete the forms required by the school and return them directly to the school. For **Secondary school** forms, Fr Martin will be available Monday 8th October 3.15pm – 7.00pm and Thursday 11th October 3.15pm-7.00pm and for **Primary School** forms Fr Martin will be available Monday 15th October from 3.15pm – 7.00pm and Wednesday 17th October from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

All Saint's Catholic High School: The All Saints School Open Evening will be held at the school on **Wednesday 10th October** for September 2019 admissions. Parents can attend from 5.30pm-8.30pm for a tour of the School and an opportunity to meet staff and pupils. The Headteacher address will take place at 5.35pm and 8.00pm. Full details can be found on the school website (www.allsaintsschool.co.uk).

St Mary's Parish Presents The Pumpkin Party - Saturday 27th October, 7.30pm-11pm in the Parish Hall. Disco, Fancy Dress Contest, Raffle. Prices - Adults £7.50, Under 18's £4, Family £20 (2 adults plus own children). Early Bird Discount valid until 10th October - Adults £5, Under 18's £3, Family £15. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own drink/nibbles. For tickets contact Lynsey Counihan on 07968 486221.

Remembrance Day Posters for 11/11/2018 – 100 years since the Armistice which ended WW1. If you would like a name added to our parish Remembrance Day Posters, please email fmwrogers@gmail.com, or send a note (addressed Remembrance Day) via the Parish Office or put one in the box in the Church Porch. On the posters we remember our relatives, friends and parishioners (in the armed forces and civilians) who have died in all wars and conflicts (not just the two World Wars) and **we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice**. We would like to know their name (and the armed force they belonged to, if relevant), place and date of death (and perhaps, a little of their story if you know any of it). **Please, knit or crochet a poppy** (or make one in another way) and put it the jar in the porch. The poppies will be displayed in the Church on **Remembrance Sunday**. There are poppy patterns available. You can attach a small label with the name of someone who died in war if you would like to.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

Baptism Course: First and second Thursday of the month.

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

RCIA Journey in Faith: Mondays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Rosary: Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital

WEEKEND 13th / 14th October 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Maureen O'Brien / Kathleen Brooker
	Sun	8.00am	Susan Squire / Joshua Duah
		9.30am	Lucy May / Deirdre Winnett
		11.30am	Maria Adesegha / Jason Sunshine

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning: 100 Club

Offerings 30.09.18: Envs: £1,289.14 Loose: £958.75 Total: £2,247.89

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	6 th Oct	12.00pm	Thanksgiving to Our Lady / Trevor Magson RIP
		6.30pm	John McGlade RIP / John Davin RIP
Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 th Oct	8.00am	Nelson De Souza RIP / Nellie Whelton Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Bernard Lenehan Int
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday St. Osyth	8 th Oct	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mary Fitzgibbon RIP
Tuesday	9 th Oct	8.30am 1.30pm	William Boat RIP / Ann Humphries Int Requiem Mass: Teresa Stevens RIP
Wednesday	10 th Oct	7.30pm	Maimie Tuite RIP / Rita O'Malley Int / Tom Donnelly Int
Thursday St John XXIII	11 th Oct	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Frank & Catherine Brand / Mary Hughes Int Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday SS Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga	12 th Oct	8.30am	John Bergin RIP / Terry Stevens RIP
Saturday	13 th Oct	12.00pm	Mick Harrington RIP
		6.30pm	Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP / Jennifer & Luke Rodgers Int
Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 th Oct	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Olga & Arturo Casali RIP / O'Brien Family Int
		11.30am	Eamon Commings RIP / Jack Hughes RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)

Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?

Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

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