

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, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.15am-2.45pm



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

2 September 2018

Listen to the Law of love planted in you.

The readings concentrate on the difference between man-made and God-given laws. God's laws are meant to be life-giving whereas, at times, man-made rules and even religious traditions can get in the way of what really matters.

In the **First reading** (Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8) Moses encourages the people to keep the commandments of the Lord for they are life-giving. These God-given laws are based on wisdom and understanding.

The **Psalm** (14/15) reminds us that we must act justly. Living in the presence of God means speaking and acting with respect and integrity in the presence of others.

The **Second reading** is from St. James' first letter (James 1: 17-18.21-22.27). For James, we must not only listen to our conscience, we must take action when prompted by the law planted in us by God.

Jesus challenges the hypocrisy of the Pharisees who put more emphasis on traditional religious practices than the law of God. (**Gospel** - Mark 7: 1-8.14-15.21-23.)

First Holy Communion Parents Meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2019: Please note that the Parents / candidates meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12th September** in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and will be going in to Year 10 in September or above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the newly formed children's choir at the 9.30am mass, starting Sunday 23rd September. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Repository: Please do visit our 'new and improved' repository! We have lots of new stock!

Prayer in the Home: The first meeting will take place Tuesday 25th September, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 7 Cheviot Road, Hornchurch. The prayer session will be led by Fr Martin and others. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends and neighbours and the evening consists of the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady will be brought to the home to remind us that Our Lady, Mary, is the Mother of the Home.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Your new rota's are now ready to collect in the sacristy. **Please also collect a consent form** relating to sharing your contact details – this must be completed and returned to the Parish Office.

Save the Date – Let's Celebrate!! Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

Parish Office: Please note the Parish Office opening hours are changing. From Monday 17th September, the office will be open Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am-2.45pm.

First Holy Communion 2018 / 2019 - URGENT APPEAL: If anyone is interested in becoming a FHC catechist please could they contact Jane for more information.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) The RCIA is for the people enquiring about the Catholic Faith. Our starting date for this year is Monday 10th September, 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Van Meenan room. We meet in a relaxed, informal setting and we look forward to seeing you. If you wish to know more, please see Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

The Catholic Church & the European Project: A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 6th October. The speaker will be Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark, and Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Ministry at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

A Day of Reflection & Enrichment for READERS: Calling all who read the Words of Scripture at Mass. A day of reflection and enrichment has been arranged to take place at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green on Saturday 20th October led by Dr Marian Tolley from Shrewsbury Diocese. Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years; has a highly respected reputation for running work-shops in liturgical music; the training of deacons and for speaking on various topics relating to the liturgy. The day will start at 10am with registration & refreshments and will end at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available during the day. Book your place by the Doodle link <https://doodle.com/poll/h49mzkv7hxxqu8tw> or email us

adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Bernadette at richard.ebling@btinternet.com or phone 01206 385 881.

Remembrance Day Posters: We would like to renew and update our parish Remembrance Day Posters. If you would like the name of a family member or friend to be added to the posters, please email me at fmwrodgers@gmail.com or send a note via the Parish Office. On the posters we remember our relatives and friends who have died in all wars and conflicts and we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice. We would like to know their name (and the armed force they belonged to, if relevant), place and date of death (and even, perhaps, a little of their story if you know any of it).

BCYS Youth Gather 20th - 21st October 2018. We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20th, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities. You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page. This event is open to those in school year 9 and above.

Relationship Counsellors & Marriage Prep Facilitators Needed: Would you like to help us in our mission to support couples in distress? Marriage Care are looking for qualified relationship counsellors and Marriage Prep Facilitators for our local centres. Volunteering with Marriage Care is truly a rewarding experience. Please contact us at marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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.*

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, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Leo Duffy, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, David Wells, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

WEEKEND 9th / 10th September 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Jane Hull / Sarah O'Connor
	Sun	8.00am	Brian Rodgers / Seb Hough
		9.30am	Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Ray John / Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Church Cleaning: Group 3

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday St. Sebbi	1 st Sept	12.00pm 6.30pm	John Loftus RIP / Joan Dowding RIP All Parishioners
Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 nd Sep	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Jisma Joseph RIP / Boorman Family Thanksgiving William Morley RIP / Phil Perry RIP Sam Farrugia RIP / Bernard Lenehan Int Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday St Gregory The Great	3 rd Sept	9.00am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Margaret Hayes RIP
Tuesday	4 th Sep	9.00am	Matthias Soares RIP / Joe Burke RIP
Wednesday	5 th Sep	7.30pm	Nikki Bayley RIP / Frank Boorman RIP
Thursday	6 th Sep	8.30am 2.30-5.30pm	Ellen Lenehan RIP / Patricia Pearce Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	7 th Sep	8.30am 9.00-7.00pm	Margaret Quinn Int / Nora Egan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8 th Sep	12.00pm 6.30pm	Julie Hunt RIP / Jim Shanahan RIP Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 th Sep	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	All Parishioners / Mary Barrell RIP Sean McCarthy RIP / Joan Dowding RIP Eamon Commings RIP / Marie Kelly RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)

***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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