

# 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



## Third Sunday of Lent

Year B

4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Christ, the power and the wisdom of God.

We continue our Lenten journey and join Jesus this week as he goes up to Jerusalem. Our readings offer us the wisdom of God's law in the commandments, and Jesus's forceful action regarding the true meaning of God's Temple.

The ten commandments in the **First Reading** from Exodus (20: 1–17) present the Law as a freedom charter – we have been freed from slavery to serve our God.

**Psalm 18** (19) is a joyful poem of praise for God's precepts. It links the teaching of the commandments to their personification in Jesus – wisdom, truth and light.

St Paul in the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1: 22–25) preaches a crucified Christ. This is an obstacle to some, but for Christ's followers, through his death and resurrection, he is the power and the wisdom of God.

In the **Gospel** (John 2: 13–25), Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers from the Temple and in doing so reveals himself as the true Temple. Like the Temple, he too, will be destroyed in his body, but will rise again.

As we journey with Jesus, may we find in him the true sanctuary, and perhaps the wisdom to know when to disturb the peace.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm followed by **Evening Mass on Fridays** at 7.30pm during Lent.

**Saturdays in Lent** Exposition and Confessions from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Mass at 12.00 noon (except for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March due to a wedding).

### **Recently Deceased**

**Patricia Crudginton:** Patricia's Funeral will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

**Pat Mills:** Pat's Funeral will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

**John Overton:** John's funeral will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.30pm

Please keep Patricia, Pat, John and their families in your prayers. May they Rest In Peace.

**SVP Collection:** There will be a second collection next weekend for the SVP.

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

**Lenten Project – StreetInvest:** This year, the Parish and the school will take on the Lenten project to support StreetInvest who work with children on the street. This is a global charity founded by Fr Patrick Shanahan, a missionary priest for over 40 years. StreetInvest is a global charity which exists to create positive sustainable change for street children. They are experts in a social practice called street work which is based on building empowering relationships of trust with street children. For a street child, knowing that they have an adult they can rely on to be there, to listen without judgement and to support them for as long as they need, is the first step towards changing their young lives. Details can be found on [www.streetinvest.org](http://www.streetinvest.org). Further details as to how you can donate will follow.

**FHC - Stations of the Cross:** On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm the First Holy Communion children will be doing the Stations of the Cross. It is based on the work of CAFOD. We will be having a collection afterwards so that we will be able to send a Lenten donation to CAFOD to support them in their immeasurable work.

**Easter Eggs** from the Real Easter Egg Company are now on sale in the repository shop.

**St Mary's School** is looking to appoint 2 Relief Mid-day Assistants, lunchtime only (11.40am-1.05pm) - 1hr 25 mins a day as required. For further details and an application form, please contact Mary McLeavy at St Mary's School Office on 01708 448430.

**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](mailto:john.how@ntlworld.com)) for more information. Many hands...

**HCPT visit to Lourdes:** Eloise Dawes is fundraising for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (H.C.P.T) which fully funds a week-long holiday for children with a range of special needs. They are taken to Lourdes in France at Easter to visit The Grotto and enjoy a week of fun and laughter, taking home life-long happy memories. Waitrose in Upminster are currently supporting Eloise's fundraising by giving her a collection box in their Community Matters scheme. If you shop in Waitrose Upminster this month, please collect your green token at the till and drop it into the H.C.P.T. collection box as you leave. It will not cost you anything but every green token means more money for H.C.P.T. Thank you.

**Service of Healing Prayer:** at St. Joseph's Church, Champion Road Upminster Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. For details contact Richard & Frances Healy 01708 250717.

**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!

**BRASIL:** In 1993 Kerry Meola, on behalf of St. Mary's Justice and Peace group, wrote to a priest in a parish in Sao Paulo. Padre Ticao responded & this began a dialogue of Solidarity,

Fellowship, Friendship, and Prayer which still continues. Fran Marshall was the first individual to visit the parish of St. Francisco de Assis in 1994 and this led to a group of 12 visiting 20 years ago in February 1998 and an amazing group from Ermelino coming here in 2000. It is the 40th Jubilee of Father Ticao's ordination on 8<sup>th</sup> July and there is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to attend. If you are interested in meeting together to remember, share or discuss our past, present or future solidarity with this parish please contact Lily Thomson on 07790505881.

**World Youth Day, January 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2019:** Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to Costa Rica and Panama; gather with over a million young people from across the world, together with our Pope. Age 17(school year 12)-27 when we travel. Cost £1,750. More details of this "once in a lifetime" opportunity at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net), email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or come to the information evening on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 5.00-8.00pm, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Nr Brentwood, CM14 5SH. Places are very limited.

**Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27:** Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a program that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Full details & online application at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

#### **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, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajj Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, 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 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018:

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

Pat Martin / Janet James  
Angela Joseph / Brian Rodgers  
Emma McMillan / Ella Donald  
Matthew Leigh / John Hawes

**Bidding Prayers:** Pat How

**Coffee Morning Rota:** 100 Club

**Offerings 25.02.18:** Envs: £1,174.53

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

Loose: £854.05 Total: £2,028.58

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession</b> Willie Murphy Int Theresa Carson RIP
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Jisma Joseph RIP John & Kathleen Bennett O'Reilly RIP All Parishioners / Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Dennis Sullivan RIP
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Terry Nuttall RIP
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	Len Rice RIP
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	Mr and Mrs Robinson Int <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Kathleen & Paddy Mollaghan RIP <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Andy & Teresa Garvey RIP
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession</b> Norman Armstrong RIP Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent	11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners / Frank Mollaghan RIP Stephen Slattery RIP Mick Conroy RIP / Eamon Commins RIP

***Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?***

***Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick  
after all Sunday Masses.***