

News for the Pews

The Presbytery, 1 St Joseph Street, Matlock, DE4 3NG
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WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW • GIVE • BELONG

Our parish community is called to build the Kingdom of God. We gather for **WORSHIP** to strengthen our Christian unity; also included are our various ministries where you can **SERVE** those most in need with love and dignity, and opportunities to **GROW** your faith in the truth of life that Jesus provides us. We appreciate and are open to your willingness to **GIVE** of your time, treasure and talent. We want you to know, furthermore, that it is here that you have a place to **BELONG**: there is always a pew for you! This beautiful building belongs to you.
 Cherish your time here, as God the Father cherishes you.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

When you arrive at church, please queue in your group at a safe distance from everyone else. Tell the steward how many are in your group and your steward will guide you to a suitable pew. Please do not change seats unless asked to do so by a steward. When you leave, your seats will be sanitised before they can be used again. To keep a safe distance, we will only use every other row; there will be empty rows between each seated row.

Text: - 07449 835 765

1. Name 2. Date/s 3. Number of People 4. One Off or Weekly Booking

Sanctuary Lamp - Intentions of Bob Hilton

We are now full in our church at the 6pm Vigil and 10:30am Mass. This will mean that you may wish to consider attending the 4pm Vigil or the 8:30am Mass instead. As we are now into September and families we hope will return after their summer breaks, the hall overflow will have to come into force. So please be accepting that you may have to attend Mass via the hall video-link. This will of course mean Holy Communion will be brought through to you first each week. It is really important that you respect our volunteers who have been stewarding faithfully all these weeks – no form of abuse towards them, because they direct you to the hall, is acceptable. They are there for your safety and should be always appreciated and respected. **Thank you Fr Robbie**

Urgent Request - For Readers at the 8:30am Mass - please speak to Lance Philpott, Fr Robbie or contact Lucinda in the office to volunteer. Thank you



School Corner - This Coming Week

EYFS/KS1 - Welcome
 Yr 1/2 - Beginnings
 Yr 2/3 & Yr 4/5 - People
 Yr 6 - Loving

Being Part of a Community
The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

Your extra financial support is making all the difference to your parish - we appreciate it.

Matlock - 20 th -21 st September	Thank You for supporting Your Parish
Loose: £244.99	Envelopes: £315.50 S/O: £255.00 Total: £815.49

Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Yr A Weekday: Cycle II Psalter: Wk II Eucharistic Prayer: III

Saturday 26th September Ss Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

10:30am-11:30am Confessions - via Hall Porch - waiting seats outside

4:00pm (Vigil) Mass - William & Felicia Glenn RIP / Les Edees RIP

6:00pm (Vigil) Mass - Margaret Deane RIP

Sunday 27th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - Staff & Children at St Joseph's School (Intention by Convent)

10:30am Mass - The Flynn & Farrell Families RIP Anniversaries

Monday 28th September St Wenceslaus, Martyr

No Mass/No Service

Tuesday 29th September Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

10:00am Mass - Evelyn Stewart RIP / Brenda Slavin RIP

Wednesday 30th September St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Private Mass

Thursday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church

Private Mass

Friday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00pm Mass - Brenda Slavin RIP / John Gallon 1st Anniversary RIP

Saturday 3rd October Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:30am-11:30am Confessions - via Hall Porch - waiting seats outside

4:00pm (Vigil) Mass - Brian Lane RIP

6:00pm (Vigil) Mass - Bridget & John McLarkey RIP

Sunday 4th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - John Higgins RIP

10:30am Mass - Holy Souls

Parish Priest Fr Robbie O'Callaghan 01629 582804 in Emergencies 07449835765

Parish Assistant Mrs Lucinda Watson - by telephone only - 01629 582804
 Wednesday/Thursday/Friday - 8:30am-1:30pm

Parish Deacon Rev Richard Walsh (via parish office)

Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Paula Scully (0115 9539850)

Saint Jerome - Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and Saint Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sometimes sarcastic pen. He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope. Saint Augustine said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known." Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. He travelled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

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Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

The air between God and man is thick with mystical beings

It is a principle of Catholic theology that salvation is mediated, that individual man does not go to God alone, and that God does not come to man alone. This means that there are layers of words, symbols, art, priests, nuns, catechists, music, books, churches, shrines, and endless other things and places and people that channel God to us. Even using the name "God" or "Father" or "Jesus Christ" presupposes the mediation of language. So although someone may say they want to "cut out the middle man" of the Church and go directly to God, they can't. At some point in their youth they absorbed who God was from others, so even the most basic, apparently innate knowledge we have of God is mediated, even if only by nature itself. Today's feast is about the created spiritual beings known as angels who fill the space between God and man, communicating His message, protecting man from harm, and battling against the armies of Satan. The Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael transmit some of God's most important messages.

Archangel Michael - leads the war cry in a mysterious, metaphysical battle against the Devil and his minions in the Book of Daniel. "There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince", and "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise". Michael means "Who is like God."

Archangel Gabriel - is an essential figure in the events surrounding the Incarnation. We first meet him in the Jerusalem temple, announcing the birth of Saint John the Baptist to his father Zachary: "I am Gabriel, I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news". He later conveys the message of all messages to the Virgin Mary, eliciting her "Yes" to God's sublime invitation. Gabriel means "the strength of God."

Archangel Raphael - appears in the disguise of a man in the Book of Tobit, guiding the young Tobiah along his journey. "... God sent me to heal you and Sarah your daughter-in-law. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord". Raphael means "God heals."

The Old Testament description of the angels worshipping before the throne of God is one of fierce power: "...each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory". These beings are far from the pudgy, pillow-soft, fat-cheeked baby angels so often depicted in art. Today's feast is for the mighty six-winged angels, the deadly serious ministers of God's messages. These Archangels engage in consequential spiritual battle, know that God and His word are not frivolous, and carry out their missions as emissaries of the Most-High. We invoke them now just as Saint Patrick did in the fifth century: "I arise today through the strength of the love of cherubim, in the obedience of angels, in the service of archangels, in the hope of resurrection to meet with reward." **Amen.**