

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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

8th July 2018

In today's readings, Ezekiel and St Paul provide us with valuable lessons in discipleship. Like Jesus, their work for God brings them into situations that they would not choose for themselves and which appear to meet with failure.

Ezekiel (2: 2–5), in the **First Reading** was living at the time of the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians (597 BC) and the subsequent exile of the Israelites. God made Ezekiel his prophet and messenger to serve those exiled and gives him his Spirit, but God does not promise Ezekiel success in his mission.

Today's **Psalms** (123) is a song of petition in a time of persecution, made in a spirit of confidence and trust in God's mercy.

In the **Second Reading** (2 Corinthians 12: 7–10), Paul faces not only opposition from without, but also weakness from within – a thorn in the flesh. He grows in understanding that he is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ's power, where divine grace works best through human weakness and humility.

Jesus, in today's **Gospel** story (Mark 6: 1–6), also had to cope with opposition and rejection from his own people in Nazareth. They struggle to believe because they think they know him and his family. They are convinced that he could not be anyone special.

This week, I may want to pray for the times when I face life's challenges and desolations, that I might be given greater wisdom and trust in the Lord.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **next weekend** for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Confirmation 2019: Parents / candidates meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th July in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and are currently in Year 9 and above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

New Hymn Books: It was decided at the recent Parish Council Meeting that many of our hymn books are old and not in a good state. Therefore, we will replace these with newer editions of the 'Celebration Hymnal for Everyone'. To raise the necessary money, a voluntary second collection will take place at the weekends during the summer, inviting people to donate any spare change they have.

Parish Meeting: The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th July at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome.

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

Prayer in the Home: Starting on 25th September from 7.30pm-8.30pm, Parishioners are invited to host a prayer evening in their home on a Tuesday. 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 and neighbours and 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.

First Holy Communion: Please note that the First Holy Communion programme for 2018 / 2019 is now full and no further applications can be accepted at this moment in time.

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 Meenan Room.

SVP Donations: The SVP is going to make a delivery of toiletries to the Jesuit Refugee Service in Wapping to help them in their work supplying approx. 200 parcels a month to local refugee families in London. They especially need shampoo, body wash, soap, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes. If you would like to help please leave donations in the SVP box in the porch. Thank you as always for your support.

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.

FR. TICÃO: Please pray in thanksgiving for Father Ticão who celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this Sunday. May God bless him and his work with the community of São Francisco de Assis parish, São Paulo, Brazil. *'Every human being is loved by God and everyone should have life in its fullness'* John 10:10.

David Gurney: David Gurney, who used to be the Master of Ceremonies at St. Mary's, sadly passed away a few weeks ago. His funeral will take place on Monday 16th July at 11.00am at Our Lady of Lourdes in Leigh-on-Sea.

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.

Home from Home for the Elderly are seeking new volunteers new trustees for the charity. Our charity currently provides much needed befriending services to the elderly, and we also run a monthly social group which meets at St Mary's Parish, but which is open to all. We are not looking for huge time commitments, many hands make light work! For more information, please contact our trustees via Joanne Challis on 01708 747026 or e-mail:

admin@hfh4elderly.org.

Summer Lourdes 2018 – the "virtual pilgrimage": From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you

to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to www.bcys.net or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24th, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27th, 8am – 11am). The link is www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes

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.

Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary will arrive in Brentwood Cathedral on 19th July for a three day triduum of prayer. It will begin Thursday 6.00pm and finish Sunday 12.00pm. For more details please pick up a flyer or see www.dowrytour.co.uk.

The St John Bosco Childrens Summer Camp at Aldham Essex: This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows: Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July 2018 for Boys; Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August 2018 for Boys; Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August 2018 for Girls. It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk> For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.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 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.

WEEKEND 14th / 15th July 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Peter Amey / Pat Martin
	Sun	8.00am	Angela Joseph / Brian Rodgers
		9.30am	Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Jason Sunshine / Helen Cheshire

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 2

Offerings 01.07.18: Envs: £1,309.30

Peter's Pence: £422.63

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Loose: £999.18

Total: £2,307.48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	7 th July	12.00pm	Matthew Ward RIP
		6.30pm	Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 th July	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Joan Gilbey RIP
		11.30am	Maureen Leedem RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenan Room)
Monday	9 th July	8.30am	Pat Mills RIP / Richard Webb RIP
Tuesday St Thomas	10 th July	8.30am	Betty Long RIP / Private Intention
Wednesday	11 th July	7.30pm	Betty Long RIP / Breffni O'Brien RIP
Thursday	12 th July	8.30am 2.30-5.30pm	Pat Mills RIP / Vivian Johnson RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	13 th July	8.30am	Mr & Mrs Conway RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
Saturday	14 th July	12.00pm	Donald McDiarmid RIP
		6.30pm	John Riordan RIP / Mary Fleming Int
Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 th July	8.00am	Maureen Leedham RIP / Martin Burke RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenan 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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