

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



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4th November 2018

The Lord our God is the one Lord

Our readings this week remind us that the love of God and of our neighbour is the foundation and the rock of our faith and life.

The text from Deuteronomy (**First Reading** - Deuteronomy 6: 2–6) is the famous *Shema Yisrael* prayer, beloved by Judaism and used every morning and evening. Israel keeps the law of God because she loves God with her whole soul.

In the **Gospel** (Mark 12: 28–34), Jesus uses the same text to answer the scribe's question as to which is the greatest commandment. However, Jesus takes it further by adding a second commandment, to love one's neighbour. These two commandments are inseparable.

The few verses of Psalm 17 (18) in our **Responsorial Psalm** are a song of love and praise to our God. The Psalm is a prayer of thanksgiving to the God who has done so much for us and continues to do so.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading** (Hebrews 7: 23–28), represents Christ as the ideal high Priest of the New Covenant. He unceasingly intercedes for us with the Father.

This week may the command to love God with all that we are and in all that we do find expression in our awareness of all whom we meet.

Home Mission Day: There will be a second collection **this** weekend for Home Mission Day.

Remembrance Book and Envelopes for the Holy Souls: This will be available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

Confirmation Meeting: The first meeting for the confirmation candidates will take place this Wednesday, 7th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Also a reminder that **all candidates should be signing in every weekend**. The book will be near the crucifix at the side of the Church. Those who wish to go on the **confirmation retreat** should complete an application form (available by the signing in book) and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Parish Council: the next Parish council meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th November at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar we are hoping to run a Christmas Bazaar this year but we are in desperate need of volunteers to help! Please contact the school or parish office if you are willing to get involved – it would be sad if we couldn't run a Christmas Bazaar this year!

Help Needed in the Parish:

Confirmation Catechists: We are in desperate need of catechists to help with confirmation. If you think you can help please contact Mary Redmond on 07926 746401.

Sacristans: We are in need of sacristans to assist Fr Martin with various tasks. If you think you can help, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

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

Composing Bidding Prayers: We need more people willing to learn how to write our Bidding Prayers and to go on the rota. If interested, please call Brian on 07790 321845.

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.

Repository: Please come and take a look at our Christmas stock!

Prayer in the Home: The next meeting will take place Tuesday 6th November, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 52 Westland Avenue, Hornchurch. The prayer session will be led by Fr Martin and others. 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

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.

The Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted items of clothing and shoes in black bin bags to the Van Meenan Room on Sunday 25th November - all masses until 12.30 pm. Collection is Monday 26th at 9.00am. Please be mindful not to block the side access door to the church. All items are weighed and the school receives money in exchange.

THANK YOU FOR THE POPPIES! Thank you to everyone who has knitted, crocheted or made felt and paper poppies. Also, for contributing names for the Remembrance Day posters. There is still time to do more if you would like to. Please make a donation to the British Legion Poppy Appeal which supports members of the armed forces, and their families, who are affected by physical and emotional injuries whilst serving. Thank you.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November: Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly

invited to a service of prayer on **Thursday 29th November at 6.00pm**. The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277373959 if you have any questions; otherwise, simply turn up on the evening.

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

Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on the 21st November from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to the very popular John McHugh on tour from Ireland, 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.

Sacred Heart Girls' School's 'Very Merry Christmas Party!' 1st December from 8pm. Tickets £20 including live music and DJ, festive buffet and Champagne raffle. All proceeds to school's minibus appeal. Contact Mary Redmond on 07926 746401 for tickets!

BCYS Lourdes Pilgrimage: If you are in school year 10 or above, come and join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on our Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We travel alongside the diocese to assist the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. **Applications will be open from the evening of Sunday 21st October** and will remain open until 31st January 2019. These can be made at www.bcys.net/events. Likely travel dates will be 20th - 27th July 2019.

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

WEEKEND 10th / 11th November 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Mary Keen / Sharon Flevin
	Sun	8.00am	Angela Joseph / Sergio Cantoni
		9.30am	Aaron Scammel / Narcisse Tshimanga
		11.30am	Matthew Leigh / John Hawes

Bidding Prayers: Susan Squire

Coffee Morning: 100 Club

Offerings 21.10.18: Envs: £1,102.71

Church Cleaning: Group 4

Loose: £1,018.24 Total: £2,120.95

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	3 rd Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Jack Hughes RIP / Brian Bush RIP All Parishioners
Sunday	4 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Jisma Joseph RIP / John Power RIP Anne Kivlehan RIP / Holy Souls Sam Farrugia RIP / Thomas Fay RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday RIP	5 th Nov	8.30am	Christine O'Mahoney RIP / Margaret Woods
Tuesday	6 th Nov	8.30am	Pam Toche RIP / Richard Mockler RIP
Wednesday	7 th Nov	7.30pm	Mary Power RIP / John Power RIP
Thursday RIP	8 th Nov	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Richard Delahunty RIP / Mr & Mrs Annamace Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	9 th Nov	8.30am	Christine O'Mahoney RIP / Mary Power RIP
Saturday	10 th Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Special Intention / Holy Souls Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday	11 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	All Parishioners / Holy Souls Doug Wilson RIP / Matthew Ward RIP All those who died in World Wars 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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