

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 8.15am-4.00pm



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

4th February 2018

Lord, everybody is looking for you.

This Sunday we see all manner of people seeking out Jesus, both for his healing touch and for his message of Good News. He is constantly in demand, and constantly responds with love to those in need.

Job (**First Reading** - Job 7: 1–4, 6–7) knows great suffering, and is bewildered by his situation: he grieves and frets. But even in his distress and confusion he cries out to God in prayer, trusting that he is still there.

The **Psalms** (146) has a message of great comfort. God loves us, healing the broken-hearted, binding up our wounds and raising the lowly.

St Paul (**Second Reading** - 1 Cor. 9: 16–19, 22–23) talks of the generosity and humility needed to share the Good News; indeed, he tries to be 'all things to all people'. We, too, can better reach out to others by accepting our own weakness, and so stand more easily with those who are weak.

The **Gospel** (Mark 1: 29–39) shows us the depth and breadth of Jesus's ministry, as he preaches throughout Galilee and heals all kinds of human suffering until late into the evening. He is constantly sought out by others, even when he rises very early to be alone in prayer with the Father. But he never loses sight of his mission to move onwards to the next place, spreading the Good News to all.

This week I might pray for renewed commitment – not only in my own search for Jesus – but also in helping others find him too, especially those who are hurting.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund: There will be a second collection **next weekend** for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

CONFIRMATION GROUP – CHANGE OF PLAN: In place of the meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday 7th February, our Confermandi will now be attending the **SiLent evening** at **Brentwood Cathedral** on that date. A coach will be leaving St. Mary's at 6.00pm and returning at 9.15pm. The SiLent evening will begin with Barry and Margaret Mizen speaking at 6.30pm, followed by the BCYS monthly Youth Mass at 8.00pm. Come and hear a story of amazing forgiveness and hope. Come and be introduced to SiLent. Come and enjoy the company of young people from across the Diocese. Pizza and drinks provided. If you want to know more about SiLent please visit www.millionminutes.org/brentwood

Can you help? We are looking to build a team of parishioners who are willing to work on a flexible rota basis in helping Fr Martin by carrying out some of the essential but unseen tasks that we all take for granted. These range from putting out new candles and clearing away the old used ones, through to preparing vestments generally and ensuring the altar and sacristy is left tidy after Mass. If you are able to give **any** help, please contact Jack How 0774 0778 723 (john.how@ntlworld.com) for more information. Many hands...

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass, tell him your name and which class you are in.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Your new rotas are available for collection from the Sacristy.

Medugorje 2018: a small group of parishioners are going on an annual pilgrimage to Medugorje from 7th-14th August. Places are limited so if anyone is interested in coming with us please contact Kathy on 07932 762608.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet on ***Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm*** in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

Vocations App: The National Office for Vocations has produced a new App for Catholics between 16 and 35 who are discerning their vocation. <http://www.ukvocation.org/?p=2535> has information on how to access the App. Even if this is not for you please share this with someone you think it might be relevant for.

United Youth Singers: Aged between 7-16 and love to sing? Please join the United Youth Singers for their next rehearsal on Sunday 28th January 3.30pm-5.00pm at Hornchurch Methodist Church. For further information please go to www.unitedsingers.co.uk/youth-choir.

Mass for the Sick: Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3.00pm on Sunday 4th February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Annual Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place this year at **The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge** on **Saturday 10th March**. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie ASAP to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree: On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please let them know if you wish to attend on 020 8590 7222.

St. Helen's Catholic Primary School, 110 Years: St Helen's Catholic Primary School in Canning Town, Newham is appealing to all past pupils or their relatives. They are seeking copies of old school photographs, reports and records as part of the preparations for their 110th anniversary. The school is particularly looking for photographs and information from 1907-1941 as original documents were destroyed in the blitz. Please contact 020 7476 1785 or email: info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk.

Community Coffee Morning at Romford Care Centre, 107 Neave Crescent, RM3 8HW. Please join us for coffee morning open to all every Thursday morning 10am-12noon. We specialise in dementia and nursing care. It is very social and we welcome all from the community. Contact Fiona 01708 379022.

Iona Social Club family atmosphere, close to Church. Club is available to members and non-members for non-exclusive functions during the weekday, for weddings, funerals and parties, alongside our existing programme. Phone the Iona on 01708 442453 for bookings, membership and general enquiries.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Hospitality, Retreats and Facilities Co-ordinator. Living on site, the person in this full time role will enable the smooth running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, ensuring a welcoming, safe and Christ-centred environment for all retreatants and visitors. The role includes the leadership of some youth retreats, as well as excellent teamworking with staff and volunteers. 2 year fixed contract, starting late August. £18,000pa + accommodation. For full details visit www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick/

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, Patricia Crudginton, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Betty Long, 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, Edna Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, 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 10th / 11th February 2018:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm
Sun 8.00am
9.30am
11.30am

Jane Hull / Sarah O'Connor
Sergio Cantoni / Alex Rowley
Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
Maureen Boorman / Maria Adesegeha

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 2

Offerings 28.01.18: Envs: £1,297.08

Racial Justice Sunday: £374.60

Church Cleaning: Group 4

Loose: £993.04 Total: £2,290.12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	3 rd Feb	12.00pm 6.30pm	Hubert Ward RIP David & Florence Armstrong
Sunday	4 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Curtin Family / Jisma Joseph RIP Connie Fairbairn RIP / All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP / Eamon Commins RIP
<small>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>			
Monday	5 th Feb	8.30am	Gretta Loughnane RIP
<small>St. Agatha</small>			
Tuesday	6 th Feb	8.30am	Int of Tyrone Perry & Family
<small>St. Paul Miki and Comp</small>			
Wednesday	7 th Feb	7.30pm	Nuala Caffrey RIP / Sean Murray RIP
Thursday	8 th Feb	8.30am 2.30pm	Veena Khanna RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	9 th Feb	8.30am	Arthur Voller RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
Saturday	10 th Feb	12.00pm 6.30pm	Sean Lyons RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP
<small>St. Scholastica</small>			
Sunday	11 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	David & Florence Armstrong Tony Ohene-Djan / Anne Emmerly RIP Betty Quirke RIP / All Parishioners
<small>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>			

***Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick
after all Sunday Masses.***