



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour out our power upon all your children in the Middle East. Let hatred be turned to love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. Grant that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace and justice be experienced by all. Amen

Gracious Mary, Mother of God and Our Lady of Kiev, we humbly ask for you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for the people, their government, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside you son at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. Grant, through your prayers, that peace may come to

that troubled land. Amen

Reflection

“You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate. Do Not Judge Others and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you pressed down, shaken together, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”



Are we compassionate or do we just like to think we are? We can't fool God. God is up close to us and knows whether or not our hearts are compassionate or if our hearts are pretending to be compassionate to make us feel better. From a distance, we cannot discern true compassion or pretending of compassion, but up close, God knows clearly the difference. God knows the hearts of truly compassionate people, and God wants our hearts to be truly compassionate, not only to our favourite family or favourite friends but to those who we would rather ignore.

To reach out to others is to reach out to God because we are all made in His image and likeness. We find God in the least of our brethren, in the sick and dying, in the lost and lonely, in the ones who have hurt us and caused us pain. God wants our hearts to be truly compassionate to the hurting people in our world around us, and not merely to those we like, those who are like us and are from the same social background. To be truly compassionate is to love as God loves, the question is: 'are we able to do that?'



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Dick Sharland RIP
		6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 29th September	St Michael and All Angels	9.30am	The Belmont Community
Tuesday, 30th September	St Jerome	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 1st October	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday 2nd October	Guardian Angels	6.30pm	Brian, Lloyd and Frank Hardman RIP
Friday, 3rd October	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday, 4th October	St Francis of Assisi	10.00am	Adoration and Confessions
		11:00am	Jim McBride RIP
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Pro Populo
		6.30pm	Holy Souls

FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

We pray for the sick of our parish both at home, in hospital: Joan Dykes, Ann Orchard, Teresa Gross, Barbara (Floss) Preedy, Sandi Bray, Jim Winters and Celia Sharland. We pray for those who have died, Father Paul Johnson, Ross Williams. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Collection at Our Lady's for Week Ending 21st September

Last week's Statistics

Mass Attendance: 191

Plate Collection: £276.74 Second Collection for Home Missions: £90.60

MISSIO RED BOXES

Please bring in your Red Missio Boxes before the end of October and hand them to Denise our Mission Secretary so they can be counted. These donations can also be gift aided on completion of a simple form available here: <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Red-Box-GAD-2025.pdf>



ADVANCED NOTICE



Parish Quiz Night with Cold Supper

On Saturday 11th October at 7.00pm in the parish hall we will be holding our parish quiz night. Entry is £8.00 per person (£5 for children) with teams of up to six players. The price also includes a delicious cold supper.

Please come along, have a great evening and enjoy each other's company.

As part of our fund-raising efforts, we will be holding a **jumble sale** in the parish hall on Saturday 18th October starting at 1.30pm. If you have any good quality jumble that you can contribute, please leave it in the parish hall rather than the church narthex. The hall is open on Saturday morning and Sunday after Mass. There will also be a cake stall so if there are any bakers out there your offerings will be greatly received. Help is also needed so if you can spare a few hours all help, is again gratefully received.

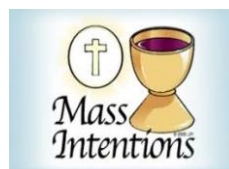


Something New

We are very blessed at Our Lady's to have a vibrant children's liturgy. It is wonderful to see the younger children learning about God and sharing with us all they have learned. To complement the children's liturgy, we are launching a new venture aimed at those in years 7-11 headed by Annie Ridgeway and Helen Fishlock. Annie has written the following to give you a 'feel' for what it's all about:

Dear parishioners,

We are starting a Youth Saint Vincent de Paul group at Our Lady's, and we are inviting years 7-11 to come join this group. Our motto is Love in Action! **The first meeting will be on Sunday 28th after 10am Mass in the parish Hall.** The session will finish at 12:30pm. These sessions will be once a month, and its purpose is to serve our parish and community while learning about our faith in the process. If you know anyone in years 7-11 who would be interested, then please come along. If there are any adults who can help either volunteers or support in other ways, please let me know. Any questions call me on 07792540333. Annie Ridgeway.



There are envelopes available at the back of church if you would like a Mass to be said for your intention or have a word with Father Andrew. Every effort is made to accommodate your request however if the requested date is not available, the nearest possible date will be given.

Tea and Coffee

There will be tea and coffee in the parish room after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday. Please come along, meet new people, have a chat and enjoy each other's company. If you don't know where to go just follow the crowd.



Belmont Abbey Chapter

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the Belmont Monastic Community will be meeting in chapter. A chapter is an important event in the life of any religious community and is a time when all the monks come together to pray about and discuss the future direction of the community as well as to elect officials to serve the monastery. Please pray for the Belmont monks that God may guide our deliberations. Pray

also for new vocations to the sacred priesthood and to the religious life.