

# BRINDLE St JOSEPH'S

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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Sunday cycle year B, weekday cycle year 2, psalter week 2)



*“Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother,  
sister and mother”*

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for all those affected by conflict. Quieten the clamour of war and guide us towards peace. Where there is hatred and division, sow seeds of calm and openness. Where there is destruction, help us to rebuild. Where children are crying, bring an end to tears. Shelter your peoples and protect them, guide them and keep them from harm. Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen. (Linda Jones/CAFOD)

## THIS WEEK

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>First Holy Communions</b> (Dorothy Hoole)	The Immaculate Heart of Mary (memorial)
	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Phelan family	<b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Feria
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		St Barnabas (memorial)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Feria
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		St Anthony of Padua (memorial)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Joe Moorby	BVM
	<b>SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE</b>		<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	6.00pm	For the Parish	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Stephen Dowse	

### First Saturday of the Month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass

This week	Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	C Williamson		J Hothersall		Not open
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	C Snape		J Slater		Not open
<b>Bidding prayers</b>	C Snape	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	A Fowler, B Gorrell	<b>Collection counters</b>	P & J Kitchen
Next week	Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	G Hopkinson		G Hopkinson		Not open
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	F Fordyce		J Kitchen		Not open
<b>Bidding prayers</b>	L Gardner	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	F Fordyce, G Fowler	<b>Collection counters</b>	L & M Gardner

**Last weekend: attendance: 110, collection: £613.31 – thank you!**

**Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35**

Part of God's gift to humanity was the gift to freely choose.

For Adam and Eve, it was to freely choose to disobey God's command not to eat of the tree of good and evil – a biblical note tells us that this act of disobedience means *a usurping of the divine privilege in deciding what is good and what is evil* – tantamount to saying: we have no need of God to tell us what is good and what is evil, we can decide for ourselves.

Today's first reading tells us of the consequences of that *Original Sin* of pride which was that the harmonious relationship between humanity with God and all creation has been broken, and death entered the world and life becomes a struggle.

Those two outcomes are responsible for much of the atheism of today, for they say: why do we need God to tell us how to behave when we can decide for ourselves and how can a loving God allow so much suffering and misery in his world?

These are good and fair questions – suffice it here just to say that without a moral code that stands outside of those subject to it, what is right or wrong is anybody's guess – and then our laws and moral codes become *subjective* to whoever is in charge and no one can truly say whether they are good or bad, right or wrong, because there is no *objective* authority that stands above and beyond the reach of human sinfulness.

As for *a loving God* allowing so much suffering and death, this is a much more difficult question, but we do have, as we have seen, an ancient story that tries to convey a truth of its origins – that it appears to be the result of humanity's free choice against God.

For the Christian faithful, our moral code, our guide for how to live the best of lives is obviously God himself, for only he can be a truly *objective* authority and *rule for life* for, being the *Creator*, he is not *subject* to change and the ever-changing whims and fancies of Godless people, although he permits it.

But why should he permit these whims and fancies which can so easily turn into oppression, catastrophic suffering and death?

Because he wills to honour our freedom to choose.

Parents always take a risk when bringing a child into the world because the child can choose to ignore all that you tell them for their well-being and safety – to say nothing of the numerous other dangers – every departure from the house might leave a parent with their heart in their mouth.

God, too, took a risk when he created us as free agents to choose and, like children, we make wrong choices that lead us away from him and into danger and to seeking something of the independence from God that Adam and Eve sought.

But let us thank God that he does not leave us floundering in this hostile world, alone with all its changing values and moving goalposts of public opinion. Instead, he continuously calls us back to himself through the gift of his love for us in Jesus Christ who teaches us that none of our bad choices will ever bring us lasting happiness.

*For (as St Paul says to the Corinthians) we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.*

That is where objective truth and true freedom are to be found, in Jesus Christ in whom our souls will, at last find rest, and who awaits us there.

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## Reflections

*On each occasion I say: Lord, thy will be done! It's not what this or that one wants, but what **You** want me to do. This is my fortress, this is my firm rock, this is my sure support. (St John Chrysostom)*

*Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? (St Gerard Majella)*

With prayers,

Fr Raphael

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## This week's Saints

**St Barnabas** (whose name means Son of Encouragement or Consolation) was a Jewish Cypriot who introduced the new convert St Paul to the Apostles and accompanied him on his first missionary journey before they separated over what is described as a violent quarrel. (Acts 15: 38) It is encouraging or even consoling to know that even the greatest of saints can quarrel and fall out.

**St Anthony of Padua** (1195-1231) Began as an Augustinian but later became a Franciscan and after ordination was commended for his learning, eloquent preaching and winning countenance.

At some point, a novice tired of the Franciscan life made off with Anthony's Psalter book which contained his teaching notes and comments and which was valuable to him. Anthony prayed for its return and the novice stopped in his tracks, returned the book and resumed his novitiate hence the tradition of praying to him for lost items. (Another tradition says that a novice simply took the Psalter without permission.)

St Anthony's bread recalls his compassion for the poor and he died at the early age of 36 and is a Doctor of the Church.

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**WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** Vincent Holland who was baptised last Sunday.

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There is **NO MASS** on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday** this week.

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There is presently some water ingress into the sacristy due to some damage to the slates which needs fixing urgently. We have engaged the services of a roofer to address this issue and whilst he is on site, we have requested that he assesses the general condition of all the roofs and gutters of the church and presbytery. This will necessitate some disruption while the **SCAFFOLDING** is erected, although we do not anticipate any safety concerns for parishioners. We apologise for any inconvenience that this essential maintenance is carried out.

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**SUMMER FAMILY FUNDAY** at the Parish Hall on **NEXT SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June** from 2.00 to 5.00pm. Free entry, free parking. Fun and games, bar and refreshments, inflatables, raffle, entertainment, market stalls, face painting and much more! We would be grateful for **HOMEMADE CAKES** and/or muffins for our cake stall – please add your name to the list at the back of church if you can help. Also, **RAFFLE TICKETS** will be on sale after Mass each weekend. Thank you in advance!!!

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**NEXT SUNDAY** is the **Day for Life** when we are asked to support by prayer and financially by the **SECOND COLLECTION** the work of the Church to ensure that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. More information at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/life-issues/day-for-life/>.

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Also **NEXT WEEKEND** there will be a **FOODBANK COLLECTION**.

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**PLEASE PRAY** for those who are sick or housebound including Michael Bolton, Isaac Wilson, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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**DURING ORDINARY TIME (SUMMER)** ie up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

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**100 CLUB:** The winner for week 26 is number 27, Mike and Susan Sherry.

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The **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** have been updated. Each bag is now themed around certain bible tales or topics and contains a variety of resources including soft toys, finger puppets, colouring sheets and puzzles to help the children learn more about their faith. We hope that these bags will be developed as more resources are found and that they will be enjoyed. We ask that they are shown the same care as has gone into them – thank you!

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## Bidding Prayers – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024

**Priest:** Trusting in God's love and mercy, let us bring our prayers and petitions before Him.

**Reader:** We pray for the Church, that she is a source of strength for all who seek the Lord, guiding the faithful in truth and love. Lord, hear us...

We pray for world leaders and all politicians, that they may seek election in order to serve the interests of all the electorate especially those struggling to survive in our modern world. Lord, hear us...

For those who suffer from the deprivations of wars past and present. We pray for all casualties of war; whether they suffer physically or mentally as we remember the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. May we be always mindful of the need for seeking settlement and peace for all. Lord, hear us...

We pray for all families, especially those who struggle to find peace within their own homes. May they find a way to create a harmonious way of living that suits all family members. Lord hear us...

We ask Mary our mother to carry our prayers to her son as we say: Hail Mary...

Let us take a moment to lay our personal prayers before the Lord.

**Priest:** Loving Father, we bring these prayers before You with confidence in Your infinite mercy. Hear and answer them according to Your holy will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**Priest:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

**All:** May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.