

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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Our Lady of
The Rosary



October

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Let us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory'
Scarcely has Jesus, for the third time, predicted the destiny that awaits him in Jerusalem, than the disciple's ambition gets the better of them. After Peter's confession at Caesarea and the dispute along the road as to which of them was the greatest, it is easy to imagine the ambition of the sons of Zebedee to secure for themselves two good places in the Messianic kingdom approaching at the end of time. In the race for favoured positions, they know what they want, and so do the other disciples, in spite of their virtuous indignation. But no, they do not know, and Jesus reveals it to them. It is about another ministry that he speaks, correcting in passing their popular conception of merit, according to which man acquires rights over God. The true disciple can aspire to only one thing: to share the passion of his master. As for the reward, it eludes every possible claim. God is free to do what he likes with his gifts. The Christian likewise will have his share in the condition of servant which was that of Jesus: that is to say, he will participate in the life and the death of Jesus 'for others.' For true Christian greatness consists in serving, and not in playing the master. Such are the bases of government of a Church which is built up by the work of ministry. Ministry after the example of the Son of God who, like a slave, washes the feet of his disciples.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Intentions of the Griffin Family

No Confessions this Morning

5.00pm – Rose & Tony D'Silva - Anniversary

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Intentions of Faustina Smiley

9.30am – Philomena Gomes - RIP

11.00am – Esther, Georgina & Joseph Wilson - Int

5.00pm – John Carey - RIP

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Repose of the Holy Souls

No Adoration this morning

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Intentions of Nancy Brady

Wed - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Nicholas Grieves - RIP

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Diane & Nadine Bunker - Anniv

Adoration until 11.00am

Fri 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Calderon & Morales Families - Thanks

Followed by Novena to O.L. of Perpetual Help

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Peggy Power - Anniversary

No Confessions today

5.00pm – Veronica Crawley – For well being

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Emelia & Edward Tokarscy - RIP

9.30am – Pantaleone Amato - Anniversary

11.00am – Intentions of Parishioners

5.00pm – Gloria Conway – Birthday Int.

THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Saturday 19th October – from

after 9.30am Mass until 11.00a

Saturday 26th October – from

after morning Mass until 11.00a

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

October 2024 – For a shared mission

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING

'Calling People of Goodwill'

The Bible and the Common Good

The common good is central to the Christian imagination – in the words of St John Chrysostom, 'it's the highest point' – because God calls people to live in relationship with him and each other peacefully. **Groups meet in Parish Hall now.**

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday 1st November 2024

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Mass 12.30pm – Mass

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Mass with Singing

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday 2nd November 2024

Masses – 10.30am, 12.30pm & 5.00pm (with singing)

The 5.00pm Mass will be followed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during which the names of your loved ones will be called out in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Hand your names in as you come into church

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we pray for the repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and especially our own loved ones. We will offer 3 Masses on All Souls Day and 4 Masses each week of November for the repose of the Holy Souls. If you would like names of your loved ones to be offered in the intentions of those Masses please write a list and put it in one of the special envelopes together with your offering for the Masses and return it before the beginning of November. The list will placed in front of the altar and be offered at every Mass during the month.

DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 16th November 2024

Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St George

London Road Enfield

9.30am start. Requiem Mass & Devotions.

RETRouvaille

You can help your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue – or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. No group therapy or group work. 1000's of couples have been helped with difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the next programme – residential weekend (8th – 10th November) call or text on 07887296983 or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

MARY'S MEALS

An appeal

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am.

Parish Shop – October Magnificat, Rosaries, Candles, Occasional Cards, all kinds of Statues, Crucifixes, Medals, all kinds of Devotional items – have a look!

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 8th November (7-9pm) at St Edmund's Church, Edmonton.. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

OCTOBER – MONTH OF ROSARY

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to say the Rosary every day if we are able. Do try, especially in this month of Our Lady of the Rosary, to say the Rosary for the intention of peace in our world and in particular in the middle. Do try and keep your Rosary beads on you – the great protection of Mary.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 10th November at 2.45pm

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

CHOSEN – Season Four

I know that many of you have enjoyed watching the films **CHOSEN** which are based on the life of Jesus. Some of you may not have seen Season Four yet, so we are going to show it in the parish hall on **Mondays 21st/28th October** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The **CCS** are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. Check out their Christmas Card brochure in porch.

Parish Shop – Open for Rosaries, Candles, Statues and Occasional Cards.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings
from 5.00 – 7.15pm
Saturday Mornings
from 7.00 – 8.30am
*During this Year of Prayer,
Try and give a little
more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 20th October 2024

Today is World Mission Sunday and we are invited by the Holy Father to support **MISSIO**, his charity for world mission, and to stand united in prayer, solidarity and action with God's global family. Please use the envelope for your donation and please do complete the Gift Aid section – important.

Prayers please:

Sick: Daphne Sullivan, Fergal Sherry, Mehil Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway.. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, , John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, , Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey

Recently Dead: Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Kathleen Tracey,, . Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Djomou Julienne, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebaggala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa. Philomena Gomes

Anniversaries: Dennis Swanton, Stephanie Molloy, Eileen Swanton, Agnes Fernando, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 1st September at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Following the Year of the Council we now enter the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. It is a weekly resource of prayer and meditation based on Pope Francis' recent catechesis on prayer. It is compiled in 52 parts providing a reflection for each week of the year. You will find them on the table in the porch each week.

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

SUNDAY PLUS

Life's mission

A service industry

Not surprisingly, there is trouble in today's Gospel when the other ten disciples hear how the two ambitious brothers have tried to set up a junta. So, to avoid more conflict, Jesus reflects on his own image of religious authority. The model for religious authority must not be the pagan rulers: they lord it over others and make their authority felt. Jesus' command to his followers is unambiguous: "This is not to happen among you."

Jesus' image of authority is the one who is servant of all. If there is primacy in his community, it is a primacy of service. We all know

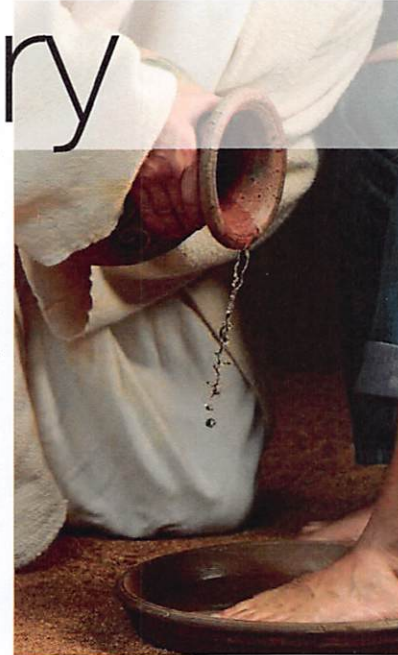
By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

people whose image of service is indistinguishable from fascism, whose insecurity makes them lord it over others, to make sure that their authority is keenly felt. As someone who fled when people wanted him as their king, Jesus is suspicious of people who need to arrange their own enthronement.

Jesus does himself what he asks others to do: to serve, not to be served; to give love freely, not to exact everyone's worship; to reach out to those in need, not to wait for adoring approval.

Christian discipleship is a service industry in which there should be no unemployment. There is work for everyone. And as we become more aware of the giftedness of all God's people, we see many new ministries arising in the Church. This should continue, until all Christians feel that their service is not only called for but is also wanted in the Church. When that happens, we shall be a serving people.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.



I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities... Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!

Pope Francis

A life of service

By Natalie Claveria

As we hear today, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve", but what does a life of service mean? Many of us will remember this saying repeated throughout the memorial services dedicated to our late Queen Elizabeth II. However, it also conjures up images of military service, or those that work within the NHS. We can't ignore the role of mothers, and fathers too, who daily selflessly dedicate themselves

to the care and attention of their children. But it also has a broader meaning, in the sense of acknowledging those who make a real difference in our lives. A "life of service" might include caring for a loved one, praying for someone who's suffering, being a role model, engaging our youth in their faith. As Catholics, we are called to lead a "life of service" dedicating ourselves to serving the Son of Man and those around us.

In addition to being a busy mum and active in her parish, Natalie Claveria is also the Head of Sales, Distribution & Customer Experience for Redemptorist Publications.

Feast of the week

Friday 25 October

Ss Crispin and Crispinian

(d. AD 286)

Ss Crispin and Crispinian could well be described as the patron saints of the BBC television series *The Repair Shop* as they have special care for cobblers, glove makers, lace makers, lace workers, leather workers, saddle makers, saddlers, shoemakers, tanners and weavers. In fact, they are artistically shown as carrying a pair of shoes. To continue *The Repair Shop* association, after their deaths, the local bishop,

St Eligius, made a shrine for Crispinian's retrieved head. The bishop just happened to also be a goldsmith.

Although martyred in AD 286 in Soissons (modern France), very little seems to be known about the twin brothers, who preached Christianity by day and repaired shoes by night.

England's special association with Ss Crispin and Crispinian dates from the Battle of Agincourt on 25 October 1415 and the country's defeat of the French army. King Henry V apparently used Crispin and Crispinian to rally his troops, declaring that honour was more precious than gold.

Sweet Jesus, be with all missionaries everywhere, both at home and abroad and make us all messengers of your love. 🙏 Amen.

Today:
Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

Monday:
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday:
Ephesians 2:12-22
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday:
Ephesians 3:2-12
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday:
Ephesians 3:14-21
Luke 12:49-53

Friday:
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday:
Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

1

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 20th October 2024

A LIFE OF SERVICE

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. "Master," they said to him, "we want you to do us a favour." He said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory." "You do not know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" They replied, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted." When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Taken from Mark 10:35-45 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Shorter version)

3

Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

2

Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus formally tells his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it. So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need for a disciple to follow him in suffering. Today's reading begins just after the third prophecy, and – true to form – the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew in his gospel spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother's mouth; only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus' 'cup' and 'baptism'. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree and answer 'Yes' to Jesus' question about sharing the same 'cup' as their 'Master'? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to deliver his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church should be regarded as service. His clearest statement in action about service is the smelly business of washing the travel-gnarled feet of his disciples at his last meal with them. **How does Jesus envisage leadership in the Church? How may we all live better lives of service?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4

Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is **GREATNESS**!

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS †

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 20th October 2024**



1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

The Suffering Servant of the Lord

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.



The whole of this Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant is read at the liturgy of Good Friday. Today we have only a part, but enough to show that the Servant's suffering somehow fulfils God's purposes: it brings glory to the Servant and salvation to others. We do not know who the servant originally envisaged by the author was: perhaps the prophet himself or perhaps the people of Israel suffering in exile in Babylon. But in Christ we can see a further meaning in this reading. We know from Jesus' own sayings that he saw himself as the complete fulfilment of these poems: 'The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many'. He saw his life as one of service and of perfect obedience to the Lord, his Father. He saw his task to be the establishment of the Kingship of God on earth, which would bring salvation to all, and that opposition to this Kingship would bring him suffering and eventually death. This selfless obedience of Jesus would undo the stubborn disobedience of all humanity, symbolised by the sin of Adam. It would bring to completion the Lord's designs for the world and for all creation.

Whom did the prophet mean by the Suffering Servant? How does this Servant "fulfil" God's purposes?



2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

The Supreme High Priest

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.



The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts the supreme High Priest with the transient high priests of Judaism. In order to bring humanity to perfection, Jesus had to share completely in our humanity. He was 'tempted in every way that we are': temptations to anger, to intolerance, to regard others as inferior. He was 'capable of feeling our weaknesses': fear, frustration, laziness, boredom. In the gospels a few of these 'weaknesses' are mentioned: his exhaustion at the well in Samaria, his grief at the death of his friend Lazarus. But, as he had a very human personality, he must have suffered the fears and incomprehension of childhood, the frustrations of adolescence, as well as the more complex troubles and sorrows of adulthood, not to mention temptations arising from the unremitting opposition of those who rejected him – all under the overarching passion for his Father and his Kingship. All this would have enriched his personality still further, until he offered the whole of his humanity in obedience to his Father's designs. Just as martyrdom is the crown of a life of Christian fidelity, so Jesus' final sacrifice was the crown of a life of love, obedience and generosity.

What does it mean to say that Jesus feels our "weaknesses" with us?

In order to bring humanity to perfection, Jesus had to share completely in our humanity.

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

Wednesday
16th October

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served - I came to serve, and to give my life for other people."



From the Gospel of Sunday 20th October 2024 Cf. Mark 10:35-45 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **GREATNESS**.



To colour the picture for this Sunday's Gospel, please see the back page.

2 Wednesday's Word **GREATNESS**

"Doing little things with a strong desire to please
God makes them great." St Francis de Sales

What did Jesus say he had come to do? It's natural to want to be great. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God wants us to live, to become the best that we can be. Ask your child what the word 'greatness' means to them. Who does your child know at home, at school or in the community who shows true greatness by putting others' needs first? It may help your child if you tell them about someone you know to be 'great'.

God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others Jesus shows us the way to true greatness. Each of you share one thing about other family members which you think makes them great. Then choose a way in which you can be 'great' for each other this week. Perhaps you can: look for new ways to serve someone at home or at school; offer help at mealtimes, preparing the food and clearing up afterwards; avoid being bossy; resist pushing in and let others go first instead; give your time or money where needed.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for all the great people in our world. Please help us to grow in greatness through putting others first. Amen.

WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JAMES
- JOHN
- JESUS SAID
- TRULY GREAT
- SERVE OTHERS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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Cross out the letters
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in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

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"Whoever _____ to be truly _____ must follow my _____ and be like a _____ to others."

This week we celebrate the Feast of St Teresa of Avila - a real example of what it means to be truly great! Find out more in the Children's Section at wednesdayword.org

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

Phone Number: 020 88042396

E-mail: office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

'A. Classroom religious education is outstanding

- *The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's.*
- *The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.*
- *After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.*
- *Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.*
- *Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.*
- *The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.*
- *The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.*

B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding

- *The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.*
- *The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.*
- *The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.*
- *Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.*
- *Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.*
- *The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'*

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