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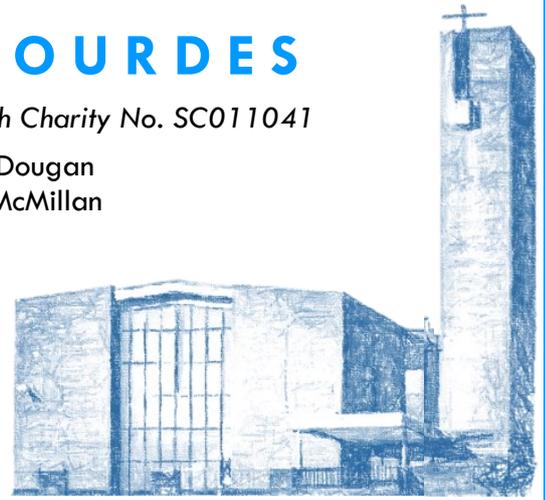
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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B 26 September 2021

Mass Times

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9am
11am
Tues—Sat 10am

This Week's Readings 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29
If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets
Psalm 18
The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart
James 5:1-6
The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48
Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

- **Friday** from 9.30am until 9.50am
- **Saturday** between 9.30am and 9.50am
- **Saturday** between 4.30pm until 4.50pm

This will be in what used to be the cry chapel

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

The church will be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm or until after the Evening Mass or Service.

**Sanitise hands
on entry to and exit from
Church**



**Wear a face covering
(ideally a mask)**



ENTERING THE CHURCH

ALL VISITORS to our parish can sign their name and provide a contact telephone number, or alternatively, sign in using the QR bar code which is clearly visible on the entrance doors, although this is not compulsory.

Please also note that all regular Mass goers from our parish **DO NOT** have to sign in, but can still use the QR bar code if they wish.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

On Fridays in the church at 1.30pm and concludes with the Chaplet at 3.00pm. All are welcome to gather for these prayers.

THE MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP & PRO LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Meetings on Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass with Rosary in the church and Mothers' Prayers afterwards in the Oratory. All welcome.

ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 26

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Reflection on the Readings

This section of Mark is devoted to Jesus teaching his disciples; and they're not quick to understand! John boasts of stopping a man from casting out devil's in Jesus' name. The expected praise turns out to be a rebuke: Jesus insists that anyone who is not against him is for him. There is a stern warning for anyone who puts an obstacle in the way of one of Jesus' little ones, a warning that is graphically emphasized.

Feast of St Vincent de Paul - Monday

Priest, 1580-1660, committed to the care of the disadvantaged and oppressed, founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service.

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Wednesday

Archangels: Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation, Raphael was the guide to Tobias, Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular.

St Jerome - Thursday

347-420. He was secretary to Pope Damasus I and was tasked with translating the Bible into Latin, a translation known as 'The Vulgate'. He moved to Bethlehem and wrote commentaries on the Scriptures.

St Therese of Lisieux - Friday

Born in France in 1873, Therese entered the Lisieux Carmelite Monastery as a young girl. Her 'Little Way' means taking God at his word and letting his love wash away our sins and imperfections. She died in 1897.

The Guardian Angels - Saturday

This feast celebrates the belief that God assigns an angel to each of us to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual.

Next Week's Readings **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 2:18-24

A man and his wife become one body

Psalms 127

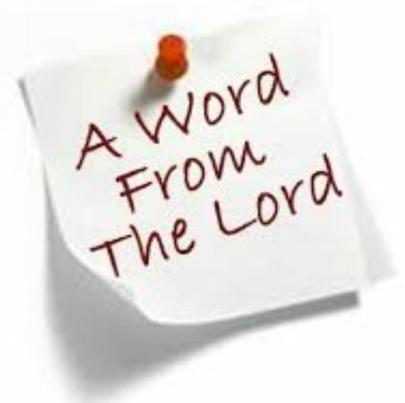
May the Lord bless us all the days of our life

Hebrews 2:9-11

The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified

Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no children's liturgy this Sunday or on 10th and 17th October.

Fr Charles

I can confirm that Fr Charles will join us for a Mass on Friday 8th October at 7pm, followed by a reception in the hall.

Pro-Life Prayer Group

This takes place on Wed 29th Sept at 7pm in the oratory. All welcome.

Thank You

Brenda and the rest of the Tamburrini family have asked to express their thanks to the parish and wider community for the prayers and support following the death of Robert, particularly to those who attended the funeral Mass. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Foodbank

Our next collection for the Foodbank is the weekend of 2nd/3rd October. A box marked 'Foodbank' will be at the back of the Church at the Vigil and two Sunday Masses for any donations. Alternatively, any offering can be posted through the Parish House in an envelope marked 'Foodbank. As ever, thank you so much for your ongoing kindness towards those most in need in our local communities.

SSVP FACEBOOK

The Parish Society of St Vincent De Paul has set up a new Facebook Page. This will hopefully make it easier for people to contact them when they need help. The page can be found by searching for @OLOLSSVP on Facebook.

BOOK CLUB

The book club is a little low on numbers, so a further attempt to restart it will happen in the spring.

RCIA

Our new RCIA team has now been established, and the new programme will begin towards the end of September. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the faith then please speak to Fr Dougan and he will introduce you to the new RCIA team.

Preparing for the Synod of Bishops

"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Pope Francis invites us all to take part in the Synod which will reflect on these themes. Every parish is asked to come together in prayer, listening and discernment to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. In communion with each other, we experience that "we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God" (1 Corinthians 3.23). Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm. Make a note of this in your diary and take part in this important diocesan event. Please let your Parish Priest know



Please remember in your prayers



Those who are sick

Heather Neilson

Those who have died recently

Robert Tamburrini, Jim Curran (funeral Fri 10am), Sandra Tulloch, John Balkeen

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of

Peter Gallacher, Kevin Cleary, Catherine Boyle, Alex Law, Marcello Chicarella, George and Betty McNally, Joe Gallacher, Joseph, Thomas and Helen Gallacher, Molly Moscardini

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Autism-friendly Mass

This was something I celebrated before the pandemic, once a month on a Sunday afternoon, and I am considering restarting it. This would be a short and quiet Mass with no lights, no microphone, no singing and minimal movement. While I know that no 2 people experience autism in the same way, I do know that for many it helps to reduce the amount of external stimulation and that would be my aim.

*This is **not** about discouraging people from attending the ordinary Sunday Mass. Instead it would be to offer an alternative that you might want to consider.*

The 1st will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm.

1st Communions

The dates for these will be:

7th May 2022 - St Louise Primary

14th May 2022 - Our Lady of Lourdes Primary

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Sunday Offertory 12th September 2021

£1396.06+ GiftAid/Standing Orders £800.00

Stall £28.90
Votive Candles £90.06

**THANK
YOU**

A Few Things

- The Friendship Club has resumed on Thursdays at 1.30pm in the lounge
- There will be tea and biscuits in the hall lounge after the 10am Mass on Wednesday
- The mother and toddler group will meet on Thursdays between 10.30 and 12noon.

