

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Anniversary of the 5th Apparition

Friday 13th September 2024

We will meet in the church at
7.00pm to begin our devotions.

Mass will follow at approx.
7.30pm. We will then process with
the Statue of O.L. of Fatima
around the church



After the Mass we will venerate
the statue of Our Lady of Fatima
and there will be an opportunity for
you to bring forward a candle with your
intentions which you can leave in
front of the statues to burn overnight.

**Please join us for the anniversary
of the 5th Apparition of Our Lady
at Fatima**

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

SYCAMORE

SYCAMORE – ‘YEAR OF PRAYER’ PATHWAY WEEKLY COURSE FROM AUTUMN 2024!

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/year-of-prayer/>

WEEK 1 (9th September 2024) THE POWER OF PRAYER

What is prayer? Why is it important? What difference can it make to my life? And how do I actually pray? This Sycamore film explores the meaning of Christian prayer, and gives some practical tips about how you can start.

- What is prayer?
- Does prayer make a difference?
- How to pray.



Film 8, The Power of Prayer: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-8-the-power-of-prayer/>

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Our Lady
of Sorrows



September

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He has done all things well"

We know of these tragic cases of children who are entirely shut up in themselves because they are blind, deaf and dumb from birth. The devotion and skill of language specialists sometimes succeeds in opening these handicapped ones to a world of signs and speech. But what happens when the eyes, the ears and the tongue of the heart are blocked?...How many people, how many married couples there are who do not understand each other, who no longer speak to each other! – How many 'dialogues of the deaf' there are between persons, groups, institutions or nations, wherever there no longer exists mutual trust, acceptance of the other in his weakness and esteem for the other person's most precious qualities. Such situations can help us to grasp the symbolic meaning of the healing of the deaf mute. Faced with a chosen people who have become deaf to his preaching and who no longer listen to his appeals to change their lives, Jesus the Messiah has gone over to pagan territory. He comes to open the eyes of the blind and to unstop the ears of the deaf (Isaiah 35:5-6). He wishes them to be 'responsible people', capable of listening and of entering into the dialogue of salvation which the covenant between God and his people sets up. Jesus challenges the closed minds and the self-sufficiency of the rich, the powerful, the proud and the egoist.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

8.30am to 10.00am – First Saturday Confessions

9.30am – Rosary followed by 15 mins Rosary Prayer

10.15am – First Saturday Devotions

10.30am – For the Conversion of Sinners

5.00pm – Marie Francaisa Babet - Unwell

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Margaret 'Peggy' Redmond - RIP

9.30am – For Repose of Holy Souls in Purgatory (H)

11.00am – Cornelia Olaya-Obanishola – Birthday Int

5.00pm – Intentions of Margaret Felgate

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

No Adoration this morning

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Victor Saldanha - RIP

12.30pm – Funeral of Joseph Capaldi

Wed - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Agatha Durowaa – Birthday Intention

12.00 noon – Funeral of Rose Tonkin

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Private Intention (GC – E&M)

Adoration until 11.00am

Fri 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – In honour of 5th Apparition of O.L. of Fatima

Followed by Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Jean Rene Bouquet – Unwell

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – For the Intentions of Parishioners

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Rosemarie

9.30am –

11.00am –

5.00pm – Maureen Walker - Recovery

Monday 9th – St Peter Claver – Priest & Religious

Thursday 12th – St John Chrysostom – Bishop & Doctor

Friday 13th – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Saturday 14th Sept from after

Morning Mass until 11.00am

**Saturday 21st Sept from 8.30am
to 10.00am**

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Feast

**Saturday 14th September
9.30am Mass**

The miraculous discovery of the Cross on Sept 14 326, by St Helen, is the origin of this great celebration.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIFTH APPARITION OF O.L. OF FATIMA

Friday 13th September 2024

We will begin with the 7.30pm evening Mass after which there will be devotions to O.L. of Fatima, the Rosary, a Procession with the Statue.



Our Lady continues to remind us to say the Rosary every day for world peace and to make sacrifices.

SYCAMORE

**SYCAMORE – 'THE YEAR OF PRAYER'
WEEKLY COURSE – AUTUMN 2024**

Please join us as we follow this course from Monday 9th September

Five sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life. For those who are just beginning and also for those who have been praying for a long time! We begin with supper at 7.15pm. Do join us.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

September 2024 – For the cry of the earth

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world that we now inhabit

PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 12th October 2024

There will be a day Pilgrimage from the parish to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on Saturday 12th October. A coach will leave from the church at 7.30am and we will leave from Walsingham at approx. 5.15pm. The cost will be £20 per seat on the coach. Please put your name to the list in the porch and pay the money at the same time. Cancellations at the last moment means empty seats on the coach. This is always a good day. Come!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

It is time for parents to register their children for preparation classes for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation which will begin later in the year. The age for Communion is entering year 3 or above in September and for Confirmation, when entering years 9 or 10 and above in September. Registration forms can be found on the table in the porch – please return them as soon as you can together with the child's Baptismal certificate. forms to Fr John. Many thanks.

THE MANNA DAY CENTRE

The Manna Day Centre are asking if we would consider passing our Harvest Festival gifts on to them as we usually do. They support people 7 days each week – food, showers, clean clothing, medical care etc. Attached to this newsletter are the items they require – can you begin bringing things in from now on. Thanks

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am. Help.

Collection for Catholic Education Service
All families that opt for a Catholic education for their children benefit from this service – please make an offering.

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13th September (7-9pm). Venue to be announced. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**Monday 2nd September
7.30 to 8.30pm in Parish Hall**

Over the weeks of Lent and Easter, together we can look at the readings of the Mass for the following weekends and discern how the Word of God is speaking to us in our lives.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 8th September at 2.45pm

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

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 the responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation. In 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. Through Christ our Lord.

World Prayer for Creation begins on Sept 1st and ends on the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October 2024. Try and pray each day

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings

from 5.00 – 7.15pm

Saturday Mornings

from 7.00 – 8.30am

*During this Year of Prayer,
Try and give a little
more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

ALTAR SERVERS MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Saturday 5th October 2024

As usual we will be attending the Altar Server's Mass at Westminster Cathedral on the above date. All servers are expected to attend. Bring a packed lunch. A coach will leave the church at 12noon sharp – please make sure you are on time

Prayers please:

Sick: Daphne Sullivan, Maeve Creed, Fergal Sherry, Mehil Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Jesse Atta-Hayford. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Alfie, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Bridget John, Sara Malaki, Phyllis Robinson, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu.

Recently Dead: Pauline Warriner, Angelo D'Vito, Kathleen Tracey, Calogero Taibi, Fr John Warnaby, Fr David John Williamson, . Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Deacon Stephen Pickard, Michael Fr Frances Whale, George Ssentamu, Cynthia Grant, Liam Sillivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Michael James Daley, Mary White, Pat Morris,

Anniversaries: Marianna Amato, Dennis Swanton, Stephanie Molloy, Michael Matovu and Theresa Matovu, Agnes Fernando, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Margaret Creed, Solomis Djerkallis, Giuseppe Marzolini.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 1st September at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Following the Year of the Council we now enter the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. It is a weekly resource of prayer and meditation based on Pope Francis' recent catechesis on prayer. It is compiled in 52 parts providing a reflection for each week of the year. You will find them on the table in the porch each week.

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

SUNDAY PLUS

Live and learn

Broadening horizons

By Michael George

It is often exhilarating for a teacher when a student surprises themselves by mastering learning that they had previously struggled with or thought beyond them. When that learning is achieved it is a justification of the teacher's belief in the student, which is often greater than the student's belief in themselves.

On Education Day we can give thanks for the work of teachers and support staff, living out their vocation in schools and other formal education settings. By modelling, questioning, instructing and persevering, advising, listening, caring and loving, teachers broaden horizons and help learners to make sense of new experiences.

In today's Gospel we hear of the surprise and admiration of the crowd when they learned that Jesus was able to make the deaf hear and the dumb speak.



The members of the crowd were learners, not in a formal education setting, but they were learners, nonetheless. Life gives us planned but also unplanned opportunities to learn.

Whether or not we are in formal education, each of us has the opportunity for new learning every day, by living and by reflecting on our experiences of living.

God, the ultimate teacher, has immeasurable belief in each of us. He wills us to learn more of his love for us. As the crowd members were surprised by what they learned that day, perhaps when we reflect on God in our world and in our lives, we may find that we too are filled with unbounded admiration through what we learn of his love.

Michael George has worked in Catholic schools in the south of England for twenty-five years, as teacher, headteacher and chaplain.

Loving Lord, make each day a learning adventure. Fill me with excitement as I learn more about the wonderful world you have created.  Amen.

Second chances

By Camilla Harrison

"I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25:36).

NACRO, The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, declares, "We see your future whatever your past."

This is not a Christian organisation, but it surely follows the teachings of Jesus. It aims to see a young person's potential rather than being blinded by mistakes they have made in the past. It encourages us to hear afresh,

and to speak up for, those who are often voiceless. It offers valuable second chances to those who are unqualified to make a decent living on release from prison.

Dominic, a young man with a history of addiction, has been in prison several times. With NACRO's help he qualified as a carpenter and on release, they housed him. Living a reformed life is not easy, but he is transformed by the active love of strangers, who recognised the light of goodness in him.

Camilla Harrison was the head of an RE department at a comprehensive school for twenty years and the writer of two of the Family Walks series of books.

Listen to the voices of children and young people to whom we pass on values and knowledge, in order to build together a future of justice, peace and a dignified life for every person.

Pope Francis

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Feast of the week
Saturday 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

It was too real and something that the early Christians had seen for themselves.

The Romans used crucifixion to inflict the maximum pain and degradation upon its victims and as the ultimate, horrific, deterrent to onlookers. Suspended between earth and heaven, crucifixion implied its victim was rejected by humanity – and by God. That's why Christians couldn't bear to artistically represent a crucified Jesus, preferring to show him as the Good Shepherd: young, strong and carrying the lost sheep on his shoulders.

However, people believed that by his crucifixion, Jesus conquered sin and death. When they started to use the crucifix, early Christians showed him risen in glory, perhaps dressed as a priest, totally in control of life and death, showing nothing of Good Friday – except for the indelible marks of the nails in his hands and feet.

Easter is always the answer to "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Today:
Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Monday:
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday:
1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday:
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday:
1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13
Luke 6:27-38

Friday:
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday:
Numbers 21:4-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

THE *Wednesday* WORD



Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

1

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 8th September 2024

JESUS CURES A DEAF MAN

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said. "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Taken from Mark 7:31-37 The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

2

Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

This Sunday's first reading prepares us to understand the true meaning of this incident, for in his wonderful cures Jesus is fulfilling that prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus' activity, as he goes around 'doing all things well', manifests the coming of God into the world, that Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy. In him people met and experienced God. His gestures (of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle) are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him. In a modern hygiene-conscious world such actions might be frowned upon. But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world, we cannot hold back, and from time to time we will be involved physically and totally in helping others. One such famous, courageous gesture was Princess Diana's handshake with an AIDS-sufferer when it was still thought that the condition was physically contagious. We too can bring Christ's healing in countless simple (but often costly and courageous) ways. **What do we learn about God from the gestures and words of Jesus in today's Gospel?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

4

Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is HEALING !

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 8th September 2024**



1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

The Day of the Lord

Say to all faint hearts, "Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming; vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed; then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland; the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.



Before the people of Israel were taken into captivity by the Babylonians in the sixth century BC, prophets had spoken of the Day of the Lord as a threat, a day of expected punishment. But when that disaster fell upon the whole of Israel and Judah, the people came to understand the Day of the Lord as a promise of salvation, of deliverance from exile. Hence today's first reading: a lovely, joyful poem which looks forward to the coming of the Lord to heal Israel and take vengeance on her tormentors. It speaks of the coming of the Lord himself, not simply of his representative. In the expectation of the deliverance of Israel, even up to the time of Jesus, it was not clear whether God would visit the earth personally to effect the total reversal of all things and the healing of all misery, or whether his messenger and herald would come first. The biblical texts seem to suggest both. In the prophecies of Malachi, it was written that the prophet Elijah would come as the Lord's herald to prepare the way. The gospels suggest that John the Baptist was this Elijah-figure, preparing for the coming of the Lord in Jesus, and that the coming of Jesus is the coming of the Lord himself. **What does Isaiah tell us will happen on the Day of the Lord? Has this Day occurred with coming of Jesus or is it still in the future?**

In God's eyes everyone has just the same value.



2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Shabby or Chic?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, "Come this way to the best seats;" then you tell the poor man, "Stand over there," or "You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest." Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.



The Letter of James has been described as 'a manifesto for social justice', and among all its pieces of advice a concern for social justice is certainly a major theme. Concern for the poor and the less fortunate runs right through the Bible. Human beings were created in the image of God, and one of the ways we express this image is by the attention we give to those on the margins. So Israel is constantly told by God, 'You must treat the stranger among you as I treated you when you were strangers in Egypt.' Similarly, widows and orphans are the special object of God's care. In the beatitudes of Luke's gospel, the poor, the hungry and those who weep are assured of God's blessing. In more modern times the great papal encyclicals on social issues gave the first official teaching anywhere on the rights of the exploited classes after the industrial revolution: the right to a just wage, to healthcare, to form trade unions, and so on. However, it is always instinctive and natural – as this witty and poignant reading shows – to give more honour to the Lord Mayor at the front than to the tramp who shuffles in at the back of the Church – forgetting that in God's eyes they have just the same value. **What are the social demands of the gospel?**

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**



MANNA DAY CENTRE



Harvest Festival list 2024

Needs in order of priority

(Most important items in bold type)

FOOD

Sugar
Tomatoes (Tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned)
Pasta
Rice
Pasta Sauces
Baked Beans
Meat (Tinned)
Corned beef
Chopped ham
Luncheon meats
Fish

Tinned Food

Soup
Stewed steak
Hot Dogs
Fruit
Rice pudding

Non-Tinned Food

Curry Sauces
Porridge oats
Breakfast cereals
Tomato sauce
Jelly
Cooking oil
Biscuits

DRINKS

Coffee
Dilutable drinks
Tea

TOILETRIES

Bodywash
Soap
Deodorants
Shaving Foam
Shampoo
Disposable razors
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes

MEN'S CLOTHING

Jeans (Waist 30-38)
Socks
Jogging bottoms
Trainers
Fleeces / Hoodies
T-shirts
Shoes
Underwear
Trousers (Waist 30-38)
Coats

MISCELLANEOUS

Toilet Rolls
Tea Mugs
Novels
Oyster cards
(Unregistered preferably)

SYCAMORE

SYCAMORE – ‘THE YEAR OF PRAYER’ WEEKLY COURSE FROM AUTUMN 2024!

**Please join us we follow this course
weekly from the week of the 9th
September 2024.**

What is the Sycamore ‘Year of Prayer’ Pathway?

Five sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life. For those who are just beginning, and also for those who have been praying a long time!

These sessions can help us to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis to enter into the Year of Prayer in 2024, as a preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for reflection on some key questions.



The focus of the Sycamore 'Year of Prayer' pathway is on Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life. This course is suitable for those who are just beginning to pray and also for those who have been praying for a long time! <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/year-of-prayer/>

(WEEK 1- 9th September) THE POWER OF PRAYER

Film 8 in series.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-8-the-power-of-prayer/>

What is prayer? Does prayer make a difference?
How to pray.

(WEEK 2 – 16th September) PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Film 6 in series

What is the bible? Can we trust the bible? How the bible can change your life.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-6-the-bible/>

(WEEK 3 – 23rd September) HOW TO PRAY

Film 19 in series.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-19-how-to-pray>

The amazing adventure of prayer. Four basic ways of praying. Prayers and devotions to help you through the day.

(WEEK 4 – 30th September) PRAYING THE MASS

Film 15 in series.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-15-the-holy-eucharist/>

The meaning of the Mass. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

(WEEK 5 – 7th October) MERCY AND MISSION

Film 16 in series

Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Confession. Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. Christian mission and the call to share our faith.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-16-forgiveness-healing-and-mission/>



LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

Phone Number: 020 88042396

E-mail: office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

'A. Classroom religious education is outstanding

- The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's.*
- The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.*
- After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.*
- Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.*
- Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.*
- The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.*
- The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.*

B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding

- The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.*
- The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.*
- The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.*
- Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.*
- Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.*
- The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'*

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