

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Feast of the Epiphany

Year B

7th January 2018

Arise, shine out, for your light has come.

We are coming to the end of Christmastide and the feast of the Epiphany not only celebrates the birth of Christ but also deepens our understanding of the purpose of his Incarnation—the ‘epiphany’ or revelation of God through his Son Jesus. Christ appears as a great light bursting through the darkness. All nations and races come to him and we accept him as our Saviour and King.

Our **1st reading** (Isaiah 60: 1-6) from Isaiah is full of hope—the exiles will return to Jerusalem and God’s glory will shine out.

Psalms 71 describes how God will be worshipped by all peoples. He will reign in justice and compassion, with special care for the poor.

St Paul in the **2nd reading** (Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6) reiterates the message that we are all, Jews and non-Jews alike, brothers and sisters in Christ, forming one body in him.

The **Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)** tells us the story of how the wise men followed the star and how their journey led them to the infant king.

Perhaps this feast of the Epiphany will allow us to see a star, to journey with the wise men, to discover Christ present in our own lives.

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.

Crib Offerings: Many thanks to those who donated to the crib offerings. The money will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 17th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Recently Deceased: Please keep in your prayers those who have recently died in our parish and their families at this sad time. Funeral details are below:

Anne Emery: Anne's body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 10th January at 5.00pm and her Funeral will be on Thursday 11th January at 10.00am then on to Upminster Crematorium.

Christine Summers: Christine's body will be received into the Church on Thursday 11th January at 5.00pm and her Funeral will be on Friday 12th January at 9.00am then on to Upminster Crematorium.

Margaret Glick (nee Cush): Margaret's Funeral will take place on Monday 15th January at 10.30am. May they Rest In Peace.

Please note there will be no 8.30am mass on Thursday 11th Jan or Friday 12th Jan due to the Requiem Masses above.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

Youth Club: Youth Club will reopen on Friday 12th January 2018.

Parish Office: Please note that the Parish Office will now be open Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursday 8.15am-4.00pm.

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.

Service of Healing Prayer: at St. Joseph's Church, Champion Road Upminster Tuesday 9th January at 8pm. For details contact Richard & Frances Healy 01708 25071.

United Youth Singers: Aged between 7-16 and love to sing? Please join the United Youth Singers for their first rehearsal on Sunday 14th January 3.30pm-5.00pm at Hornchurch Methodist Church. For further information please go to www.unitedsingers.co.uk/youth-choir.

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will be held at the The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 27 January at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr Ken Carleton (Permanent Deacon, Elm Park) on 'Cardinal Pole and the Progress of the Catholic Reformation.' All are welcome.

Concert for Bosco: Come and enjoy an evening of classical music, to raise money for the SVP children's camp. [Saturday 3rd February 2018](#) - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. [7:30 to 9:30 pm](#). Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8; on the door £11. Bookings by phone: [07957382592](tel:07957382592). Online bookings/details: www.concertforbosco.com

Mass for the Sick: Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3 pm on Sunday 4 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.

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.

Job Vacancies:

Bookkeeper (Sage Accounts experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working two days a week (14 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 12th January 2018. Interviews week commencing 22nd January 2018.

Diocesan Representatives to carry out the work of the Medaille Trust in Brentwood. Do you want to be part of the Church's fight against Modern Slavery? Could you help us raise awareness of Human Trafficking in our midst? Want to be part of a growing Catholic charity? We are now looking for Diocesan Representatives with good people skills, the ability to make presentations in schools and churches, plus sympathy with a charity such as ours. It is an enjoyable and flexible people-facing fundraising role that would suit a range of individuals. For an application pack, please visit the website www.medaille-trust.org.uk, or e-mail recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk.

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 Mary's Prayer Hotline: Call Betty (daytime) on 01708 720834 with any prayer requests.

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 McMahon, 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 13th / 14th January 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull
	Sun	8.00am	Joshua Duah / Albert Mathew
		9.30am	Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
		11.30am	Nonita Emilianus / Nneamaka Ajoh

Bidding Prayers: Pat How

Coffee Morning Rota: 100 Club

Offerings 31.12.17: Envs: £1,018.80

Church Cleaning: Group 5

Loose: £788.06 Total: £1,806.86

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	6 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Ted McKenzie RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP
Sunday	7 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Mervin O'Grady RIP / Joyce Rafferty RIP Ann Keaney Int Sam Farrugia RIP
The Epiphany of the Lord			
Monday	8 th Jan	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Ellen Gormley
The Baptism of the Lord			
Tuesday	9 th Jan	8.30am	Albie & Bob Edgley RIP / Mary Tuite RIP
Wednesday	10 th Jan	7.30pm	Joan Keating RIP / Mrs W Carpenter RIP
Thursday	11 th Jan	8.30am 10.00am	NO MASS Funeral Mass – Anne Emery
Friday	12 th Jan	8.30am 10.00am	NO MASS Funeral Mass – Christine Summers
Saturday	13 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pat Everett RIP / Annette Levy RIP Liam Hayes RIP / Helen Mirander & Family
Sunday	14 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Maureen Epsom RIP Stephen Kerby RIP John & Pat Dawson Diamond Wedding Ann
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			

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