

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



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year C

3rd February 2019

“Make it our glory to praise you.”

Today’s **First Reading** (Jeremiah 1: 4–5, 17–19) takes place in 627 BC. Jeremiah, a shy and gentle teenager, is called, against his better wishes, to proclaim a message contrary to the expectations of those around him. As a result, his life will have more than its fair share of rejection and failure.

The liturgy connects Jesus with this rejected prophet figure of Jeremiah. Jesus, having read from the prophet Isaiah (last Sunday’s **Gospel** Luke 4: 21–30), is met with hostility in his home synagogue. His own people, knowing him merely as Joseph’s son, cannot accept the challenge to respond to his message. Jesus’s rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels.

In the early church community based at Corinth (**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13) there were disagreements about which charism was best. St Paul offers a way above all others – the way of love. It is the greatest of God’s gifts and the one that endures. Today’s **Psalm** 70 (710 is a song of hope and trust. The prophets of the Lord do not travel alone, but in the face of rejection, persecution and even death, they are delivered and saved.

This week, I pray for the hope and trust that allows me to go forward with confidence, even in the face of misunderstanding and rejection.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February at 8.00pm in the presbytery, to which all are welcome. We will be looking at the wonderful response to the Parish Questionnaire (over 400 of you responded individually or as families) and this gathering is to consider your suggestions and discuss how we might take them forward as a Parish Partnership, along with St. Joseph's (Upminster) and English Martyrs (Hornchurch).

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th February, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

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

Recently Deceased:

Mary Moorby: Mary's requiem mass will be on Monday 4th February at 10.45am. Please pray for Mary and her family. May she Rest in Peace.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers please take your new rota from the sacristy.

Prayer in the Home: The next meeting will take place Tuesday 12th February, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 34 St. Leonards Way. Do come along – 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.

Quiz Night: The Youth Club will be holding a quiz night on Saturday 30th March in the Parish Hall to raise funds for the young people going to Lourdes. More details to follow – all are welcome!

St Mary's Toddler Group every Tuesday 2pm-3.10pm during term time only. Held in the Parish hall which is located on the school playground, (buzz bell at school gate and advise you are here for toddler group). £2.50 per family, first session FREE. Tea, coffee, biscuits and juice all included in the price. Everyone welcome! For more details call Jo Challis on 07985 496196.

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.

Sponsored Sleepout: This winter, Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 12th-13th April. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at 3.00pm on Sunday 10th February at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be lovely to see all those of you who have a particular devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Assistant Manager: Start Mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and

volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on the 20th February 1.45 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to the very popular Finbar Black, playing music to suit all tastes. Refreshments will be available. Admissions £5.00, all proceeds to parish funds. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903 366992

To all couples who married in St. Helen's Church, Westcliff on Sea: St. Helen's will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year and we are asking any couples who married in the church to please contact the Parish Office 01702 342324 with date of marriage, full names and a wedding photo. These will be displayed and the couples invited to attend a mass for a special blessing.

Calais Light: Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? We run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral . **The next trip is Mar 1-3** & we'll be supporting a different charity this time, Care4Calais, who go out with their volunteers to distribute aid, clothes & food to refugees. Please think about this & volunteer with us. Sign up to volunteer on our "Calais Light" Facebook page, email calaislight@yahoo.com or visit www.calaislight.com. If you can't, please donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight.

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

WEEKEND 9th / 10th February 2019:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Peter Amey / Pat Martin
	Sun	8.00am	Sergio Cantoni / Brian Rodgers
		9.30am	Danny Coyle / Emma McMillan
		11.30am	Ray John / Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers **Church Cleaning:** Group 1 **Coffee Morning:** 100 Club
Offerings 28.01.19: Envs: £1,157.33 Loose: £849.67 Total: £2,001.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday The Presentation of the Lord	2 nd Feb	12.00pm	Mr & Mrs Eynice Oganwu RIP / Ena Caden RIP
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 rd Feb	8.00am	Jisma Joseph RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Gregory Gallagher RIP / Gerard Curtin RIP
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Veronica O'Sullivan RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
Monday	4 th Feb	8.30am 10.45am	NO MASS Requiem Mass: Mary Moorby RIP
Tuesday St. Agatha	5 th Feb	8.30am	Gretta Loughane RIP / Holy Souls / Norah Lenehan RIP
Wednesday St Paul Miki and Comps	6 th Feb	7.30pm	Ena Caden RIP / Margaret Crudden RIP
Thursday	7 th Feb	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP / Ena Caden RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	8 th Feb	8.30am	Patrick Lenehan RIP / Mrs Carson Int
Saturday The Presentation of the Lord	9 th Feb	12.00pm	Eileen Heneghan RIP / Special Int / Martin Thomson RIP
		6.30pm	Josephine Camilleri RIP / Learco Fermi RIP
Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10 th Feb	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Ann & John O'Connor Int / Eileen Curtin Int
		11.30am	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life (KOC) / Selby Tweedie RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)

***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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