

Prayer Intentions for the Sick

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Prayer Intentions for the Dead

Recently Deceased: Gwen Wade, Stephen Makin, Fr Joe O'Connor.

Anniversaries: Mark Adam Abbott, Agnes Holt, Jack Tomkinson.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“Those who are called to the banquet of the Lord are called to glow with the light that they receive.”
St. John Capistrano

“When people love and recite the Rosary they will find it makes them feel better.”
St Anthony Mary Claret



“When I grip the rosary I imagine I am holding a loving hand—the hand of our Mother. When I go through the five decades I ask her to come with me through the five continents of the world and in my heart I show her where is troubled and where the poor ones are. I know she stays with me while we pray.”
St Teresa of Calcutta



Last Week's collection was £1080.86 Thank you

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The monthly figure for Standing Orders:£1366.00



This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for peace in Israel and Gaza.



This week, Our Lady's Lamp burns for a Special Intention.




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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 22nd October	Holy Masses 9am & 11am
Monday 23rd October	Holy Mass 12noon
Tuesday 24th October	Holy Mass 12 noon
Wednesday 25th October	Holy Mass 12 noon
Thursday 26th October Ss Chad and Cedd	Holy Mass 12 noon
Friday 27th October	Requiem Gwen Wade 12 noon
Saturday 28th October Ss Simon and Jude	 Exposition 11.30am-1pm Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

Saturday Vigil Mass

The recent poll on the time for the Vigil Mass gave a clear indication that 5pm was the more popular time. Next weekend, the clocks go back so this seems an appropriate opportunity to change the time. From next week: Saturday 28th October the Vigil Mass will be at 5pm.

Security

Please be careful about your own security in church. Over the last couple of weeks there have been a number of incidents where people have been pick-pocketed or had their bag stolen. These incidents have been reported to the police—along with CCTV footage. If you see any suspicious behaviour please let me know.

Diocesan Synod

You will remember that some months ago I asked for volunteers to attend the Salford Diocesan Synod. Vin Allerton and Eddie Welch responded and they have attended the training and will be the OLOG parish representatives at the Synod. Today, they will speak about the start of the synod process.

Cafod

The total amount given in the Fast Day envelopes so far is £903.40—we will be collecting Fast day envelopes again this weekend—just put them into the offertory collection. There are spare envelopes available at the back of church. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they most need it. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be on Sunday 29th October at the 11am Mass. If you would like to see more regular children's liturgy at both the 9am and 11am Masses please let me know as a team are going to meet about this soon.

Young Christians Group

A meeting with the YCW Rep and any young people who may be interested will take place on **Thursday Nov 2nd at 7.30pm** in the Lourdes Room at Saint Bernadette's. If you are 16 or above and would like to be involved in this new venture please let me know.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will meet in the Cottage on Monday 23rd Oct from 7-8pm.

Local Appeal

Fr Philip will give details of a collection to be held next weekend for a sick parishioner who needs help.

Let me see ...

How do we hear what the Word of God is saying to us? How do we listen to what the Holy Spirit wants to communicate to the Church?

Maybe it would be helpful for me to share with you what I try to do each week, before speaking on a Sunday? Detail for you how I get from A to B? Well, I start on a Monday by slowly reading and sitting with the word that's been given: not just the readings—although they are the starting point—but with life ... what's happening in me, in our parish, and in the world. I try to listen, in the quiet; to the readings, to myself, to you, to life and then I wait.

In the quiet, this week, the word took me to the kitchen of my family home. I was small, a child—sat on the stainless-steel sink. I could feel the cold metal on the back of my legs—and I could hear my Mum's voice: "Let me see ..." How many times was I lifted up on to that sink, having fallen when playing outside? How many times did I hear her voice compassionate and capable? It was Jesus' words to the malicious men in the Gospel that triggered this in me: "Let me see," he says, "the money you pay tax with."

Like my Mum, who wanted to see the mess I'd made of my knees, Jesus wanted to see the worldly mess these men had made—and to draw out, the image and likeness of God in it. "Whose head is this? Whose name?" The Church has been called Mater et Magistra—mother and teacher—titles that describe her as the capable custodian of a compassionate Word that brings healing and truth: A word that can trace the image of God amidst the mess of daily life. I could hear that word spoken by Jesus as I thought about my life, our parish and the world: The mess of Israel and Gaza, the struggles we all have to find the truth, the unrest that's in each of us.

The Word is asking us to see. Asking us to wait and discern the image and likeness of God—the head and name of the Lord which is written in the depths of creation and in our souls. To see the mess and hear the word is to begin to realise what belongs to Caesar and what we owe to God.

This seeing and hearing is what a Synod is all about. It's why the Holy Father and our Bishop have called one. That we each might start to listen and wait for the truth to be triggered in us. To realise that whatever of the mess, the Good news is among us—not just as words but as power and as the conviction that the Holy Spirit gives, to trace with confidence the image and likeness of God that is present in each person and in the events of life. Perhaps the first synodal step is to hear that motherly voice of God open up the truth in us, by simply asking: "Let me see ..."