

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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Our Lady of Sorrows



September

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – Intentions of Anna & Gerado Spagniolo

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Eamon Fitzpatrick - Recovery

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Vermeil Jason – Anniversary
9.30am – Richard & Carmen Fernandes – Wed Anniv
11.00am – For Intentions of Parishioners
5.00pm – Intentions of Gerard Culbert

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – James K Kumah & Elizabeth A Saah - RIP
No Adoration this morning

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – Caroline Nedeleg - RIP

Wed - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – Diane Bunker – Anniv of Birth

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – Canon Philip Dyson – RIP (Funeral today)

Adoration until 11.00am

Fri 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary
7.30pm – Anscaria Dinha – 1st Anniversary

Followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary
9.30am – Intentions of Marie Helene Bouquet

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Eileen Swanton - Anniversary

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Intentions of Jason & Babet Families
9.30am – Elvira Charles – Birthday Intentions
11.00am – Caroline & Kingsley Nebechi – Birth Ints
5.00pm – For Parishioners

Monday 23rd – St Pius of Pietrelcina - Priest

Tuesday 24th – Our Lady of Walsingham

Thursday 26th – Sts Cosmas & Damian - Martyrs

Friday 27th – St Vincent de Paul - Priest

Saturday 28th St Laurence Ruiz & Companions - Martyrs

Sunday 29th – Feast of the Archangels – devotions in the hall after the 11.00am Mass.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Anyone who welcomes one of these children, welcomes me"

Jesus, the Son of Man, on the way that leads to his passion. Misunderstood, and so a cause for embarrassment and confusion to his disciples, he strives nonetheless to bring them along with him, initiating them little by little into their role of messengers of a suffering Messiah. But how difficult it is for them to accept such a teaching! As they journey towards Jerusalem they certainly have need to be rid of their blindness. 'What were you arguing about on the road?' Jesus must surely be aware of their lack of understanding. They are arguing about which of them would be greatest in this temporal kingdom which they hoped for. Men of lowly condition, they dream of such advancement as will procure them prestige and power, and promote them to positions of command. 'You wish to be first?' says Jesus. 'Well then, make yourselves the last! You wish to be great, then make yourselves little! You wish to be masters? Then make yourselves servants.' A paradox founded, not on theoretical considerations, but on the concrete example which the Suffering Servant never ceases to give. As for us, what do we discuss on the road of our lives? We too might be rather embarrassed is Jesus asked us this question. When we speak of what is closest to our hearts, each of us reveals the depths of our being. We must mould ourselves into the ways of Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSON

**Saturday 28th Sept from after Morning Mass until 11.00am
October 5th Sept from 8.30am to 10.00am**

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING

**'Calling People of Goodwill'
The Bible and the Common Good**

The common good is central to the Christian imagination – in the words of St John Chrysostom, 'it's the highest point' – because God calls people to live in relationship with him and each other.

Timetable

28th/29th September - Commitment Weekend – For signing up to be part of our Faith Sharing Small Groups.

Tuesday 1st October – Group Leaders Meeting 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Monday 7th October 10.45am Small Groups begin meeting in the Parish Hall.

Please do consider signing up for one of our Small Prayer Groups. A time for sharing, listening and praying. All part of preparing for Jubilee Year 2025!

SYCAMORE

**SYCAMORE – 'THE YEAR OF PRAYER'
WEEKLY COURSE – AUTUMN 2024**

Please join us as we follow this course on Monday 23rd September

Five sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life. For those who are just beginning and also for those who have been praying for a long time! We begin with supper at 7.15pm. Do join us in the hall

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

September 2024 – For the cry of the earth

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world that we now inhabit

PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 12th October 2024

There will be a day Pilgrimage from the parish to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on Saturday 12th October. A coach will leave from the church at 7.30am and we will leave from Walsingham at approx. 5.15pm. The cost will be £20 per seat on the coach. Please put your name to the list in the porch and pay the money at the same time. Cancellations at the last moment means empty seats on the coach. This is always a good day. Come!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

This is the last opportunity for parents to register their children for preparation classes for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation which have now begun. The age for Communion is entering year 3 or above in September and for Confirmation, when entering years 9 or 10 and above in September. Registration forms can be found on the table in the porch – please return them as soon as you can together with the child's Baptismal certificate.

THE MANNA DAY CENTRE

The Manna Day Centre are asking if we would consider passing our Harvest Festival gifts on to them as we usually do. They support people 7 days each week – food, showers, clean clothing, medical care etc. Attached to this newsletter are the items they require – can you begin bringing things in from now on. Thanks

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am. Help.

Collection for Catholic Education Service
All families that opt for a Catholic education for their children benefit from this service – please make an offering.

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13th September (7-9pm). Venue to be announced. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

HARVEST WEEKEND

5th/6th October 2024

As usual we will be supporting two Charities during Harvest time – Cafod (The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) and also the **Manna Day Centre** (working with the homeless) bring your donations asap.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 29th September at 2.45pm

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

Sunday 29th September 2024

Although we are unable to celebrate this Feast day because it falls on a Sunday, we will, after the 11.00am Mass have devotions to St Michael either in the garden if it is warm or in the parish hall. Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful feast.



Parish Shop – Open for Rosaries, Candles, Statues and Occasional Cards.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings
from 5.00 – 7.15pm
Saturday Mornings
from 7.00 – 8.30am
*During this Year of Prayer,
Try and give a little
more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

ALTAR SERVERS MASS

AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Saturday 5th October 2024

As usual we will be attending the Altar Server's Mass at Westminster Cathedral on the above date. All servers are expected to attend. Bring a packed lunch. A coach will leave the church at 12noon sharp – please make sure you are on time

Prayers please:

Sick: Daphne Sullivan, Fergal Sherry, Mehill Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway.. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, Phyllis Robinson, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Jennifer Browne, Eamon Fitzpatrick, Phyllis Robinson.

Recently Dead: Pauline Warriner, Angelo D'Vito, Kathleen Tracey, Calogero Taibi, Fr John Warnaby, Fr David John Williamson, . Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Deacon Stephen Pickard ,Michael Fr Frances Whale, George Ssentamu, Cynthis Grant, Liam Sillivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Michael James Daley, Mary White, Pat Morris,

Anniversaries: Marianna Amato, Dennis Swanton, Stephanie Molloy, Michael Matovu and Theresa Matovu, Agnes Fernando, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendi, Margaret Creed, Solomis Djerkallis, Giusepe Marzolini.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 1st September at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Following the Year of the Council we now enter the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. It is a weekly resource of prayer and meditation based on Pope Francis' recent catechesis on prayer. It is compiled in 52 parts providing a reflection for each week of the year. You will find them on the table in the porch each week.

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.



MANNA DAY CENTRE



Harvest Festival list 2024

Needs in order of priority

(Most important items in bold type)

FOOD

Sugar

Tomatoes (Tinned)

Vegetables (Tinned)

Pasta

Rice

Pasta Sauces

Baked Beans

Meat (Tinned)

Corned beef

Chopped ham

Luncheon meats

Fish

Tinned Food

Soup

Stewed steak

Hot Dogs

Fruit

Rice pudding

Non-Tinned Food

Curry Sauces

Porridge oats

Breakfast cereals

Tomato sauce

Jelly

Cooking oil

Biscuits

DRINKS

Coffee

Dilutable drinks

Tea

TOILETRIES

Bodywash

Soap

Deodorants

Shaving Foam

Shampoo

Disposable razors

 Toothpaste

 Toothbrushes

MEN'S CLOTHING

Jeans (Waist 30-38)

Socks

Jogging bottoms

Trainers

Fleeces / Hoodies

T-shirts

Shoes

Underwear

Trousers (Waist 30-38)

Coats

MISCELLANEOUS

Toilet Rolls

Tea Mugs

Novels

Oyster cards

(Unregistered preferably)

SUNDAY PLUS

The power of service

Love serves

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

A young man and his toddler son were in the local supermarket when the little one lost his shoe. He looked at it on the floor, pointed downwards and simply declared "Shoe!" in a loud, commanding, voice. Without a second thought, his father went down on his knees before the child and reinstated the shoe. They then continued shopping – but how many others would have brought the man to his knees by a one-word order? Possibly nobody and he would have rightly objected to such a show of power.

The toddler showed the force of love which generates unselfish service. His father wasn't demeaning himself in publicly kneeling before his son and other customers didn't see him as humiliated: they laughingly saw and understood the effect of a small child's single word and accompanying gesture. They also witnessed the toddler's absolute trust that

his father would understand and respond to his need, despite his limited vocabulary and inability to explain his difficulties in any other way. He was extraordinarily effective – but that was because of the love of the one and the vulnerability of the other.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus describes leadership and service, he draws a child to himself and presents the child as an example for us to follow. The toddler in the supermarket will, hopefully, one day be an adult and will not consciously remember his father's example and their shared, beautiful, lesson that morning: love serves. Love trusts. Love grows. Love is not demeaning. Love is unselfish. Love brings us closer to God who is love.

Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

As we look at [Mary], in glory, we understand that the true power is service – let us not forget this: the true power is service – and to reign means to love. And that this is the road to Heaven.

Pope Francis

To serve and not to be served

By Camilla Harrison

Mother Teresa was asked, "How do we bring about world peace?" She replied, "Go home and love your family". She also taught that love cannot remain by itself. It must be put into the action of service.

She served "the poorest of the poor", those who had been abandoned by family and society. On being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she refused to take part in the banquet,

uncomfortable to feast while others starved. She donated her prize money to India's poor people.

Mother Teresa followed closely the teachings of Jesus who came to serve and not to be served, washing his disciples' feet to show this love. She understood that a lack of family love, and the missing service of parents, can cause chasms of need in society. She said that the worst human disease is to be unloved. If love and service begin in the family, they can ripple outwards into the wider world.

Camilla Harrison was the head of an RE department at a comprehensive school for twenty years and the writer of two of the Family Walks series of books.

Lord God, it's not easy to be in a position of service and yet that is the sort of leadership that you taught us. Help me to strike the balance.  Amen.


Feast of the week
Thursday 26 September
Pope St Paul VI
(1897-1978)

One morning in 2006, as I travelled to work at Vatican Radio, a lady sat beside me and seeing that I am a Sister, proceeded to give me – in Italian – her entire medical history. Unexpectedly, I realised that she had begun a unique and unforgettable testimony.

One day, as she walked through the famous Piazza Venezia, she unexpectedly started to haemorrhage. A priest saw her and stayed with her until the ambulance arrived. Later, he rang the hospital ward to ask after her wellbeing and to enquire whether she needed anything that he could get or do for her. They managed to hold a brief conversation.

To the lady's amazement, a few days later, that priest was declared Pope Paul VI! He had been on his way to the Conclave when he stopped to help her.

Sr Janet Fearn FMDM



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Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



- Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.
- Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



1 Read

The Gospel for Sunday 22nd September 2024

THE SECOND PROPHECY OF THE PASSION

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Taken from Mark 9:30-37 The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



2 Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

Mark gives us three formal prophecies of the Passion, of which this is the second. He uses the triple number frequently to stress the importance and sureness of an event. So Peter denies Jesus three times, and Pilate three times asserts Jesus' innocence. Jesus is shown to be fully aware of the fate that awaits him: he goes into it with his eyes open, and accepts his Father's will; he is, moreover, aware that his Father will not desert him, but will vindicate him by the Resurrection. Again the disciples fail to understand the message: while Jesus had been giving them the message of triumph only through suffering and humiliation, they had been thinking about who would be the greatest. So Jesus sets before them a child as the model. In what way is a child a model? Like adults, children can be selfish and they can be devious and scheming from an early age. However, children are probably more aware than adults that they cannot totally control a situation and trustingly accept that they are dependent on others. The final words that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel suggests that it is this quality of dependence that Jesus proposes: like little children we should be dependent on the will of the Father.

Why does Jesus put forward a child as a role model for us?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB



3 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.



4 Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is SERVING !

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 22nd September 2024



1st Reading: The Book of Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

1 The Good Man Taunted

The godless say to themselves, "Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true; let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it."

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This is one of the few readings we hear on Sundays taken from the Book of Wisdom. This book was written probably at Alexandria, and was written in Greek, so is not included in the Protestant canon of scripture, which includes only the books written in Hebrew. A major theme of the book is the contrast between divine Wisdom and folly. It also includes a wonderful poem to God's Wisdom, by which he created the world, 'the reflection of the eternal light, and the image of his goodness'. In today's reading we are presented with the taunts which those who refuse divine Wisdom make against those who embrace Wisdom. It is remarkable that in Matthew's gospel the taunts of the chief priests, scribes and elders against Jesus as he hangs on the cross use these very same words. This use of scripture is typical of Matthew's irony, and shows just how wrong those taunting Jesus were. The reading, therefore, both prepares us for the prophecy of the passion in the first part of today's gospel reading, and contrasts the boasts of the godless with the wisdom of simplicity represented by the child in the second part of the gospel. **What do we mean when we describe someone as "virtuous"?**

2 True prayer submits in obedience to the Father.

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3

2 Peace and Prayer

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly; you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The reading from the Letter of James begins by contrasting quarrelling and ambition, and their evil effects, with the true wisdom which brings peace. Then it goes on to some stern words about prayer which is not answered, 'because you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires'. Is it wrong, then, to ask God for what we want? What about 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find'? The problem of unanswered prayers of petition is a difficult one. We do not really believe that we can change God's mind and intentions by praying. Nevertheless, we express to God our needs and desires, although we are well aware that he knows them already. This is what a child does to a loving father, 'Please, please!' We even link arms with our mother, Mary, or even our brother and Saviour, Jesus, to increase the persuasive power. But every prayer of petition, just as a child's prayer to a loving father, contains the hidden text that the Father knows best. The child or the praying Christian can want something desperately, but, for true prayer, the child or Christian submits in obedience to the Father; only in this way is our prayer an expression of trust and affection. **What is the point of petitionary prayer (prayers of request)?**

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

SYCAMORE

SYCAMORE – ‘YEAR OF PRAYER’ PATHWAY WEEKLY COURSE FROM AUTUMN 2024!

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/year-of-prayer/>

WEEK 3 (23rd September 2024) HOW TO PRAY

Prayer is an incredible adventure. It's also a big challenge. Sometimes it's hard to make the time, or we don't know how to start, or it doesn't seem to be working. This Sycamore film helps you appreciate the wonder of prayer and how it can help you in your daily life. It gives you four basic ways of praying that you can try at home, and suggests some prayers and devotions that Christians throughout the ages have found helpful.

- The amazing adventure of prayer.
- Four basic ways of praying.
- Prayers and devotions to help you through the day.



Film 19, How to Pray: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-19-how-to-pray>

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.' (OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).