

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



Feast of the Epiphany Year C 6th January 2019

*We saw his star as it rose and
have come to do him homage*

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas Season. In the **Gospel** (Matthew 2:1-12) we hear how King Herod, disturbed by the news of Jesus' birth, instructed the wise men to go to Bethlehem to find out all about this child on the pretence that he also wished to pay homage to Jesus.

Perhaps this Sunday I could pause for a few moments and imagine that I have travelled with the three wise men to see Jesus. Perhaps I, too, want to sink to my knees in adoration ... or speak out my joy to the Lord.

The wise men offer Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What would I like to offer the Lord ... my time, my love for him, my own talents...?

Collect: O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

(1st Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71, 2nd Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)

A Big Thank You: Fr Martin would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway to prepare for Christmas – church cleaners, altar servers, choir, musicians, flower ladies, crib builders etc. It was truly a wonderful Christmas celebration. Also a **big thank you** to everyone for their most generous Christmas offerings, plus cards and gifts. God Bless You.

Christmas Bazaar: Our recent Christmas Bazaar raised a fantastic **£5042.82!** These events couldn't run without all the of volunteers who give up their time to help so a very special thanks to all of those who help out on the day but also work so hard in the run up to the Bazaar. Thank you also to all who came along to enjoy the fun and gave so generously.

Crib Offerings: Many thanks to those who have donated to the crib offerings so far. A reminder that the money will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 30th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th January, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

Recently Deceased:

Ella Richardson: Ella's requiem mass will be on Friday 18th January at 10.00am.

John Patrick O'Callaghan: John's body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 30th January at 5.00pm and his requiem mass will be on Thursday 31st January at 1.00pm.

Please pray for Ella, John and their families. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

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

Youth Club: Youth Club will reopen on Friday 11th January 2019.

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.

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.

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

The Gospel of Luke: On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

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.

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 12th / 13th January 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Sharon Flevin / Warren James
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Alex Rowley
		9.30am	Alan Sabu Mathew / Amanda Thompson
		11.30am	Eddie Allen / Philip Rodgers

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers
100 Club

Church Cleaning: Group 1 **Coffee Morning:**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	John & Brigid Cody / Bridget Rodgers RIP Patricia Mills RIP / Mike Coy Int
Sunday	6 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	The Candon Family Int / Mary McCarthy RIP All Parishioners Antonio Materese RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
The Epiphany of the Lord			
Monday	7 th Jan	9.00am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP
Tuesday	8 th Jan	8.30am	Elizabeth Gormley RIP / Sandro Pellay RIP
Wednesday	9 th Jan	7.30pm	Mrs Keating RIP / Paul Bray Int
Thursday	10 th Jan	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP / Philomena Perry RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	11 th Jan	8.30am	Jackie Jack RIP / Albert & Bob Edgley RIP
Saturday	12 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Mary McCarthy RIP / Jonathan Hanbury Int Josephine Camilleri RIP / Peter & Sarah Finch Int
Sunday	13 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	All Parishioners Stephen Kerby RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life / Derry Lydon RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
The Baptism of the Lord			

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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