



The Roman Catholic Parish of

SAINT MARY AND SAINT PHILIP NERI

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2018

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 17th September

Saint Robert Bellarmine

10.00 Word & Communion followed by
SVP Meeting

TUESDAY 18th September

Weekday

NO Coffee Morning

11.00 Funeral MASS of Lawrence
Gaffney

WEDNESDAY 19th September

Saint Theodore of Canterbury

10.00 MASS

19.30 UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 20th September

*Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-
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11.00 Pensioners Club

18.30 MASS

FRIDAY 21st September

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

09:30 Funeral MASS of Patricia Brown
(tbc)

SATURDAY 22nd September

Weekday

12.30 Baptisms

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 23rd September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

THE WORD THIS WEEK



As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into

the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

COMING UP ...

To help with raising the total for our Building Fund repayments this year, we have a couple of Parish Social events coming up – in mid October there will be a Concert given by Radcliffe Brass Band and Saint Mary's School Choir (tickets will be available soon); then in November we are holding a new type of event - "A Taste of the Philippines", an evening meal for parishioners hosted by some of our Filipino members. Watch this space, and look forward to these Parish social nights!

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

From the donations made for Home Mission Sunday in 2017 the Bishops Conference were able to provide training and support to diocesan evangelisation. In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the

retiring collection will have the opportunity to support it financially. The money you give to this collection is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

JIGSAW SALE

Graham Hadfield is organising another jigsaw sale to take place on the weekend of 30th September. If you can donate any jigsaws (with all their pieces!), please bring them to church marked "G Hadfield." Thank you!

MARIAN PROCESSION

Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith, which has become an annual tradition! Bishop John will lead the walk, which starts from St Edward's Church, 13 Thurloe Street, Manchester, M14 5SG on Saturday 6th October 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Last week's collection raised £171.04 for the Catholic Education Service: many thanks for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS

The temptation when we see that word can so often be "That means someone else!" But if we all left volunteering to "someone else", nothing would ever get done! We have been very blessed here at Saint Mary's with many very generous souls over the years, who have freely given of their time and skills. But as time moves on, people quite rightly decide it is time for a rest, and retire from their roles. This leaves gaps that need to be filled! At the moment, we particularly need volunteers to help with the **Thursday**

Pensioners Club, refreshments after Saturday night/Sunday Masses, and **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. If you are interested, or have questions and would like to help out, please have a word with Fr James (before Mass please!) or with the Parish Office.

POETRY COMPETITION

To accompany the Northern Scripture Festival at Salford Cathedral on 6th October, a poetry competition is being run. Members of every parish in the North-West, who are over 16, are invited to submit a poem of no more than 20 lines on the theme of "Joy: the surprise of the Gospel." The poem can be in any style, must be in English, must not have been published previously and can't be a translation of another author's work. Entry forms and more details are on our website – www.scripturefestival.org

KERALA: AN SVP APPEAL

Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to

SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thanks to all who attended the planning meeting and for their input and ideas. There will be more on the fair (which takes place on Saturday 24th November) in the coming weeks. You will see a "sign up" list on the table in the Atrium – if you can help out in any way, please add your name as soon as possible.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Flowers in Church this week are in memory of **Lucy Severs**. Please remember this intention in your prayers.

LOOP SYSTEM

At the moment the loop system in Church is not working: engineers are booked in to look at it but they cannot get here for a few weeks. Please bear with us at this time.

400 CLUB

The next draw takes place at 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 6th October. New members booklets for 2019-2020 are being produced and will be available soon. We have around 30 members who haven't paid for over 6 months. If you no longer wish to be a member please let us know. The new booklets for these won't be produced, and towards the end of the year these numbers will be made available for others to join.

IN YOUR PRAYERS HOPE IN THE FUTURE

We pray for the parishes of Saint Joseph's, Shaw, with Father Scanlan, and Saint Joseph's, Reddish, with Father Caldwell, and for their schools.

May our faith be manifest in our good works.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS: We pray especially for: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; the Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Prisoners and their Families; Young People.

LATELY DEAD: Lawrence Gaffney, Patricia Brown.

OUR SICK: Angela Gaughran, Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer, Anna Morrow, Rose Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Tony Riley, Michael Tonge, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty, Joan Wardle, Joseph Roantree, Joseph Scully, Tia Tagget.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Michael Fletcher, Craig Anthony Vickers, John Eaton, Thomas Hickman, Mary Stockham, Father Paul Dootson, John F. Proctor, Bill Ruscoe, Eleanor Coote, Nora Walsh, William Cullen, William Wilcock, George Puchalski, Henry Edward Payne, Charles Sheldon Fentem, Kate Finn, Alan Stockham, Marjorie Hill, Ivy Frances Rothwell, Alfred Johnson, May Anderson, Eric Threlkeld, Ernest Anthony Dale, Daniel Riding, Joseph Lynn, Thomas Maginn, Karen

Jones, Kathleen Moore, Mary Elizabeth Hobbs, John Greenhalgh, Anne McCormick, Albert Dale, Mary Carter, Ian Paul Johnson, Harry Wolstenholme, Franklin Warwick, Kenneth Christian, John Rowland Christian, William Arthur Linacre, Donald Timmins McManus, Eric Grant, Mabel Nan Eunice McBride, Bernard Waite, Margaret Condron.

POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Father has written another letter called "Gaudete et Exsultate – on the call to holiness in the modern world." We will be publishing extracts from it over the next few months.

17. At times, life presents great challenges. Through them, the Lord calls us anew to a conversion that can make his grace more evident in our lives, "in order that we may share his holiness" (Heb 12:10). At other times, we need only find a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing: "There are inspirations that tend solely to perfect in an extraordinary way the ordinary things we do in life". When Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn van Thuân was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose "to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love". He decided: "I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way".

18. In this way, led by God's grace, we shape by many small gestures the holiness God has willed for us, not as men and women sufficient unto ourselves but rather "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet 4:10). The New Zealand bishops

rightly teach us that we are capable of loving with the Lord's unconditional love, because the risen Lord shares his powerful life with our fragile lives: "His love set no limits and, once given, was never taken back. It was unconditional and remained faithful. To love like that is not easy because we are often so weak. But just to try to love as Christ loved us shows that Christ shares his own risen life with us. In this way, our lives demonstrate his power at work – even in the midst of human weakness".

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S: INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At every Sunday Mass we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Primary School age (i.e. who have started in Reception): they start Mass with their families and friends, and then will be invited by the priest to go out with leaders into the Atrium, where they will listen to and reflect on the Bible readings before joining us again for the second half of Mass.

CHILDRENS' CHAPEL

Through the round window in Church you can see the Children's Chapel, a space specially designed for pre-school children, to allow them (and their families) to relax a little during Mass. The room is soundproof, so the odd bit of noise in there won't disturb anyone! When you take the children in, please help them to have an experience of being at church, using the books and toys provided, and following the Mass. Please ensure that children are not left unaccompanied in the Chapel, and please leave it tidy for the next Mass. To get into the Children's Chapel, go through the door in the corner of the Atrium.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS are by appointment: please collect one of the Information forms from the porch for details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's help, healing and comfort.

MARRIAGE is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet and return the tear off portion to arrange a pre-Nuptial interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months' notice is required (exceptions cannot be made to this.)

PRACTICAL NOTES

HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

WHEELCHAIR spaces are available on the left side of church, near the back, near the statue of Our Lady and at the top end

by the emergency exit.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Mass and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Atrium straight after all Masses.

TOILETS

Ladies and Gents are located in the Atrium: we also have disabled facilities with a baby change unit. Please leave toilets clean and tidy after use. Thank you.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open Tuesday & Thursday (8.00-12 Noon) Friday (08.00—11.30) but please check in advance if you intend to call in. *Father James is not available on Mondays: in an emergency please contact a neighbouring Parish.*

SVP CONFRATERNITY

The Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Confraternity exists to offer practical help to those in need, especially the sick and housebound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.