

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**“The Word of God is alive and active.”**

The readings this week give us an opportunity to step back from the busy-ness of our everyday lives to consider more deeply the riches we have been given, and what it is we truly value.

In the First Reading, the spirit of Wisdom (Wisdom 7: 7–11) has come to the writer through prayer. Beside her, everything else that might be valued on earth seems worthless, and pales into insignificance.

In the Second Reading the author of the letter to the Hebrews (4: 12–13) likens the word of God to a sword that can penetrate every aspect of our lives. Living and acting in accordance with the word draws us ever closer to the God who knows and loves us through and through.

These themes of wisdom, selfless values, and service to the Lord are drawn together in the Gospel story of the rich young man (Mark 10: 17–30), whose attachment to wealth prevents him from truly following Jesus. Through this encounter, Jesus teaches that whatever we leave behind to follow him will be far surpassed by the treasures we will inherit in heaven.

During this week, we might pray for the gift of ever greater wisdom to help us recognise and seize every opportunity to show our love of God through the good we do each day.

## **Our Lady’s Message – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 in the Church 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 in the Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – 5.30pm and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7.15pm – 8.15pm. Please bring a pen.**

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

**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.

**Volunteer Counters Needed:** To help count the weekly collection monies on a Monday morning. We are looking for new volunteers to join the rota of counters. Full training will be given and we are only looking for people to commit to offering 1-2 hours of their time once every month. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more, then please call the Parish office or speak to Fr Martin.

**Job vacancy – Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick:**

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting in January 2022. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can be found on our website,

[www.bcys.net/job-vacancy-cook/](http://www.bcys.net/job-vacancy-cook/) or by emailing [clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date is midday on 18th October 2021, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive. Please note that on occasions, posts may close earlier than the closing date due to the volume of applications being received. Early applications are therefore advised.

**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.

**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** Nigel Withington RIP who has 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 <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP / Waskett Family Int
Sunday <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Luke Maguire & Family Int
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11:30am</b>	Eamon Commins RIP / Kevin McSweeney RIP
Monday <i>St John XXIII</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Pat Mossman RIP
Tuesday <i>St Ethelburga</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Jacky Keane RIP / Tony Galcius RIP
		<b>1pm</b>	Funeral Nigel Withington RIP
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.30pm</b>	Pat Harrington RIP / Rev Fr Frank Kerrigan RIP
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	The Lenehan Family RIP
		<b>11 – 1pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.15am</b>	Davin Family RIP / Marie Tweedie RIP
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6:30pm</b>	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Hampshire Family RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Noel Murphy RIP / Chris Murphy RIP / Frank Harrington RIP
		<b>11:30am</b>	The Brice Family RIP / Frances Bransdon RIP