

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Trudy Eastwood, Caroline Williams, Christine Rogers, Craig Millward, David Noble, Patrick Hullinson, Barbara Murphy, Florence Ward, Peggy Sugrue, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Greene, Bernadette Greene, Brenda Neiles, Eileen Butt, Johnny Falloon, Carol Doherty, Christine Rogers.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Chris Burke, Patrick Monagle, John Clarke, Siobhan Moore
Anniversaries: Anthony Dodson, Clare Dodson, Michael O'Brien, Bridget Murphy
CHRIS BURKE'S REQUIEM WILL BE ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

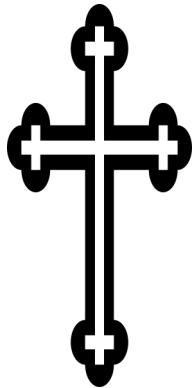
WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

St Padre Pio

"We must have a high regard for the promises we make to God and, even more, for carrying them out."

St Vincent de Paul



The Triumph of the Cross

As they were looking on, so we too gaze. He bows his head as if to kiss you. His heart is made bare open, as it were, in love to you. His arms are extended that he might embrace you. So, his whole body is displayed for your redemption. Ponder, for a moment, how great these things are. Let all this be weighed up in your mind: as he was once fixed to the cross in every part of his body—so may he be fixed now in every part of your soul." St Augustine



Last Week's collection was:
£1,069.86 Thank you

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The monthly figure for
Standing Orders: £1373.00



This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for the parish of Our Lady of Grace



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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday 22nd September

Holy Masses 9am & 11am

Monday 23rd September

Holy Mass 12 noon

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Tuesday 24th September

Holy Mass 12 noon

Our Lady of Walsingham

Wednesday 25th September

Holy Mass 12 noon

Thursday 26th September

Holy Mass 12 noon

Saints Cosmas and Damien
Martyrs

Friday 27th September

Holy Mass 12 noon

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday 28th September

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm
Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

Friday Quiz and Bingo Night

Please come along to the first of our parish social events: the Friday Quiz and Bingo Night on the 4th October, 7.30pm. Tickets are £2—which covers entry and the quiz. Bingo strips can be purchased on the night. Tickets available at the back of church after Mass and from the Presbytery.

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental programme will begin again shortly. If your child doesn't attend Our Lady of Grace School and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion here, please contact Fr Philip. The sessions will take place on a series of Sundays from 9.50-10.50am in the Hall. The first session will be on Sunday 22nd September.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or in knowing more about your faith please let Fr Philip or Mark know. We will be looking to start a weekly course on Wednesday evenings from October. The more the merrier!

Caritas Salford

Caroline Johnston, who attends our Vigil Mass, is running the Manchester Half-Marathon for Caritas—helping those who are less fortunate. You can donate to their JustGiving Page by clicking <https://www.justgiving.com/caritassalford> and searching “Caroline Johnston”. You can also make a donation in an envelope at the Presbytery.

Communion at Home

If you, or someone you know, is sick or housebound or is otherwise unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please speak to Fr Philip, Mark or call the house so that we can add you onto our Friday visit lists.

Opportunity for Young Adults at Palazzola, Rome

Palazzola, the summer residence of the Venerable English College students, welcomes a number of young adults each year to help serve meals and drinks to guests, in return for free board and lodging, a small salary, transport to and from the airport, and free time to enjoy the beautiful grounds and wider area. If you know of any young adults who may be interested in this opportunity, please ask them to email info@palazzola.net to find out more.

Who is the Greatest?

Jesus predicts that he will be killed and rise again, but the disciples do not understand. The depth of their misunderstanding is revealed in what they discuss as they walk along the road on their way to Capernaum. Their discussion being who is the greatest among them. Jesus must have been horrified! Have they learned nothing of his humble and gentle way? Have they not yet grasped that the path to greatness in the kingdom leads downwards toward suffering, self-renunciation, and service, rather than upward toward good reputations and worldly glory?

To teach them, Jesus centres attention on a little child, a person of the lowest social status in that society. He shows that it is the lost and the least who are counted as great in God's economy. Building up the kingdom means serving others or taking care of the people who need it most. So the child—who is vulnerable and needs protection, care and love - is Jesus' example of the kind of people we are all meant to help.

James writes to Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire, warning them against jealousy and selfish ambition. “Ask and it will be given to you,” promised Jesus (Mt. 7:7). But James tells his listeners, “you ask but do not receive.” Why? Because they ask God to assist them in their war against one another; they make requests out of ambitious desires rather than from peace, mercy and gentleness.

The tormentors in the Book of Wisdom look for proof of the just one's gentleness and patience. Gentleness, peace, patience and endurance are among the marks of a righteous person, just as they marked Jesus himself (Mt 11:29).

Let us, in this coming week, follow the example of Jesus in his kindness, his mercy and his gentleness. Let us seek those who are vulnerable and in need of protection to show them Christ's love and warmth thereby continuing to build the kingdom with and through His Bride, the Church.