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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Adoration
 Sun 9AM-10AM
 Mon 9AM-7PM
 Fri 6PM-7PM
Confessions
 Sun 9:30AM, Fri 6PM
 Sat 10AM



Welcome! The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way.' The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish. On Wednesday we celebrate the memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels, with this thought, sit and look around the church at the many Angels around you and pray, *'Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.'*

Sat 28th Sept 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	Romeo Edloy RIP Annie Doyle RIP
Sun 29th Sept 2024	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM 18.00PM	Clare Bedord Florence Michael (thanksgiving)
Mon 30th Sept 2024	Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM 19:00PM	UCM Enrique Antonio Arauto
Tue 1st Oct 2024	Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM 19.00PM	Benjamin Gibbard Sr. Rosemary Fandell (wellbeing)
Wed 2nd Oct 2024	Memorial of Holy Guardian Angels	10.00AM 18.00 PM 19.00PM	Jeyarthy (birthday thanksgiving) Reception into Church of Rosaleen Curley RIP Lloyd Bale RIP
Thurs 3rd Oct 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 11:30 AM 19.00PM	Jean Bourne Requiem Mass of Rosaleen Curley RIP Frances McGregor RIP
Fri 4th Oct 2024	Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi	10.00AM 19.00PM	Elizabeth Michael (birthday thanksgiving) Gould Family (thanksgiving)
Sat 5th Oct 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Special Intention

This week's Gospel – Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
'Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name'

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Next Sunday the 6th we will be welcoming The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto on Sunday 6th October and Monday 7th October, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in this privileged visitation and to pray the Rosary and hear the story of Fatima including the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. If you have never been to Fatima before, now is your opportunity to come and get a sense of what it is all about and to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Please see the poster or small leaflet for the timetable of events on the days of this visitation.



APF Missio

Please return monies by next weekend, thanks. Steve Crisp.



The Holy See

Dear brothers and sisters, on this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be "synodal" together, and entrust them, as well as the forthcoming Synod Assembly, "to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of sure hope and consolation to the faithful People of God as they continue their journey" (XVI Ordinary General Assembly Synthesis Report: *Proceeding Along the Journey*).

Prayer

God, Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven. We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners. Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us. Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven. Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home. Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us. Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 24 May 2024, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians

FRANCIS

Rosary for the month of October

I encourage you celebrate this month of the Holy Rosary with me, let us again pray together in families, friendships, groups and importantly as a parish. I would like to welcome every evening a different family, group of friends, or prayer group, etc. to come to church to lead the Rosary on the altar, and for those at home to join us online. October is traditionally the month of the Missions when we are invited to recommit ourselves to the worldwide missionary work of the Church, both financially and spiritually. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated in every parish throughout the world on the 20th of October which ties in beautifully with us celebrating the wonderful tradition of the Rosary and praying for new vocations to religious life.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances McGregor, Rosaleen Curley, Teresa McGrath

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Alan Morgan, Eileen Harrison, Pat O'Meara, Stella Clarke, John Smith, Baby Dawid Glowczeski, Frances McTurk, John Deery, Stanislaw Brodalka, Joan Jones, Frances Giles. Katherine Arthur, Henry Supka

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza

St. Marie's Christmas Market



Whilst we think of Christmas being some time away yet, it is 9 weeks until our Christmas Market on Saturday and Sunday 23rd & 24th November in Hibberts Hall, 10AM-2PM with Santa's Grotto in the Coach House. There will be an additional day on the Sunday 26th November 11AM-1PM if you would like a stall on this day then please do get in touch or email the parish office. For the appeals below please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the old Baptistry, next to the repository and not in the porch, thank you.



aMAYzing value Stall

Could I please ask for donations of perfume (new and used with boxes if you have them), costume jewellery, fine metal jewellery (even broken gold and silver that I can sell or even if just one odd earring, the stall can make good use of it) or if you have anything that you are unsure about then get in touch and ask me, thanks very much for your continuing support and generosity, Louise.

UCM Bottle in a bag

We are collecting donations of bottled goods for the annual UCM bottle stall, these can be bottles of alcohol, juice, fizzy drinks, sauces etc. We kindly request any new or used/unwanted bottle bags that you no longer need. Thank you.

Santas Grotto

Santa will be visiting and his Grotto will be set up in the Coach House costing £1 per child on the Saturday, please do bring your children or grandchildren along.

St. Marie's Christmas Repository

If you would like a Christmas Crib for your home or specific Christmas decorations then please let us know asap as we will be making our Christmas order shortly, there is a catalogue you can look at, please ask if you wish to see this. We will soon have a selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, books and gifts etc. for Christmas which will be sold at the Christmas Market and from the Repository at the back of Church in the old Baptistry. Thank you for your continued support, all monies raised goes to the Church.

New Stalls

If anyone would like a stall at the Christmas Market there is place to add you on the Sunday which is 11AM - 1PM, be it for homemade items, food, gifts etc so please do get in touch and let us know...

Sunday Mornings Tea & Coffee Helpers Required

Are you willing to help out on Sunday mornings? Help is required to put out the tables and chairs in Hibberts hall before Mass and then help once Mass is ended, pop to the hall after Mass for a quick chat if you can help, thank you.

Gift Aid

Please Gift Aid your donations if you are a tax payer: this enables us to reclaim the tax you paid on earning the amount you give at no cost to you. Each £10 turns into £12.50 as we claim this from the government. Forms for this are included on the Standing order forms in the porch.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

If you would like to donate any food or drinks, crisps or chocolates, crackers, mince pies, wine etc then these will be put towards making the Christmas Hampers, thank you.

Christmas Cake Raffle

We will be having the annual Christmas Cake Raffle, kindly made and donated by Carmel. Tickets will be sold at the back of Church closer to Advent so keep an eye out for these in the future.

Guess the weight of the Cake

Carmel will be baking up a cake again this year for you to all guess the weight of, can anyone remember last years weight? Again this will be done closer to Advent.

Bric a Brac Stall

If you have any unwanted Bric a Brac, such as, teddys, games, toys, books, dvds, cds etc that you would like to donate we would be thankful, all donations accepted.

Just Dance Competition

On the Sunday there will be a Just Dance Competition for the young and old to take part in after the morning Mass at the Christmas Market, prizes to be won!!

Light for Night

If you would like to sponsor the Light for Night where we light up the outside of the Church in different colours during Advent in memory of a loved one, for thanksgiving, in celebration etc then please contact the parish office or speak with Anne Ormsby with your intention so she can add them to the list on the available date so we can include the intention in our prayers, thank you.

Mass Requests

If you would like a mass to be said for a loved one or maybe a special occasion, please take an IOC envelope from the church porch. Please ensure that the request details (name & date) are printed clearly to avoid any spelling errors or pop into the parish office. Thank you.

New Lectionary

As you will be aware from Advent Sunday this year, all parishes must begin using the new translation of the readings at Mass. These are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE). We would like to thank those who have made donations already which now totals £350. If anyone would like to consider donating as the 4 books required cost £625 we would be very grateful. Your name will be appear in the book as a sponsor if you wish.

Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

First Holy Communion and Confirmation **for children who do not attend St. Maries School** and are hoping to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025, please collect an application form from the back of Church and return to the parish office asap as classes will start to begin shortly. When completing the form please use clear block capitals and attach the Baptismal Certificate to the form.

Thank you

Marriage & Family Life

The Sacrament of matrimony is also a vocation. Through the vows taken a man and woman are joined together in life. Marriage begins with a wedding service in the presence of God and the faith community and the couple continue to confer the sacrament on one another whenever they offer themselves in the service of the other and the larger community. Marriage is an ongoing sacrament there to strengthen the couple. There are upcoming dates for experiences/weekends for an opportunity to enrich and refresh relationships

Marriage Encounter Online – 19-20 October

Marriage Encounter weekend in Rugby – 29 Nov-1 Dec

Please visit www.wme.org.uk for more info.

If your marriage needs refocusing you can also contact www.retrouville.org.uk who have online dates coming up.

Used Stamps for Myton Hospice

Please continue to put all used stamps in the box at the back of the church. Please do not cut off perforations or the barcodes as these are part of the stamp. Myton sell these stamps to aid their fundraising. Thank you.

A New Reality: Sarah Kroger on Tour

US-based Catholic singer Sarah Kroger is coming back to the UK, come and see her in concert at St Chad's Cathedral, Friday 11 October 7pm. Admission at the door is just £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

St. Marie's Repository – New Personal Translated Missals

We will be pre ordering the Sunday Missals this coming week, if you would like a new Sunday Missal please put your name on the list this weekend to guarantee you receive one. Daily Missals will not be available until the new year. If you would like the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle, in hardback this will be £20 or if you would prefer paperback this will be £10. The Liturgical cycle is the First Sunday of Advent 2024 to Christ the King 2025. If we have enough orders we may be able to qualify for a discount.

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

Here are some resources to help us prepare for Jubilee Year:

Pray as you go - <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Teach us to pray - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025-prayer/>

Praying the Word - Lectio Divina & the Sunday Readings We Dare to Say booklet

Further resources are available on the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>



Union of Catholic Mothers

Welcome back to all UCM Members after our Summer break. We are delighted that three ladies have expressed an interest in joining the UCM.

The first meeting will be on Monday 30th September, Mass will be celebrated at 10AM and we will then meet in Hibberts Hall. If there is anyone else interested in joining and maybe a little nervous to do so on your own, this may be a perfect time as we welcome other new members, you will be warmly welcomed if you come along to the meeting. After our meeting we will have a small fish and chips lunch costing £6.99, we will need to do order this in advance so please phone Mary Hales on 01788 863 435 if you wish to attend and have food with us. Thank you and God Bless.

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks with enquiries for the RCIA and becoming a catholic, we have seen new faces coming into the Church which is a beautiful thing. If you know of anyone thinking of joining the Catholic faith or would like to know more information then let them know to get in touch as we move closer to starting the course.

RCIA

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? The Catholic RCIA stages are a good model of basic faith development. A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith. Everybody is welcome or maybe you would like to refresh your faith.

What is the RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation. It is a journey which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

Who is RCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.
- Practicing Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

If you would like to join in with the RCIA please introduce yourself after Mass or take an information card and form to



HOLY COMMUNION:

If you are not a Roman Catholic, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of unity in the faith. Communion is not bread and wine, but the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son.