

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
26th September 2021

“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 **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.

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 30th September.

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

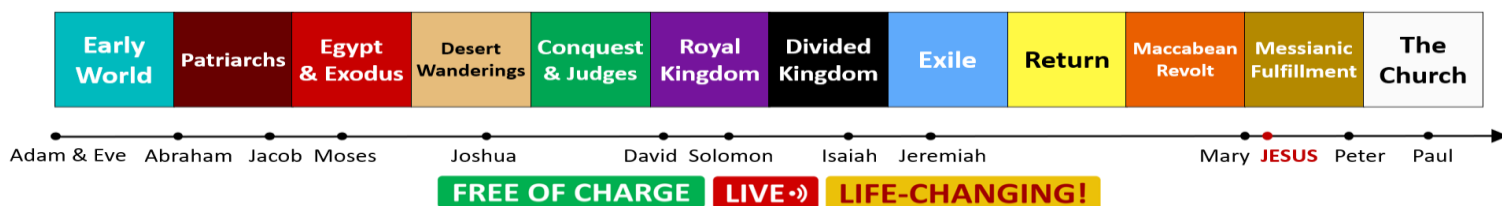
Gardening Club: We are looking for volunteers to help look after our Parish gardens and parking area. We hope this will be on a monthly basis. Please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish office if you can help.

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

SVP: World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 – Sunday, 26 September 2021
The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 is celebrated on 26 September. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ***“Towards an ever wider “we”***. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The SVP will be distributing copies of Pope Francis's message for the day at the end of each weekend mass and if you would like further information about helping refugees locally or make a donation please refer to the Jesuit Refugee Service website www.jrsuk.net

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 1.30 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.

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 & Nigel Withington 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	25 th September	5.30-6pm 6.30pm	Confession Toni McGrath RIP / Mrs McSweeney RIP / Victor Krishnan RIP
Sunday	26 th September	8.00am	Pat Harrington RIP / Rita Thompson RIP / Pat Mossman RIP
		9.30am	Maura Cullinan RIP / Darral Joshua RIP / Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
		11:30am	Len Rice RIP / Angela & Tony Bennett Int / Connor Young Int
Monday	27 th September	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>			
Tuesday	28 th September	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	29 th September	7.30pm	Alice Louro RIP / Maisie Doherty RIP / Ted Wyatt RIP / Sheila Brunton RIP
<i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>			
Thursday	30 th September	11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>St Jerome</i>			
Friday	1 st October	8.15am	Mark Fletcher RIP / Trevor Magson RIP
<i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>			
Saturday	2 nd October	5.30-6pm 6:30pm	Confession Rev Fr Fritz O’Kelly RIP / Laurence Elliott RIP / Baby Rosemary Bray RIP
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>			
Sunday	3 rd October	8.00am	Patrick Cremin RIP / Pauline & John McGlade RIP / Vivian Johnson RIP
<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in ordinary time</i>			
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Monica Biggle RIP / Michael Olaniyan Thanksgiving