

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17th October 2021

“Christ priest and suffering servant.”

This Sunday, following the predictions Jesus gave of his suffering and death, we contemplate our Saviour and the implications for us, his followers.

The First Reading (Isaiah 53: 10–11) comes from part of Isaiah’s last song of the suffering servant. It foretells Jesus taking on our faults, and speaks not only of his Passion, but also his glory.

The Psalm (33) sings of God’s love as he rescues those who hope in him. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (4: 14–16) presents Jesus as human and weak like us, but also as the supreme high priest. We can be confident that he will always help us.

In the Gospel (Mark 10: 35–45), James and John hope for privileged places in the kingdom, but learn that they, like Jesus, must go through suffering and death. They are asked to serve, not to dominate.

Perhaps this week we can deepen our understanding of what Christ has won for us and express our gratitude through service of others.

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.

Holy Souls Day is on Tuesday 2nd November. There will be Masses said at 9.15am and 7.30pm on this day. **The Envelopes for the Holy Souls** will be available at the back of the Church from next weekend for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

YOUTH CLUB: We are hoping to return soon. Prior to this, there will be a REGISTRATION EVENING in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 2nd November. One parent or carer only (no need for youngsters yet) can come at any time - so hopefully not all at once - anytime between 7:30pm & 9:30 pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms you need will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, there are some things you MUST bring though - £3 cash & 2 x passport type photos (note: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster).

This first intake back of Youth Club will be for previous members in years 9 & above who wish to re-join (*they still need to be registered by a parent/carers*) & also all former St. Mary's pupils who left Year 6 in Summer 2020, & are now year 8's. **PLEASE NOTE:** there will be a separate registration evening in 2022 for St. Mary's Leavers' Summer 2021 (who are now year 7's) & who we hope to start after Spring '22. Due to Covid, we are playing 'catch-up'. Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

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.

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 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	16 th October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners / Frank Harrington RIP
Sunday	17 th October	8.00am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Hampshire Family RIP
<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Noel Murphy RIP / Chris Murphy RIP / Eileen O'Mahoney RIP
		11:30am	The Brice Family RIP / Frances Bransdon RIP
Monday	18 th October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / The Jones Family RIP
<i>St Luke</i>			
Tuesday	19 th October	9.15am	Rosemary & Rita Thompson RIP / Mary & Vincent Finan RIP
Wednesday	20 th October	7.30pm	Ellen Sharp RIP / Samantha & Scott Sheridan-Sellers & Family Int
Thursday	21 st October	9.15am	Rita Gormley RIP / John Gormily RIP
		11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	22 nd October	8.15am	Eileen Sheehan RIP / Matthew Hart RIP
Saturday	23 rd October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Mary Anne Whitney RIP / The Hooper Family RIP
Sunday	24 th October	8.00am	Nelson D'Souza RIP / John Dennehy RIP
<i>Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Rita Thompson RIP / Scott Cheesman RIP
		11:30am	George Finlayson RIP / Cathy O'Dea Int