

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

6th May 2018

God is love

The central theme of today's readings is God's unfailing and overwhelming love for humanity.

In the **First Reading** (Acts 10: 25–6) we hear of an incident at the house of the centurion Cornelius that marks a turning point for Peter and the whole church. The Holy Spirit shows that the Christian message is for the whole human race – Gentiles as well as Jews. The **Psalm** (97) is a song of joy and wonder at the salvation offered by the Lord to all nations; a psalm Cornelius would have gladly sung. The **Second Reading** (1 John 4: 7–10) gives the best definition of God to be found in the Bible: God is love. This is the very nature of God: he acts in love and sends his Son to reveal the fullness of his love.

In St John's **Gospel** (John 15: 9–17), Jesus teaches us of the centrality of his loving relationship with his Father. Throughout his life, he is responding to the Father's love and making it known to us. Jesus invites his followers into the intimate relationship that exists between Father and Son. As his friends and disciples, he invites us to go and bear fruit and to love one another.

This week, I pray for the grace to recognise that I can bear fruit in my life – and to respond in unique ways to God's love. I ask the Lord to help me live my life through loving relationships with my brothers and sisters, and with the living planet.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **this weekend** for the **Promotion of Vocations**. There will be a second collection **next weekend** for **World Communications Day**.

The Ascension of the Lord: A reminder that this Thursday, 10th May, is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be a Vigil mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th May in the evening and mass on the Thursday will be at 9.00am.

Confirmation Meeting: There will be confirmation meeting this Wednesday, 9th May, starting with mass at 7.30pm in the Church.

Pastoral Parish Meeting: There will be a Pastoral Parish Meeting on 16th May at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th June. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday 23rd May at 8.00pm. **Grand Draw** tickets will be available after every mass.

Summer Fayre Donations: Planning for the Summer Fayre is well underway and we are now ready to start asking for your kind donations. Items to be donated this year are: Bottles, (alcoholic beverages (wine, beer, spirits and some soft drinks), NEW toys and games (please not secondhand toys this year), New toiletries and gift sets, New unwanted gifts, Chocolate and Sweets, Books (Adult and Children's good quality secondhand books) and good quality unwanted household items. Please leave your donations in the church porch or during school time in the donations trolley in the playground. Thank you very much for everything you are able to donate, without such donations so many stalls cannot happen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will run from 2.30pm – 3.30pm **ONLY** this Thursday 10th May and next Thursday 17th May, due to their being rehearsals for the First Holy Communion children.

Saturday Midday Mass: please note there will be no midday mass on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th May due to First Holy Communion.

May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass will be on Sunday 10th June at 10.30am. That weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 9th June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 10th June. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only).

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you have not done so already, please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the Church.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Please pray for our young people who will be making their First Holy Communion in May and for those who will be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, 20th May.

Holy Communion Programme 2018/19: Please collect application forms from the Van Meenen Room on the 5th May after 6.30pm mass or on 6th May after the 9.30am mass. The pack will explain what paperwork is needed and when and how to return it. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jane.

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

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!

Save the Date – Let's Celebrate!! Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Memorial Plaques Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708 452442. £200 per plaque.

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.

BRASIL: Thank you everyone who came to talk to us on Sunday 29th. Lovely to see friends old and new and share memories. The invitation to Brasil is on the agenda of The Parish Council Meeting on May 16th. Please come along if you can.

St Joseph's Pentecost Praise and Worship Celebration, Sunday 20th May, 4pm: All are welcome to come and join our parish celebration of Pentecost at St Joseph's Church followed by tea and cake in our Social Centre, around the corner on St Mary's Lane. This is part of THY KINGDOM COME 2018, a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Pledge to pray at: www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter

St. Alban's Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on the 23rd May from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to Walter Kennedy, 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.

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, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, 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 12th / 13th May 2018:

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

Janet James / Peter Amey
Angela Joseph / Brian Rodgers
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
Helen Cheshire / Jason Sunshine

Bidding Prayers: Jackie Donald

Coffee Morning Rota: 100 Club

Offerings 29.04.18: Envs: £1,401.24

Church Cleaning: Group 2

Loose: £1,025.88 Total: £2,427.12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5 th May	12.00pm 6.30pm	Brid Daly RIP Michael McDonagh RIP
Sunday	6 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners / Donald McDiarmid RIP Christine Summers RIP Sam Farrugia RIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Monday	7 th May	10.00am	Joe McHugh RIP
Tuesday	8 th May	8.30am	Dennis Byrne RIP / Helen Murphy Int
Wednesday	9 th May	7.30pm	Mrs Brennan RIP / Fr John Taylor Golden Jubilee
Vigil Mass - The Ascension of the Lord			
Thursday	10 th May	9.00am 2.30-3.30pm	Maureen Shannon RIP / Joyce Cougill Int Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
The Ascension of the Lord			
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION			
Friday	11 th May	8.30am	Tom Walsh Int / John Merrigan Int
Saturday	12 th May	12.00pm 6.30pm	NO MASS Anthony & Josephine Camilleri
St John Houghton			
Sunday	13 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Alayne Bone RIP All Parishioners / James Kane RIP Eamon Commins RIP / Jim O'Connell RIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter			

***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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