

# SENIOR SCHOOL

*St Mary's Fortnightly Sunday School Newsletter*



**'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.'**

John  
10:27

## WHAT'S GOING ON @ ST MARYS

Harvest Festival is just round the corner. We thank God for the food we eat at all three Masses on Sunday 10th October. As part of the celebrations, there'll be drinks and nibbles after the Masses.

## A SAINT TO KNOW

On Wednesday 29th September, the Church celebrates the three archangels named in the Bible: Gabriel tells Mary she is with child (St Luke 1); Michael beats Satan in a heavenly battle (Revelation 12) and Raphael heals Tobit (Tobit 11). St Paul refers to an hierarchy of angels in Colossians 1:16.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Angels are mentioned nearly 300 times in the Bible. We know they are wise and intelligent celestial beings created by God before he even made us. Taking an interest in our lives and worshipping and glorifying God

## HOW DOES GOD SEND US MESSAGES?

If you've prayed about something and you're waiting to hear back from God, you may wonder how he'll reply and if you'll even recognise His voice when he does.

The Bible is full of different ways that God has got his point across, and it's up to us to keep our minds and hearts open to his messages. Dreams, Angels, Prophets and Scripture are all powerful ways He finds to resonate with His followers.

We don't have to worry about missing Gods signs, we are built with an internal antenna to hear and respond to his voice. John 10:27-28 tells us :

**'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.'**

That Priest on Sunday that seems to be talking to you, that piece of scripture that jumps out at you or that friend that comes out of nowhere with the best advice. Don't worry! God knows where and how to find you.





## GUARDIAN ANGELS

by *Father Morris*

We know we each have a guardian angel because of a throwaway comment Our Lord makes when He says, "See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in Heaven are continually in the presence of my Father in Heaven," (St Matthew 18:10).

It's a wonderful sign of God's individual love for each one of us and for everyone ever created that He created a Guardian Angel to watch over us. The last task of our Guardian Angel is to take our soul to Heaven. St John Henry Newman wrote a beautiful poem about a fictional person called Gerontius dying.

He hears his Guardian Angel and says, "It is a member of that family of wondrous beings, who, ere the world were made, millions of ages back, have stood around the throne of God." Gerontius tells the angel he is no longer afraid to see God face to face now that He is dead. The angel replies, "It is because then thou didst fear, that now thou dost not fear."

The angel takes Gerontius' soul past the sound of the devils longing for him to join them in hell. The angel tells Gerontius that the judgement has begun and that seeing God, "the Most Fair, will gladden thee, but it will pierce thee too."

Cooperate with your Guardian Angel in ensuing your soul gets to Heaven and ask that angel to pray for you.

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## KNOW YOUR SCRIPTURE

Whilst the Bible mentions Angels nearly 300 times they still remain a bit of a mystery to us.

We've pulled out the following scriptures to help build a picture of who they are and what they do:

### Hebrews 1:14

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

### Psalms 91:11

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

### Revelation 14:6

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

### Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.