

Today, at Both Masses we will remember and pray for the people who have died during the pandemic and also pray for their families.

Arnold Ambrosia
Cyprian Arimi
Michael Arimi
Sisimonda Arimi
Florence Binga
Rosemary Binga
Christy Bino
Gordon Bradley
Seamus Campbell
Anto Chingath
Inasu Chingath
Jarghese Chingath
Matilda de Alwis
Mahinda de Alwis
Bill Deevey
Anne Feeney-McGarr
Inacio Fernandes
Wellington Fernandes
Ricky Gaenlan

Pat Gallagher
Jeanna Gallagher
Jean Hidelaratchi
Joe Hinds
Holohan family
Rosa Inasu
Julia Jacob
Roopa Joju
Kottackal Thomas Joseph
Joseph Kimathi
Mathew Kudasarakaman
Angela Law
Francis Lopes
Elikutty Luka
Johny Mathew
Margaret McCormack
Elsy Mani
Jensy Mani
Benjamin Mapepa
Peter Mapepa

Poulose Mathew
Rosa Mathew
McCreesh family
Peter Mimaflow
Monica Mitchell
Michael Nolan
Vincent Paris
Clara Paris
Pat Quinn
Tissa Rajakaruna
Isabella Richardson
Vic Robinson
Billy Shearer
James Sweeney
Baby Thekkanath
Jiji Thankhachan
Joseph Varghese
Anamma Varghese
Beatrice Welgama
Mr. S.A. Welgama

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Updated Guidance: Hand Sanitiser will be available at the entrance. Wearing of face-coverings is highly recommended in Church. Social distancing is no longer mandatory, but please be respectful of others' needs at this time. During Mass, you can remain seated or stand as you wish, **but please do not kneel.**

Congregational singing is again permitted. Holy Communion can be distributed with distancing and allow some spacing, mindful of the needs of others. Father will continue to sanitise his hands and wear a face-covering before distributing Holy Communion. Some of our people will be very anxious at any sudden return to 'normality'. We can be patient and caring towards each other, as we take this next big step back towards normality, following the pandemic.

Pope Francis September Intentions -Universal intention - An environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th – 19th September 2021

Today we celebrate Education Sunday, a national day of prayer for everyone in the world of education.

Sunday 12.09	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 13.09	No Service	
Tuesday 14.09	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 15.09	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 16.09	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 17.09	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 18.09	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 19.09	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass

Words of the Holy Father

To often the sick and the suffering become a problem, while they should be an occasion to show a society's concern and solidarity with regard to the weakest. Jesus revealed to us the secret of a miracle that we too can imitate, becoming protagonists of "Ephphatha", of that phrase 'be opened' with which He gave speech and hearing back to the man who before could not hear or speak. It means opening ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are suffering and in need of help, by shunning selfishness and hardheartedness. It is precisely the heart, that is the deep core of the person, that Jesus came to "open", to free, in order to make us capable of fully living the relationship with God and with others.

Second Collection next week for HOME MISSION

This second collection will support the Bishop's work in the area of evangelisation.

Donate online to support [Home Mission](#).

Gospel background for Sunday 12th September 2021 - Mark 9:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

An Act of Spiritual Communion can help us and the priests we see online celebrating Mass in empty Churches frequently encourage us to ask for Our Lord's guidance by offering prayers like this one written by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament

of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire

to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly

to you now and forever. Amen

Isabella Richardson RIP, died on 4th September. A Funeral Service will take place at MOG on Thursday 23rd September at 11.30am followed by cremation at Gilroes Cemetery. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022

This is an advanced notification of our intended future dates for our First Holy Communion Programme.

From Sunday 26th September, application forms will be available from the back of church, to be returned by Sunday 17th October at the latest.

Tuesday 19th October: meeting for parents to be introduced to the programme.

Sunday 24th October: first session for the children, in the hall from 9 till 10 am.

Sunday 31st October at the 10.30 mass, our First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass.

More details to follow in order to confirm or rearrange our programme. Looking forward to meeting you all.

SVP - Mother of God: Our small team of SVP members would like to know if any parishioners are interested in joining them. Now that we are allowed to visit people in their home, or give them our support by a phone call, we need a few more members. For any information please call Clive Barkshire on 0116 2874343.

300 Club 5th September: £50 Mrs R Kennedy (102). £25 C Fisher (61), Fr A Pateman (98).

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. **Thank you.**

Season of Creation. This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us. Holy Spirit,

who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end. **Amen.**