

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Ann Berry, Christine Rogers, David Noble, Patrick Hullinson, Florence Ward, Peggy Sugrue, Barbara Murphy, Della McKernan, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Greene, Bernadette Greene, Eileen Butt, Carol Doherty, Frank Colgan, Marian Whyte, Stephen King, William Lyons, Beth Anistead-Cargan, Sue Zimny, Tom Cutler, Rosemary Keyes, Anne Holland.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Joson Gamain, Robert Edmundson, Patrick Joseph McCormack, Rebecca Garner.

Anniversaries: Michael Deasy, Eilish Allen, Clarice and John Towey.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

"The world keeps turning but the Cross stands still."

St Bruno.

"It is as absurd to argue a person, as to torture them into believing."

St John Henry Newman



O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise.



Last Week's collection was:
£1070.75 Thank you

£££

The monthly figure for
Standing Orders: £1380.00



The Sacred Heart lamp
will for the sick.



This week, Our Lady's Lamp
will burn for the people of the
parish.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER — 5TH OCTOBER



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th October

Holy Masses 9am & 11am

Monday 6th October

St Bruno

Holy Mass 12 noon

Tuesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Holy Mass 12 noon

Wednesday 8th October

No Mass

Thursday 9th October

St John Henry Newman

Holy Mass 12 noon

Friday 10th October

Holy Mass 12 noon

Saturday 11th October

St John XXIII

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

Sanctuary Carpet

On Wednesday this week the church will be closed while the sanctuary and side chapels are re-carpeted. I hope that the job will be finished in time for Mass on Thursday. There will be no Mass on Wednesday 8th October.

Fairfax Road

Shortly, there will be a road closure between Heys Rd and Fairfax Rd just after Rectory Lane. A diversion will be in place. This is from Monday 13th October until July 2026 between 7am and 5pm Mon to Fri. **There will be weekend access to church.** You will be notified of any weekend closures.

SVP

There will be an appeal on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, perhaps better known as the “SVP”, for new members at all the Masses next weekend the 11th and 12th October 2025. This is not an appeal for money in this instance but an appeal to parishioners who may wish to join with us in our charitable work mainly within the parish of Our Lady of Grace. There will be a short presentation by Royston Colaco who will be available after all the Masses to answer any questions.

Baptism Meetings

For those who wish to have their child / children baptised here at Our Lady of Grace, we are going to change the format of arranging Baptisms. Currently, there is a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month where the necessary forms are completed, information shared, and dates agreed. As of October this will change. The meetings will now be held in the Parish Hall between the 9am Mass and the 11am Mass on the **first Sunday of the month**. So, during coffee between 10am and 10:30am approximately. The first meeting will be on **Sunday 5th October**.

Premises Update

The statue of the Sacred Heart will return to the parish on Monday and be re-installed as soon as possible. At the same time, the statue of Our Lady will be taken for restoration—thanks to a kind donation. You will have noticed that the re-modelled ramp is complete and the side door installed. Over the next week the porch will be finished and got ready for use. The brass sanctuary lamps have been sent away to be straightened and polished.

October Rosary

If I said I was going to talk to you about the Rosary today would your heart sink? Just a little bit? - or maybe a lot if, like me, you remember kneeling for the family Rosary wondering when it would end. Well, what about if we just follow the instruction of the word of God today? What about that?!

What if we were to do as we're told today and follow the pattern of the sound words we've been given. To follow the pattern we could do a sort of word search of our readings, circling certain phrases: *ring out your joy*, *share in suffering for the Gospel*, *fan into a flame the gift of God*, and finally, *glory to you Lord*. What do we have, then, in the little word pattern we've made? Sorrow, Joy, Light and Glory: the mysteries of our Lord's life. In fact, when we follow the pattern of the sound words that have been given us in faith we always end up with the Rosary: we end up realising that there is a pattern to the occasional events of our life - and that faith strings them together into a sequence centred on the cross but which holds the promise of joy, light and life: the promise of the Resurrection.

What we've done in miniature here, with the four short readings we have, is easy to do as a daily evening examination. To quickly arrange, before bed, the events of our day under the four headings of joy, sorrow, light and glory and to clearly see where God has been today - What else does the Rosary do? “Against the background of the words *Ave Maria* the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul. They take shape in the complete series of the joyful, sorrowful, luminous and glorious mysteries, and they put us in living communion with Jesus through – we might say – the heart of his Mother.”

We often underestimate what a help it can be to take a few minutes each day and do a sort of Gospel word search on our lives - where is joy for me at the moment? What is causing me most sorrow just now? Who or what helps to give light and understanding to my everyday, and what has been a real glory this month? Immediately, things seem more objective and manageable and we have more peace - and this is never more so than when we realise that all the light, sorrow, joy and glory of our life is contained in the mysterious chain of events that is Christ's life - in this process we realise just how close we are to Jesus every day.

When Paul tells Timothy to “Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us” - one way we can do this - a way which has been a great strength and comfort for generations - especially in this month - is by praying the Rosary. There is nothing unusual or eccentric there but the simple coming together of two lives - ours and God's under the watchful, loving gaze of Mary.