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**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
26th September 2021**

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.



St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years."

The Vincentians are very active in our world today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France. Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis.

It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.

## The Clubrooms Email Address

In recent weeks we have experienced many problems with the existing Clubrooms email system. It has resulted in us having to change the Clubrooms email address. To book the Clubrooms or to make an inquiry please contact:



**theclubrooms@outlook.com**

## St Mary's 300 Club

Next Sunday, 3rd October, sees the start of a new 300 Club year. There are limited numbers still available. The weekly cost is £1 per number. **The weekly winner receives £100 prize money.** Subscription can be paid by bank transfer, standing order, or by putting your name on an envelope, marking it as '300 Club' and putting it in the collection basket along with your weekly offering. All monies received go towards the high insurance cost for St Mary's. For more information please call Patricia 01555 662089.

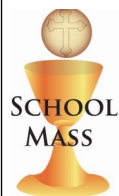
## RCIA - St Mary's

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in St Mary's in October. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic, and you would like to come into full communion with the Church, please speak to Fr John-Paul.

At present we have 3 or 4 people looking to join the course, and we hope it will be informative and engaging for all concerned. Fr John-Paul would also like to thank the parishioners who have volunteered to be part of the course, we look forward to travelling in faith together.



## St Mary's Primary School Masses



It is with great joy that we are able to welcome the children from St Mary's Primary School back to Mass. The children will join us during the Friday's of October: Friday 1st October P1/2 & P7; Friday 8th October P2/3 & P6; Friday 22nd October P3/4 & P4/5. If you have children at the school why not make a special effort to come to Mass with the children and encourage them in their faith.

## Liturgical Calendar

**Wednesday 29th September Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels** - The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

**Thursday 30 September St Jerome** - Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast; died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damasus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

**Friday 1st October St Therese of Lisieux** - Born at Alençon (France) in 1873; died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30 September 1897. From a devout family, she entered a Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill-health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Noted for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

**Saturday 2nd October Holy Guardian Angels** - This feast originated in Portugal early in the sixteenth century and has figured in the general calendar since the late seventeenth century. It is based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought. The feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven (Matthew 18:10).



## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead** - Sr Pauline Vince; David Devlin (Airdrie); Rosaleen Mournian (Mother of Fr Bernard Mournian); May McKinney (Newarthill); Joe Hendren (Falkirk); Gordon Hay.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries** - Tom & Kathleen May; Patrick, Mary & Francis Traynor; Catherine Lundy; Mary Geddes; Bernard Scott.

**Mass Intention Envelopes** - It is lovely to receive so many Months Minds and Anniversary Masses for those who have died. Having Mass said for a loved one, either dead or alive, is one of the best things we can do for them. In order to “simplify” this process, Fr John-Paul has had Mass Intention Envelopes produced in order to make sure names as listed correctly in the bulletin. The new Mass Intention Envelopes are easy to use and can be found at the stall, on the table as you enter/exit the church or in the sacristy. We hope they are helpful.

**Sister Pauline Vince:** The Daughters of Charity of St Catherine’s and Gavel Lane have many people to thank for their kindness, support and prayers on the death of Sr Pauline Vince after a long illness. Firstly, Fr McShane, Fr Roche and Fr Thomson for concelebrating Sr Pauline’s Requiem Mass. The many parishioners and friends who graced us with Masses offered and beautiful flower arrangements. A particular thank you goes to the choir and organist who chose the hymns and sung so beautifully. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

## September Second Collection

During the month of September Bishop Toal has asked all parishes, within the Motherwell Diocese, to have a Second Collection to support the costs of training men for the priesthood. In average, each year, the diocese has to pay out £252,000 to cover the cost of seminary training for the six men in formation at present. As before, there will be a basket at the back of each church for those who wish to donate. In advance, Bishop Toal thanks you for your generosity! It is also important to pray for the “young” men who are training for our Diocese: Christopher Morris (St Bride’s, Cambuslang), Colm Martin (St Bernadette’s, Motherwell), Christopher Furnage (St Bernard’s, Shawhead), Ronan McQuade (St Joseph’s, Blantyre), Kieran Burt (St Joseph’s, Blantyre), Christopher Igwe (St Francis Xavier, Carfin).

## Parish Finances

### St Mary’s

Offertory Collection: £ 950.00  
Standing Orders: £ 360.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.  
For those who wish to pay Bank Transfer or Standing Order please find the relevant details below.

### St Isidore’s

Offertory Collection: £ 58.00  
Standing Orders: £ 172.00  
(Including St Mary Magdalene’s)

**St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809**

**Parish of St Isidore’s 83-16-11 00235026**

### St Mary Magdalene’s

Offertory Collection: £ 71.00

## St Mary’s Ministry Rota

### Readers:

<u>25th/26th September</u>	<u>9th/10th October</u>
5.00pm A. Haetzman	5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am S. Watson	10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm M. Davis	5.00pm M. Davis

<u>2nd/3rd October</u>	<u>16th/17th October</u>
5.00pm J. Moynagh	5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am M. Hughes	10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>2nd/3rd October</u>	<u>16th/17th October</u>
5.00pm A. Dempsey	5.00pm P. Freel
J. McClafferty	C. Scott
10.30am G. Duddy	10.30am P. Cunningham
C. Duddy	J. Wilson

<u>9th/10th October</u>	<u>23rd/24th October</u>
5.00pm P. Stewart	5.00pm J. McEwan
C. McClafferty	M. Keenan
10.30am M. Keenan	10.30am J. McAlavey
A. Cruikshank	T. Mullen

# Weekly Parish Schedule

## Sunday 26th September

- 8.30am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)  
9.00am Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary Magdalene's)  
10.30am Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Monday 27th September

- 9.30am Holy Mass & St Therese Novena - Week 9 (St Mary's)

## Tuesday 28th September

- 10.00am Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)  
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)  
12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

## Wednesday 29th September

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
10.00am Church Cleaning (St Mary's)  
7.00pm Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)

## Thursday 30th September

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

## Friday 1st October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)  
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

## Saturday 2nd October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)  
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 3rd October

- 10.00am **TRANSPORT LEAVES ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**  
10.30am Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
11.15am **Coffee Morning - (St Mary's Clubrooms)**  
12noon Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)  
12.35pm **Tea, Coffee & Home Baking (St Isidore's)**  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
6.00pm **Evening Prayer & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)**

### Clydesdale Foodbank

This weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can also be handed to a pass-keeper or placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned next weekend during weekend Masses. The Rite of Commission will last a few minutes.



### October Devotions & Rosary

On the Tuesday's of October Fr John-Paul will go between our three churches and livestream the Rosary via St Mary's Facebook Page. On Sunday evenings people will be welcome to attend St Mary's at 6pm for Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (this will also be livestreamed). Also during the month of October the Rosary will be recited 20 minutes before weekday Mass, this will be parishioner led and a **signup sheet will be available each week at the stall for those who would wish to lead the Rosary.**