

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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Feast of All Saints

Year B

31st October 2021

“Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us.”

On this feast day we are reminded not only of those Saints who have gone before us, but also of the many inspirational people living saintly lives here on earth. The example of their lives of love and service inspire us on our own journey to the promise of eternal life.

In the **First Reading** (Apocalypse 7: 2–4.9–14) we see John’s vision of heaven and the multitude rejoicing there. In the presence of God the Father and Jesus praise and glory and thanksgiving are offered.

In the **Second Reading**, St John’s letter (John 3: 1–3) speaks of the love lavished upon us by God the Father. As children of God, we may at times find ourselves at odds with the values of the world, but we are promised a future in which the mystery of God will be revealed to us.

Jesus’s teaching in the **Gospel** (Matthew 5: 1–12) outlines the wealth of blessings that come from living our lives well and serving others. We are again reminded that although being true to his example may lead to persecution and rejection, we will be rewarded in heaven.

This week, we ask the Lord’s help to be generous with our prayers, our time, and our possessions in responding to the plight of those in our world who experience the harsh realities of persecution, loss and injustice on a daily basis

Blessed Carlo Acutis born London 3rd May 1991, Died in Italy on 12th October 2006 aged 15.

His Sayings: “Not I, but God” - “always to be united with Jesus, this is my programme of life” - “Only the one who does the will of God will be truly free”- “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven”- “Try to go to Mass everyday and to receive Holy Communion”- “If we go out in the sun, we get a suntan..but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints”- “The Virgin Mother is the only woman in my life..I never fail to keep the most gracious appointment of the day – recitation of the Holy Rosary”- “The Rosary is the shortest ladder to heaven”.

Carlo was beatified on 10th October 2020.

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.**

Adoration: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 9.45 – 12 noon on Thursday's and the first Friday of every month. 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** are available at the back of the Church 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 15th 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."

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. Application forms are available in the porch of the Church. 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/carer*) & 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

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, Patricia Johnson, 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.

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	30 th October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Kitty Murphy RIP / Larry O'Neill & Family RIP
Sunday	31 st October	8.00am	Sheila & Hector Brunton RIP / Helen Thomson Nee Taylor RIP
<i>All Saints</i>		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Rev Fr Bonaventure Wilson RIP / Angela & Tony Bennett Int
Monday	1 st November	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Ann & Philip Mace RIP
Tuesday	2 nd November	9.15am	Rev Sister Patricia / Rita Kyrou RIP
<i>All Souls</i>		7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	3 rd November	7.30pm	Stephen Goggin RIP / Sid Warren & Family RIP / Marie Tweedie RIP
Thursday	4 th November	9.15am	Costello Family RIP / Laura Naughton Int
		9.45–12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	5 th November	9.15am	Gerry Lawlor RIP / Marie O'Donnell RIP
	<i>1st Friday of the month</i>	9.45– 12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	6 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Betty Barker RIP / Mary Magdalene Adeke Eunice Rafua RIP / Thomas Fay RIP
Sunday	7 th November	8.00am	Flo Walsh RIP / Mary Magdalene Adeke Eunice Rafua RIP
<i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Michael Cody RIP / Bernadette Cooney RIP
		11:30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Jack Hughes RIP / Patrick Gilligan RIP

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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