

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

30th Sept 2018

“Anyone who is not against us is for us.”

God’s Spirit is offered to all. The power of God’s transforming love has no boundaries and is at work in all things.

In the **First Reading** (Numbers 11: 25–29) Moses instructs Joshua not to set limits on how God’s love is shared with the community. Joshua thinks that God’s Spirit is only for the chosen few. Moses expresses a more inclusive vision for the community, imagining what it would be like if all people were filled with the Spirit of God.

In a similar way, Jesus teaches John that his healing power is not only for his close followers (**Gospel** - Mark 9: 38–43,45,47–48). He has to remind them that God’s power is not limited by the rules and authority that the disciples may want to set upon it. The Spirit will blow wherever it likes. Jesus reminds his disciples of their need to care for the least powerful in society and not let their actions cause harm to anyone. This message speaks powerfully to our times.

The **Psalm (19)** meditates on the heart of God’s law. The truth and wisdom of God’s law of love will be our guide.

The **Second Reading** (James 5: 1–6) warns of the dangers of material wealth and is a call to act justly and with fairness. It reminds us that we are in relationship with those less fortunate than us. Our wealth impacts on the needs of the poor.

May we have the grace to recognise God’s Spirit moving in our life and throughout the world. Let us pray for each other that we will remain open and faithful to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **this weekend** for the Catholic Education Service. There will be a second collection **next weekend** for Harvest Fast Day.
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.

Christmas Fair Committee: We are looking for people to form a committee to run the Christmas Fair this year. If you are interested in getting involved, there will be a meeting on Thursday 4th October at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

John Power: John's funeral will be on Friday 5th October at 10.15am. His body will be received into the Church the evening before at 5.00pm.

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

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

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.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School: The Open Evening for 2019 admissions is on Tuesday 2nd October. Tours of the school begin 5.30pm and there will be an address by the Headteacher at 7.30pm.

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 fmwroders@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.

Cleaner Required: St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires a Cleaner for 12 ½ hours per week Monday to Friday, 6.00-8.30am (early morning). If you are interested, please contact Mary McLeavy at St Mary's School Office on 01708 448430 for further details.

Jacques Allen Seeks New Piano Students: Fancy learning a new instrument? Experienced piano teacher of all ages, is looking for additional pupils. Has achieved ABRSM Grade 8 Piano. 9:30 Sunday Mass Pianist. Pupils have achieved distinction grades in their ABRSM exams. £12.50 per ½ hour. To find out more, or to book a slot, please contact: [07804690824](tel:07804690824).

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 6th / 7th October 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Pat Martin / Janet James
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Alex Rowley
		9.30am	Bernadith Marimon / Natasha Wilson
		11.30am	Jason Sunshine / Maureen Boorman

Bidding Prayers: Gail Pitchley

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings 23.09.18: Envs: £1,189.09

Loose: £1,001.44

Total: £2,190.53

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	29 th Sep	12.00pm 2.30pm 6.30pm	NO MASS Nuptial Mass: Marc Wall & Cheryl Stevenson Lawrence Ellicott RIP / Danny McCauley RIP
Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 th Sep	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Lawrence Ellicott RIP / Jane Hayes RIP All Parishioners / Olaniyan Family Alice Louro RIP / Edna Sullivan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday St Therese	1 st Oct	8.30am	Vivian Johnson RIP / Joseph Cordina RIP
Tuesday The Holy Guardian Angels	2 nd Oct	8.30am	Patrick Cremin RIP / Joan Dowding RIP
Wednesday	3 rd Oct	7.30pm	Jisma Joseph RIP / Philomena Perry RIP
Thursday St. Francis of Assisi	4 th Oct	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm 5.00pm	Communion Service Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Reception of Body: John Power RIP
Friday	5 th Oct	8.30am 10.15am	Frank & Eileen Murphy RIP / Helen Cheshire Int / Wesley Crouwel RIP Requiem Mass: John Power RIP
Saturday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	6 th Oct	12.00pm 6.30pm	Thanksgiving to Our Lady / Trevor Magson RIP John McGlade RIP / John Davin RIP
Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Nelson De Souza RIP / Nellie Whelton Int All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP / Bernard Lenehan Int 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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