

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

19th September 2021

‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.’

Our readings this Sunday speak about wisdom, but from different perspectives. We can see the **First Reading** (Wisdom 2: 12.17–20) as a prophecy of the Lord’s Passion, where the ‘godless’ regard with contempt those who listen to and follow God’s voice, condemning them to cruel death.

The **Second Reading** (James 3: 16–4: 3) points out that jealousy and ambition cause division and rivalry, in contrast to the wisdom that comes from above. Such wisdom, which desires humility and not glory, brings us to peace with ourselves and can be attained through prayer. It is *‘essentially something pure ... is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.’*

Jesus predicts his own death and resurrection to the disciples, who fail to understand what this means (**Gospel** Mark 9 :30–37). They have been arguing which of them is the greatest, but Jesus teaches them that true greatness lies in being the servant or slave of all, especially the weak and the helpless, symbolized by the child he embraces and places in their midst. By welcoming and serving the ‘little children’ we are welcoming God.

Let’s ask this week for the wisdom to see Christ in all the ‘*little children*’ we encounter and pray for a spirit of humility and peace.

Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church

Mass bookings: Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm or on a Wednesday if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you. Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask.

Thursday: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm on Thursday's. Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. All are welcome to come and join us. PLEASE NOTE: No Rosary on Thursday 23rd & 30th September.

Church cleaning: We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church on Saturday 9th October at 9.30am.

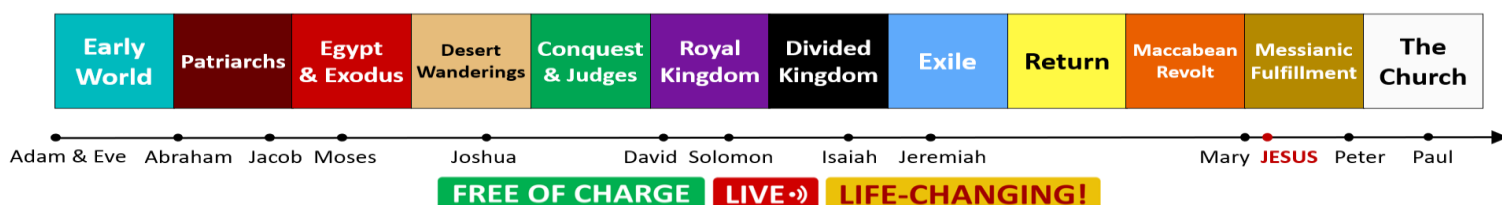
Gardening Club: We are looking for volunteers to help look after our Parish gardens and parking area. We hope this will be on a monthly basis. Please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish office if you can help.

BCCS RELAY100: Over the summer holidays we completed 4 legs of the relay – about 8 miles altogether. Thank you to everyone who supported us and made donations which totalled £265. The message that The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is still working for children across the diocese was the most important aim of Relay 100. Check out www.bccs.org.uk/ if you would like to find out more about BCCS. Thank you. Frances and Brian.

SVP: Help! The parish SVP group is appealing to all parishioners for help. The St Vincent de Paul Society, or SVP for short, is a group of volunteer parishioners who set out to help anyone in need. We need your assistance now at St Marys as we sadly lost 2 of our members during the pandemic and have been reduced to 6 members. The driving force for the SVP is carrying out Christ's instruction to love God and love our neighbour and our aim for members is to give you the opportunity to offer your time, skills, talents and love to help those in need in whatever ways you can. Please think about joining our group – if you would like further information please contact Paul on 07778 031 489.

The Bible Timeline Course: Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE course. Starts **Wed 29th September 2021**. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration www.comeandsee.org

The Bible Timeline Course



Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

Toddler Group: My name is Brenda Kivlehan and I currently run the St Mary's toddler group which has run every Tuesday from 130 to 3pm for many, many years in the parish hall until COVID forced us to close.

I hope to restart this group and I am so asking for volunteers to help set up and help during the session. This help could be from parents wishing to attend the session, any person who would like some experience of working with young children, Grandparents or like myself, someone with a few hours to spare each week.

No one is ever left alone with a child as parents or carers are always present and are always responsible for their own child/children.

The work involves putting out the equipment (toys, slides, climbing frames and putting them away at the end of the session) we also have play dough and art activities which needs supervision.

If anyone is interested you can you email me on brendakivlehan@icloud.com or ring me on 07958605039.

Help Needed: Could any knitters or crocheters contact Jane Tatam on 07415602774 to help with a new Parish project. Thank you.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Please remember in your prayers Bruce Waskett RIP, Victor Krishnan RIP, Martha Sheridan RIP and Patricia Sharpe RIP who have died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	18 th September	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Gerard Lawlor RIP / Francis Stockwell RIP / Patrick Lenehan RIP
Sunday <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	19 th September	8.00am	Gerry Lawlor RIP / Clive McDonagh RIP / Family & Friends of Kay Conway Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	William Elliot RIP / Margaret Myers RIP / Ania Wigley RIP
Monday <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon</i>	20 th September	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mr Smith RIP / Michael Maguire Int
		12 noon	Funeral Martha Sheridan RIP
Tuesday <i>St Matthew</i>	21 st September	9.15am	Stan Court RIP / Cynthia DeSouza RIP / Ken Burn RIP
Wednesday	22 nd September	12 noon	Funeral Patricia Sharpe RIP
		7.30pm	Maureen Walsh RIP / Sofia Soares RIP / The Lenehan Family RIP
Thursday <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	23 rd September	11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	24 th September	8.15am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	25 th September	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Toni McGrath RIP / Mrs McSweeney RIP / Victor Krishnan RIP
Sunday <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	26 th September	8.00am	Pat Harrington RIP / Rita Thompson RIP / Pat Mossman RIP
		9.30am	Maura Cullinan RIP / Joshua Darryl RIP / Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
		11:30am	Len Rice RIP / Angela & Tony Bennett Int / Connor Young Int

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