

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Mon, & Thurs 9.15am-2.30pm



## First Sunday in Lent Year A 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

*Be off, Satan!*

As we move into this holy season of Lent, the readings slowly begin to prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

The **First Reading** (Genesis 2: 7–9. 3: 1–7) teaches us how God created a good world, giving life to man and woman. But Eve and Adam had ambitions for equality with God, leading to the beginning of our sense of alienation from the Divine.

The **Psalm** (51) is recognised as a prayer of penitence, particularly suited for the Lenten season. It sees sin not purely in individual terms, but as an evil that can affect the whole community.

For Paul (**Second Reading** Romans 5: 12–19), the imagery of life and death provides a key to understanding what Jesus has done for us. Death signifies being cut off from a relationship with God, whereas life invokes an image of friendship and union with God. Through the life of Jesus, the new Adam, we are all restored to that friendship.

In the **Gospel** (Matthew 4: 1–11), Jesus, though genuinely tempted in the wilderness, remains faithful to his Father. He is resolute in resisting the devil's seductive, reasonable-sounding temptations.

Let's begin the season of Lent by inviting God to show us how to find the freedom of spirit to live with open-hearted generosity, and to rediscover the joy and freedom in living for others, as did Christ himself.

**SVP Second Collection** will take place next weekend. Please do give what you can.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** each Saturday in Lent at 11.00am with the opportunity to go to Confession.

**Lenten Project:** During Lent we will be supporting the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Boxes will be available to collect from the Church from this weekend. Please keep these at home and give what you can, then return after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Confirmation Session:** The next Confirmation session will be this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall.

**Prayer Sponsors Needed:** 55 of our young people have started their faith journey to their confirmation at Pentecost, they need your support and we would ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer sponsors. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch. We will then allocate a young person or persons to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their confirmation which you would be invited to. Our young people thank you for your consideration.

**Gold Medal Found:** A medal was found in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. If you think it is yours please see Father Martin.

**Children in Year Five** should see Father Martin after mass.

**This Monday** we welcome Year One to mass.

**First Friday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am-7.00pm. Please put your name down on the list in the porch.

**Looking for Help:** If anyone can help to keep the Church grounds tidy, please see Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

**Pray Pray Pray!** Come and join us every Thursday at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel for rosary and adoration in response to our Lady of Medjugorje's call to prayer. Refreshments afterwards, everyone welcome.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** We have eleven adults who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter. They are going to Brentwood Cathedral with their sponsors this Sunday for the Right of Welcome with our Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Lourdes Quiz Night:** Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall. 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tables of 6-8 only. Hosted by Kevin Walsh - acclaimed quiz master! Raffle on night. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Call 07817 913663 or drop into Parish Office during opening hours – tickets cost £5.00pp. Any donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated! Come and have some fun raising money for a good cause.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This year is a very special year for the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham as the Bishops of England and Wales re-dedicate England as the Dowry of Mary for the first time since the Reformation. For more information please see the poster in the porch.

**Lenten resources for young people, teachers and catechists:** The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service have gathered together a collection of links to Catholic resources from across the Internet, to help you on your Lenten journey. You will find everything at

<https://bcys.net/resources/lent/> . The next **Youth Mass** is this Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup> March) – another way to go deeper into prayer and reflection for Lent, in the company of other young people aged approx. 14-23. The Mass is at 8pm at Brentwood Cathedral, followed by simple refreshments.

**The Sponsored Sleepout (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April 2020)** is a powerful experience for individuals of all ages, and for groups of young people, including Confirmation Groups. Last year 70 people slept out and raised an amazing £10,000 for homeless charities in the Diocese. Group booking info (a simple summary of numbers, and the details of group leaders) should be emailed to [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org); individuals should register on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Handel's Messiah** performed by Havering Singers and the Concordia Orchestra under the direction of Jonathan Rathbone, takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm @ St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. Tickets: £13.00 if bought before 1<sup>st</sup> April, £15.00 after this date. Children ages 5 – 17 - £5.00. Tickets are available from Hotline: 01708 341265/on our website [www.haveringsingers.org.uk](http://www.haveringsingers.org.uk) or on the door. Come and join us at this special event.

#### **CHURCH EVENTS:**

**Children's Liturgy:** Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

**Baptism Course:** First and second Thursday of the month.

**Baptisms:** Last Sunday of the month.

**Rosary & Adoration Prayer Group:** Thursdays at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm & each Sunday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**Rosary:** Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital

## WEEKEND 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat	6.30pm	Warren James / Mary Keen
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Paul Connolly
		9.30am	Adrian Bell / Albert Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Maria Adeseqha / Jason Sunshine

**Bidding Prayers:** Susan Squire **Coffee Morning:** Team 7 **Cleaning:** Group D  
**Offerings 23.02.2020:** Envs: £1,097.04 Loose: £1,034.92 Total: £2,131.96

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	29th Feb	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Exposition & Confessions Maura Fallon RIP / Eileen Kelly RIP The Hughes Children & John & Bridget Riley RIP
Sunday First Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners Frank Broderick RIP Bridget & Tom Reilly & Grandchildren RIP / Maureen O'Neil RIP
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Maura Fallon RIP
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Mr Green RIP / Maura Fallon RIP
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	Jisma Joseph RIP / Paul Bray Int
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>  <b>2.30-5.00pm</b>	Marcus Oladipo Olaniyan RIP / Joyce Cougill RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday Lent Fast Day	6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b> <b>9.00-7.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Cornish Family RIP / Hallinan Family RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Exposition & Confessions Mary O'Brien RIP / Sammy McCarthy RIP James Duggan RIP / Jackie Willans RIP
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners Curtin Family RIP / Robert Cheevers RIP Joe Gilligan Int / Yvonne Walsh RIP

***Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?***

***Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.***

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*Please note the location of the fire exits*