

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 3rd October 2021

“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.

Our Lady’s Message – 25th September 2021

“Dear children! Pray, witness and rejoice with me, because *the Most High sends me again to guide you on the way to holiness*. Be aware, children, that your life is short and eternity awaits you, so that with all the saints you glorify God with your being. Do not worry, little children, for earthly things, but yearn for heaven. Heaven will be your goal and joy will reign in your heart. I am with you and I bless you all with my maternal blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call”.

**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 please email / 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.

Secondary School Forms: 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 and proof of address in order to issue the Certificate of Catholic Practice. 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 and return them directly to the school.

For Secondary school forms, Fr Martin will be available Friday 15th October 3.30pm – 5.30pm and Saturday 16th October 7.15pm – 8.15pm.

The dates for **Primary School** forms will follow in due course.

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.

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.

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.

Congratulations: to Jenni Guy & Terance Riches who were Married at St. Mary's on the 2nd October.

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, Helen Thomson 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.**

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	2 nd October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Rev Fr Fritz O'Kelly RIP / Laurence Elliott RIP / Baby Rosemary Bray RIP
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
Monday	4 th October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Martin Cornish Int Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>			
Tuesday	5 th October	9.15am	Charlie Churchlow RIP / Marion Donovan Int Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
		11.30am	Funeral Bruce Waskett RIP
Wednesday	6 th October		Cremation Victor Krishnan RIP
		7.30pm	Bishop Patrick O'Donaghue RIP / Marie O'Donnell RIP / Colin Dyer RIP
Thursday	7 th October	11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>			
Friday	8 th October	8.15am	Les Bennett RIP / Mr. Ratnakumar RIP
<i>St Osyth</i>			
Saturday	9 th October	5.30-6pm	Confession
<i>St John Henry Newman</i>		6:30pm	Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP / Waskett Family Int
Sunday	10 th October	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Luke Maguire & Family Int
<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Eamon Commins RIP / Kevin McSweeney RIP