

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 24th October 2021

“I will comfort you.”

The readings this week challenge us to reflect both on the ways we might be blind, and on the gift of new vision that is freely offered.

In the First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah (31: 7–9) speaks of a God who gathers his people to heal them.

The Psalm (126) sings of these and other wonderful works: ‘The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy’.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading Hebrews 5: 1–6) shows that the high priest is one called by God to deal gently with the people, because he himself knows weakness.

And in the Gospel (Mark 10: 46–52), Jesus calls Bartimaeus, a blind beggar of Jericho, to him into discipleship. Though blind, Bartimaeus already has insight into who Jesus is and, when he hears him pass by, shouts in desperation even when told to be quiet. For Bartimaeus, Jesus is now ‘Master’, and his relationship with him brings healing and new life.

Let’s pray, this week, that we might recognise the great things the Lord works for us, and that our hope lies in God, who calls to us through our weaknesses and limitations.

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: We no longer require you to book in for Mass.

Please remember at all masses in the Church **you 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 this 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.

St Mary's Parish choir: We are recommencing choir practice on Monday evenings at 8 pm in the church from 15 November. We are also welcoming new members to join us as we prepare to sing at Mass during Advent and for the Christmas vigil Mass."

Bruce Waskett: All of Bruce's family wish to say thank you for keeping us in your prayers and for your kindness and thoughtfulness that has been such a tremendous comfort and support during this sorrowful time of Bruce's death. God bless you. Sincerely Beryl & Michael Waskett.

Confirmation 2021 - 2022: There will be a meeting for all young people of our Parish with their parents / guardians who wish to be Confirmed and are in Year 10 and above. This will take place on Monday 6th December at 8pm in the Parish Hall. There will be an enrolment Mass on Saturday 11th December at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

YOUTH CLUB: 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 between 7:30pm & 9:30 pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (The forms you need will be given to you on arrival). To register, there are some things you **MUST** bring - £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 are now year 8's. PLEASE NOTE: there will be a separate registration evening in 2022 for St. Mary's Leavers 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.

Musical Fireworks at St. Mary's school: On Sunday 7th November, St. Mary's school will be holding a musical fireworks event. Gates open at 5pm with food and drink available and the fireworks start at 6pm. Tickets are available on the school playground before and after school. For more information email ptaastmarys@outlook.com

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

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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, Margaret 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.

Your prayers would be appreciated for the repose of the soul of Helen Thomson, Pat and Alex Taylor's daughter, and a pupil at St Mary's School in the early 1970s.

A prayer for the COP26 climate talks:

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,

And in the smallest creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

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	23 rd October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Mary Anne Whitney RIP / The Hooper Family RIP
Sunday <i>Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	24 th October	8.00am	Nelson D'Souza RIP / John Dennehy RIP / Rita Thompson RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	George Finlayson RIP / Scott Cheesman RIP / Cathy O'Dea Int
Monday	25 th October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Noel Fosbery RIP
Tuesday <i>St Cedd</i>	26 th October	9.15am	Patricia Galea RIP / Rev Brother Benignus McKechnie RIP
Wednesday	27 th October	7.30pm	Charles Ferry RIP / The Walsh Family RIP
Thursday <i>St Simon & Jude</i>	28 th October	9.15am	Margaret Fawcett RIP
		11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	29 th October	9.15am	Myles Family RIP / Mr. Harvey RIP
Saturday	30 th October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Kitty Murphy RIP / Larry O'Neill & Family RIP
Sunday <i>All saints</i>	31 st October	8.00am	Sheila & Hector Brunton RIP / Helen Thomson Nee Taylor RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Rev Fr Bonaventure Wilson RIP / Angela & Tony Bennett Int

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