

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

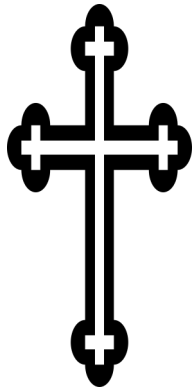
Recently Deceased: Chris Burke, Patrick Monagle, John Clarke, Siobhan Moore, Edmund Duffy, Angelina Ostafigezuk
Anniversaries: Mary Galvin, Winifred Gilbert, Fred Billington,

CHRIS BURKE'S REQUIEM WILL BE ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

- "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."
- "Begin now to be what you will be hereafter." St. Jerome

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
 St. Francis of Assisi



Holiness is Love

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."
 "Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."
 "We love Him when we want to love Him, and when we keep trying in spite of our failures."
 "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."
 St Therese of the Child Jesus

 Last Week's collection was: £968.06 Thank you

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The monthly figure for Standing Orders: £1373.00



This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for those living with dementia



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

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday 29th September	Holy Masses 9am & 11am
Monday 30th September Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor	Holy Mass 12 noon
Tuesday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus	Holy Mass 12 noon
Wednesday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	Holy Mass 12 noon
Thursday 3rd October	Holy Mass 12 noon
Friday 4th October Saint Francis of Assisi	Holy Mass 12 noon
Saturday 5th October Saturday memorial of the BVM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

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.

Tea and Coffee After Mass

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served in the hall after the 9am and 11am Masses every Sunday. Please do join us for a chat and a brew. It's a great way to get to know others and make new friends. You are all very welcome! **Also the Prayer Group will meet in the Cottage at 7pm on Monday 30th September. All are welcome.**

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!

CAFOD Family Fast Day—Harvest Appeal

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD funded training centre. By taking part in Family Fast Day this Friday, 4th October, and giving to CAFOD, you will fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so that more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. If you can, please use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter and put it in next weeks' offertory collection at Mass. Alternatively you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

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.

Young Christian Workers

YCW Impact Group welcomes young adults aged between 13-17 years old. They meet every Sunday after the 11am Mass in the Hall. If you are interested, please come along to discover what we do and how you can be an important part of this active and dynamic group.

Prophecy is an Openness to the Spirit

In the first reading, we hear how the Lord provided Moses with assistance by bestowing some of the spirit that was on him onto seventy elders. This assistance relieved Moses of some of the burden of leading the people. When Moses' faithful assistant Joshua sees two people prophesying who were not present at the official ceremony where God's spirit was bestowed, he demands that Moses stops them from prophesying. But Moses tells Joshua that he wishes all God's people would receive the Spirit and assume prophetic leadership.

The disciples of Jesus echo the concerns of Joshua. They see someone driving out demons in Jesus' name, and they try and stop him as he is not one of Jesus' disciples. But Jesus echoes Moses' reply. No-one should be prevented from invoking the power of Jesus' name to drive out demons wherever they may be.

The next part of Jesus' instruction turns to the seriousness of either causing a "little one" to sin or allowing persistent sin in one's life to cause an eternal stumble. He tells them to take anything in their lives that causes them to sin, no matter how precious that thing may be, and to get rid of it so that it cannot lead them away from God.

James' hearers, on the other hand, have ignored the instructions of Jesus. They have clung to their wealth, even though their gold has caused them to commit injustices: they have withheld wages and even committed murder. They should have cast aside their wealth lest it corrupt them and turn them away from God. Instead, James warns them that their condemnation is at hand.

Joshua is concerned that those who are prophesying are not officially 'installed' so to speak, according to the rules and customs of the community. But Moses knows that God often calls us in unconventional ways, and that it is important to be open to the Spirit that does not always follow our rules! There are such inspired prophets among us today who are not "ordained" in the way we might expect, but who still carry a message of hope. The question is, are we open to their message??