

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



8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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3rd March 2019

The just will flourish...still bearing fruit
when they are old.

Today's readings urge us to draw life from hearts filled with the goodness and teachings of the Lord ... to live virtuous lives that bear sound fruit.

In the **First Reading** (Ecclesiasticus 27: 4–7), the author uses images from everyday experience to highlight the importance of our words, suggesting that our moral worth (or the lack of it) can be proved by our speech.

The **Psalmist** (91) speaks of the value of continual gratitude to God, and also paints a picture of the sturdiness of the person of virtue.

Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to see Christ's resurrection as the source of their hope. He also exhorts his hearers to persevere in doing good and working for the Lord. (**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15: 54–58)

In the **Gospel** (Luke 6: 39–45), Jesus also uses simple reflections on human experience in his teachings. Disciples must learn from their master, and in the process become like him. Having warned against the danger of judging others, he also states that just as a tree's value is judged by its fruit, so the true test of human virtue is the way we live our life.

This week, we may desire to pray for a discerning heart and spirit, committed to trying to find God's invitation and his will in the actions and fruits of our daily life.

The 6th March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be mass and distribution of the ashes at 9.00am and 7.30pm.

“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another” St Vincent de Paul. There will be a **second collection this weekend for the SVP.** The focus of our work at the St Vincent de Paul Society is visiting and befriending people living in isolation and poverty. The people we visit could be refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people staying in hospital or care homes, people with mental health issues or offenders. Conference Members work on the ground level, face-to-face with the people they help. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with your local Conference here at St Marys (Paul 07778 031489).

Bishop’s Visit: There will be a visit from the Bishop on Sunday 24th March. Bishop Alan will be at the 9.30am mass and the 11.30am mass, where he will be confirming some of our young people. There will also be refreshments after the 11.30am mass in the Parish Hall to which all are welcome.

Children’s Choir Practice: Sunday 17th March at 5.00pm in the Church in preparation for Bishop Alan’s visit. All children are welcome.

Ash Wednesday, 6th March: Mass & distribution of the Ashes at 9.00am and 7.30pm.

Sundays in Lent: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church with evening prayer followed by Benediction from 3.00pm-4.00pm starting next Sunday 10th March.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent starting this coming Friday 8th March at 7.30pm.

Lent Confessions and Exposition: Saturdays in Lent there will be opportunity for confessions between 11.00am-11.50am where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and 5.30pm-6.00pm starting next Saturday 9th March.

Parish Meeting: The next Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March at 8.15pm in the **Church** to discuss Parish Mass times. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

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

Lenten Project: This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project.

Day by Day & Walk With Me Lent books now available in the porch for £1.00 each.

Are you getting married this year? Please speak to Fr Martin if you are thinking of getting married either in this Parish or a Catholic Church outside of this Parish this year, as you will need to give at least six months’ notice. This process can take longer if you wish to marry abroad as it can be more complicated depending on the country. A marriage preparation course for engaged couples is part of the requirement for marriage. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Lourdes/Youth Club Quiz Night: Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 30th 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.

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.

Lent retreat for young people: if you are school year 10-13 and would like some peace and space to prepare for Holy Week, along with the joy of being on retreat with

our magnificent Walsingham House Team at Abbotswick, then join us for the Lenten retreat 8pm Tuesday 9th – 3pm Thursday 11th April. £35 includes accommodation and meals. Details & booking at www.bcys.net/events

Sponsored sleepout: Since November hundreds of people in Essex and East London have found warmth, food and shelter in church halls and other projects supported by our church. Could you get sponsors and sleep outside for one night to help support this work next winter? Sleepout Fri 12th- Sat 13th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Full details at www.bcys.net/events.

“Be still in the presence of the Lord” – for adults, a long weekend of peace, stillness, prayer and reflection in the beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. From Friday to Monday 9th – 12th or 23rd – 26th August. A simple programme of morning and evening prayer, Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation; all optional, use your time as you wish. Maximum of 18 people. All rooms en-suite. £200 single room, £250 twin room, for three nights’ accommodation and all meals. Email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 373959 and ask for Joe.

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 9th / 10th March 2019:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull
	Sun	8.00am	Alex Rowley / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Keith O'Brien / Natasha Wilson
		11.30am	Jason Sunshine / Maria Adesegha

Bidding Prayers: Pat How **Church Cleaning:** Group 1 **Coffee Morning:** 100 Club
Offerings 24.02.19: Envs: £1,129.64 Loose: £859.17 Total: £1,988.81

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	2 nd March	12.00pm 6.30pm	Jim O'Connell RIP / Danny Dandin Int Ena Cadden RIP / Gabrielle Cassidy RIP
Sunday	3 rd March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Jisma Joseph / Sheila Brunton Int All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP / Kate Broden RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	4 th March	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Frances Sherlock RIP
Tuesday	5 th March	8.30am	David Evans RIP / Ken Monaghan Int
Wednesday	6 th March	9.00am 7.30pm	Martin Keane RIP / Aiden Candon RIP Eileen O'Kane Int / Peggy Walsh RIP
Ash Wednesday			
Thursday	7 th March	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Susan Cavanagh RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	8 th March	8.30am 7.30pm	Tom & Eileen Swan RIP / Vocations Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9 th March	11.00am 12.00pm 5.30-6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions and Exposition Eileen Heneghan RIP / Elizabeth Wilson RIP Confessions Pauline & David Ryan Int / Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday	10 th March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	John Dennehy RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP Ena Cadden RIP / Bridget & John Riley & Grandchildren All Parishioners Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
First Sunday of Lent			

***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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