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27th Sunday of the Year

5th/6th October 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 146: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke: 17:5-10

Next Week: 28th Sunday of the Year: Page: 149: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19



Mary, Mother of the Church

The months of May and October are traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. Those of a certain age and perhaps those who are even younger perhaps will know the Litany of Loreto where Our Lady is venerated under various titles. A number such as "Morning Star", "Health of the Sick", "Help of Christians", are familiar through common usage but there is one in particular, that is at once both as old as it is new, although its adoption as a formal title belongs to the final period of the Second Vatican Council, in 1965.

That particular title is "Mary, Mother of the Church". In the years before the Council was called, there was a feeling amongst non-Catholics that there was an almost triumphalist assertion of the place of Our Lady in Catholic piety and perhaps too, in the Church's theology. The dogmatic definitions of first the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX in 1854 and then that of the Assumption in 1950, by Pope Pius XII, were, nonetheless, important developments for Catholic understanding of Marian dogma. In the Chapter on Our Lady in the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church "Lumen Gentium", the Council Fathers sought to give a scriptural basis as well as Tradition for the Church's teachings on Our Lady, drawing as well on the common heritage (i.e. pre Schism and Reformation) of the Church Fathers on the development of teaching on the central role of Our Lady in salvation history.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI declared that Mary is the "Mother of the Church". She is fully human – we do not worship her (which sometimes non Catholics and others have supposed we do), but she is nonetheless "Theotokos" – "Mother of God" and so our Mother too. The four dogmatic truths about her remain: Our Lady's Perpetual Virginity, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption and that she is Mother of God. By according her the title "Mother of the Church", Paul VI, was simply confirming that as Mother of Christ, who is Head of the Church, we as members of that Body of Christ, share in a common Mother.

In March 2018, it was announced that the Feast of Mary Mother of the Church would be added to the General Roman Calendar as an expression of the Church's continued devotion to Mary and her place in salvation history – one only has to look at the numbers who flock to such pilgrimage sites as Lourdes, Fatima and Knock, to see how strong and important Marian devotion is in our daily lives. The Holy Father has sought to emphasise the "maternal sense" of the Church and a genuine Marian piety. Our Lady has experienced the fullest range of human emotions and experiences. And yet always there is a quiet acceptance and even secret joy in her wholehearted obedience. From her "Yes" to the angel's message, to her quiet "do whatever He tells you" at Cana, even to her station at the foot of the Cross, she remains there, watching, waiting upon God's will. "Hail Mary Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee".

In these uncertain times we should have confidence in having recourse to Our Lady's Help and intercession. The oldest extant hymn to Our Lady, the "Sub Tuum Praesidium", puts it thus:

"We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin".

In this Marian month, let us renew our confidence and trust in Mary Our Mother.

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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

SACRAMENTS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Mark Stewart and Naomi Ennis who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage during the week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The enrolment Mass for Sunday School Children will take place this **Sunday 6th October** at the 11am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

The next Class is on **Tuesday 8th October** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The next Preparation Class is on **Saturday 12th October** at 4.30pm in St Lawrence's School, followed by participation at the 6pm Mass

CONFIRMATION 2020

Registration is now complete for Group One. The First Confirmation Class for Parents and Candidates is on **Thursday 10th October** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

If you are seeking to understand better the love and mercy of God as lived in the Catholic tradition you are invited to join our Faith Formation course that will begin on **Wednesday, 9th October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish. Please speak to Fr John, Fr John Louis or Colin Macken if you would like an application form.

PARISH NOTICES

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This will be the third weekend of The Annual Mass Count. All ushers and those from our different Ethnic Chaplaincies please complete your counting sheet and return to Fr John after Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Churches Together takes place on **Monday 7th October** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All welcome

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

We hope to set up a Gospel Music Group, if any musicians are interested please contact Jordan Pullicino, details overleaf.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL HARVEST MASS

We welcome the children of St Lawrence's to their Harvest Mass on **Wednesday 9th October** at 9.30am. There will be no Morning Prayer today.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

On **Sunday 19th October** there will be an exhibition after the morning Masses to commemorate the 17,000 Polish people who lost their lives in the war. There is also a 303 Squadron Memorial 5k run on the 19th October starting at 11.00am at Springwest Academy.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Next Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and envelopes are available for your donations. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please sign the declaration form. Collections will be taken up next **weekend 5th/6th October** after all Masses.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 6 October 11am Mass – Enrolment Mass for Sunday School children
Saturday 12 October – Eucharistic Ministers Retreat Day
Saturday 2 November – Readers Retreat Day
5/6, 12/13 – October - Annual Mass Count
5/6 October – Harvest Fast Collection
12/13 October – Talk on CAFOD Climate Change
Sunday 3 November – Messy Church – 10-11am - Parish Centre
Sunday 3 November – Blessing of Graves
Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 10 November – Annual Mass for Bereaved Families 6pm
Sunday 24 November – ADVENT FAYRE
Saturday 30 November – Catechists Retreat Day

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see notice board and flyers in porch for open days at Local schools.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 12th October** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A day of reflection has been planned for all Readers for **Saturday 2nd November** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and back to Church for practice in reading and projection of voice ending at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

St Paul's Catholic College is currently looking to appoint a Foundation Governor to join our Governing Body. We are particularly interested in anyone who has an educational background, however, this position is not applicable to any existing parents of St Paul's children. For further information with regard to this role please contact our Clerk to the Governors, Jo Chappell, directly on 01932 704119 or email jchappell@st-pauls.surrey/sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John Byrne will be available for School Form signing on the following dates. Please put your name on the lists in the porch. There are 20 slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and Certificate of Catholic Practice and wait in Church.

Monday 7th October, Tuesday 15th October – 3.30-5.30pm;
Saturday: 12th & 19th October – 9.30-10.30am

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Harris D'Crux RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
Sun 6	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Frances & Brian Doran RIP Edith Maple in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Valerie Gill RIP (5 th Anniversary)
Mon 7	09.30	Mario Simoes RIP
Tues 8	09.30	David Crawley RIP
Wed 9	09.30	Alvares Family Intention (with School)
Thurs 10	09.30	Raymond Beirne RIP
Fri 11	09.30	In Thanksgiving – Timothy Hurley
Sat 12	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Harris D'Crux RIP Baptisms of Luna Skye Nunes, Isabel De Ocanbo and Athur Reed Sacrament of Reconciliation Roberto Ordon Rip (Anniversary)
Sun 13	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Gabriel D'Souza RIP (1 st Anniversary) Barbara May Light RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Rudolfo Couto RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Wilson Family Intentions		

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