

# 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-2.30pm



## 1st Sunday of Advent

Year C

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

*Stay Awake!*

Aware that a new season of Advent is opening, I take time to pause before these readings and prepare to welcome prayerfully the new liturgical year.

The **First Reading** from the prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16) strikes a note of hope and confidence. The Lord is going to fulfil his promise to his people —the Messiah will come from the house of David.

**Psalms 24** underlines the path we should follow as we wait for the coming of the Lord—he will teach and guide us in his ways of faithfulness and love.

The **Second Reading** (Thessalonians 3: 12-4) speaks of the Lord's second coming with all his saints. St. Paul exhorts us to live in the present according to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

The **Gospel** (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36) tells us to be ready for this second coming, Christ's coming in glory. The cosmic upheaval may sound terrifying but the followers of Christ, wide-awake and praying, can stand upright, confident that the Lord will come.

**Collect:** Grant your faithful, we pray almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

**St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar** will take place next Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm-4.00pm. **We are in desperate need of donations** of bottles, toiletries, **new** toys & gifts, cakes, sweets, chocolate, crackers and books. We also need more people to help the evening before and on the day! Please contact the school or the Parish Office if you think you can help. Donations should be left in the church porch (bottles to the office) or in the trolley in the school playground. Please come along to join the fun!

**Grand Draw Tickets** will be on sale after every mass this weekend!

**Vision Document: Shaping Our Future:** This weekend marks a key milestone in the Steward of the Gospel process as the Vision Document: Shaping Our Future is published. Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to all parishioners that can be viewed on the Diocese's website by clicking on the News button. Please take time to watch and listen to this message in the coming days. In the News section you will also find a link to the Vision Document: Shaping Our Future. The Vision Document: Shaping Our Future is designed as an online resource in line with our early commitment to making better use of technology and it has links through to other websites and documents. Viewing the document on line enables it to be read in large print and some people have access to read aloud functions. Wherever possible we would urge you to read the document online but in the parish we have hard copies of the booklets for those who cannot access the online version, which will be distributed after each mass this weekend. As we have a limited number of hard copies available, can we please restrict these to one per family.

**Confirmation Meeting:** On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Confermandi will be attending the Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. The coach will leave St. Mary's at 7.00pm and will return around 10.00pm. Also a reminder that **all candidates should be signing in every weekend.**

**Musicians needed** for some Sunday masses. Please see Fr Martin if you can help.

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

**Children in Year Five:** Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

**Brentwood Diocesan Directories** are now available at the back of the Church, priced £2.75.

**Cleaners** please collect your new rota from the back of the Church.

**Prayer in the Home:** The next meeting will take place Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 18 Fairfield Close. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends, neighbours and indeed all are welcome. 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.

**When buying Christmas Stamps** please ask for Religious ones or they will be discontinued if there is not enough demand.

**Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA)** If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

**Catholic Fellowship** are in urgent need of drivers to help on Saturdays. Please contact Paul if you think you can help on 01708 222008.

**Service of Healing Prayer:** at St. Joseph's Church, Champion Road Upminster **Tuesday 4th December at 8pm.** For details contact Richard & Frances Healy 01708 250717.

**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE** on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at 4.00pm in the Cathedral. Main celebrant, Bishop Alan Williams. A service of readings, carols and beautiful choral music from the Cathedral choir. The perfect way to reflect on the radiant meaning of Christmas. All welcome.

**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

**Diocesan Prayer**

Almighty and merciful Father,  
bestow your grace upon the Diocese of Brentwood.  
We give thanks for the witness of past generations and pray for  
a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we may be ever more  
faithful to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

Bless our Bishop, the Clergy, Religious and Faithful  
of our Diocese as we work together to evangelise our Diocese  
and fulfil our Vision, and graciously grant plentiful vocations  
to the Priesthood, the Consecrated Life, Single Life and the  
Sacrament of Marriage.

Strengthen us in the communion of faith, hope and charity,  
united in prayer with our Holy Father the Pope and the  
Universal Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Saints Erconwald, Cedd and Edmund of Canterbury,  
pray for us.

## WEEKEND 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat.	6.30pm	Janet James / Peter Amey
	Sun	8.00am	Sergio Cantoni / Angela Joseph
		9.30am	Natasha Wilson / Lucy May
		11.30am	Nonita Emilianus / Nneamaka Ajoh

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Coffee Morning:** 100 Club

**Offerings 25.11.18:** Envs: £1,163.81

**National Youth Sunday:** £647.25

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

Loose: £963.58

Total: £2,127.39

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Private Int / Joe Hughes Int / Holy Souls Thanksgiving to Our Lady / Sam Farrugia RIP
Sunday First Sunday of Advent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Jisma Joseph RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP All Parishioners Eamon Commings RIP / John Power RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday St Francis Xavier	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Fergus Dardis RIP
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP / Mr Burns RIP
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>7.30pm</b>	Fergus Dardis RIP / Beryl Chadwick RIP
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.30-5.00pm</b>	Rev Bro John Mary Watters CP RIP / Deceased members of Sarsfield Family Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Ambrose	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b> <b>9.00-7.00pm</b>	Patrick Lenehan RIP / Des O'Brien RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Colin Hounslow RIP / Deceased Members of KSC Romford Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday Second Sunday of Advent	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	All Parishioners Edna Dukes RIP / Dan Norton RIP Michael O'Rourke RIP / Trofimena Rebuffat 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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