

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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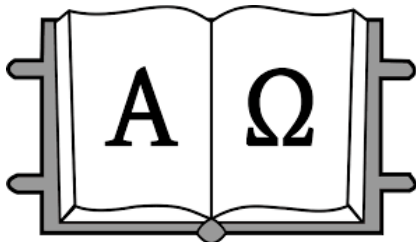
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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year C

2nd June 2019

You indeed are the Lord

As the richness of Eastertide begins to draw to a close, I come to pray this Sunday's readings, glad perhaps to find time to pause, pray and reflect in this time between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Stephen in the **First Reading** (Acts 7:55-60) already sees his Ascended Lord 'standing at the right hand of God'.

And with **Psalms 96** we too rejoice that the Lord is risen, glorious. All creation is united in acknowledging his reign of justice and right.

The **Second Reading** (Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17) also proclaims the risen Jesus as Lord—the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He promises that he will come again soon.

The **Gospel**, (John 17:20-26) from Jesus' discourse at the last Supper, draws us back to the passion. On the eve of his suffering Jesus prays for all his disciples: may their unity witness to him so that the world may believe. They will also see Jesus' glory given by the Father.

Promotion of Vocations: There will be a second collection **this weekend** for the Promotion of Vocations.

World Communications Day: There will be a second collection **next weekend** for the World Communications Day.

May Queen Procession with Sunday mass will be on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am. That weekend, masses will be at 6.30pm on Saturday 22nd June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 23rd June. Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated on that Sunday only.

Parish Partnership: Representatives of our three parishes have now met several times and they have looked for ways in which we may work together for the benefit of all our parishioners and enhance our spiritual lives. We are in the process of sending a request to the diocese asking for clarification on certain issues and also to proffer suggestions of our own. As soon as we receive a reply we will share this with you all. The **next meeting** will be on Wednesday 12th June at 8.00pm in the presbytery to discuss Transportation. All are welcome.

Confirmation Going Forth Mass: This will take place on Sunday 9th June at 11.30am.

Saturday Midday Mass: please note there will be no midday mass on Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th June due to First Holy Communion.

Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June, 8pm in the Parish Hall and everyone is welcome. Parish Groups should please submit their reports to the office by Sunday 16th June.

Parish Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 13th July, 1-4pm. If you can help run a stall or help with the set up on the Friday afternoon / evening and / or Saturday morning, please contact the parish office or the school.

Parish Summer Fair Sponsorship: If you would like to aid the fundraising for our community there are sponsorship opportunities to advertise your business via a banner / poster or on a stall at this year's summer fayre. All proceeds go to the Parish and School Community. Please contact Emma Naguib on 07713 851903.

Catholic Faith: Interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about your faith? Please see Father Martin or Eileen Jonas or contact the parish office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 7th June from 9.30am until 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

Catechists: Would you like to be a catechist in our parish or know more about the role of a catechist, then please speak to Fr Martin or Jane Tatam.

James Murphy RIP: James sadly passed away on the 6th May. His requiem mass will be on Tuesday 11th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at South Essex Crematorium.

Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted clothes, shoes and soft toys in bin bags on the morning of Sunday 2nd June to be dropped at the Van Meenan Room, from 8.00am until 12.45 pm. Collection will be on Monday morning just after 9am. Please DO NOT block the side access door to the church or leave bags anywhere else other than at the Van Meenan Room.

Ordination of Gary Dench: Gary will be ordained as a Priest for the Diocese at Corpus Christi in Collier Row on Saturday 22nd June at 11.30am. Please keep Gary in your prayers.

St Joseph the Worker, Hutton: Father Leslie Knight (Parish Priest) warmly invites all past parishioners to celebrate the Golden Jubilee (1969-2019) of the opening of the Church. Bishop Alan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6pm on Saturday 13 July. All those who have a link with Hutton will be most welcome to attend. Reception in the Parish Hall to follow.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Each year Bishop Alan celebrates this Mass particularly for those who are newly married or celebrating special anniversaries. This year the Mass is on Saturday 6th July at 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, with

a reception afterwards. If you would like an invitation please speak to your parish priest. On the same day there is a conference in the Cathedral Hall for all those involved in supporting and promoting the vocation to marriage - see the diocesan website or speak to your parish priest for more information.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for 35 'Fearless Fundraisers' to join #TEAM35 and undertake a thrilling 80 metre free-fall abseil from the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford. The Abseil will take place on **Friday 12th July** between **5pm & 8pm** and in order to secure a place, participants will need to pay a £50 non-refundable deposit and agree to raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship (before Gift Aid) to support the work of bccs. For further information please visit www.bccs.org.uk or contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 01268 784544 / 07912277413

The Ursuline Sisters in Brentwood require a Care Supervisor to manage the day-to-day provision of care for Sisters resident in the Grange. Applicants should have General Nursing qualifications, experience with staff management and a driving licence. Approximately 25 hours per week with some flexibility. Some weekend, evening and on-call work will be required. Salary dependent on candidate. Vacancy begins in June/July. Please telephone 01277 260156 by for application form.

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.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

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: Mondays 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

May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership

WEEKEND 8th / 9th June 2019:

Readers:	Sat	6.30pm	Mary Keen / Sharon Flevin
	Sun	8.00am	Angela Joseph / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Amanda Thompson / Alan Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Maureen Boorman / Philip Rodgers

Bidding Prayers: Jackie Donald Church Cleaning: Group 2 Coffee Morning: 100 Club

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday St. Justin	1 st June	12.00pm 6.30pm	J. Durkin RIP / Bernadette Sullivan RIP All Parishioners
Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter	2 nd June	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jisma Joseph RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Michael O'Brien RIP / Pauline McGlade RIP Sam Farrugia RIP / Mamie Connolly Int
Monday St. Charles Lwanga & his Comps	3 rd June	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Rev. Jim Pollock RIP
Tuesday	4 th June	9.00am	Deceased of Lenehan Family / Marion Donovan Int
Wednesday St. Boniface	5 th June	7.30pm	Mary Barrell RIP / Joyce Cougill Int
Thursday	6 th June	9.00am 2.30-4.00	Thanksgiving Oganwu Family / Ann Farrell RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	7 th June	9.00am 9.30-7.00	Selby Tweedie RIP / George Finlayson RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday St. Justin	8 th June	12.00pm 6.30pm	NO MIDDAY MASS James, Josie & John Manning RIP / Josephine & Anthony Camilleri
Sunday Pentecost Sunday	9 th June	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Rita Olaniyan Int / Pauline McGlade RIP May & Joe Kirwin / Kay Steers

***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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