

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
8th October 2017

*Let us remain in the peace of God
and produce good fruit.*

The **1st reading** (Isaiah 5:1-7) today is known as the song of the Lord's vineyard. It is a parable which tries to show that God loves his vineyard (his people) despite his disappointment at their failure to be people of justice and integrity.

The psalmist (**Psalm** 79) reminds God of his care for his beloved people. They are the vine he brought out of Egypt. The psalmist asks that God's face might shine on them again despite their waywardness.

In the section from Philippians (**2nd Reading** – Philippians 4: 6-9) we are encouraged to seek the kind of peace which comes from God. The advice to fill our minds with good, noble thoughts is maybe one way of reaching for peace.

In the **Gospel** (Matthew 21:33-43) Jesus tells a parable of a vineyard owner, (God) who has left his vineyard in the care of trusted tenants (Israelites). These tenants would not respond to the prophets or Jesus so God now entrusts his vision to us.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Gym Application: As you will know the proposed gym for Rodwell House was rejected by the Local Authority, 7 votes to 3. However, they are appealing this decision to the Secretary of State; if the appeal were to be successful it would hugely impact on our car parking space and other aspects of church life. Therefore it is vital that as many parishioners as possible email in to object to this proposal. You need to send an email to East1@pins.gsi.gov.uk quoting the appeal reference **APP/B5480/W/17/3183422**. We need to object on the grounds that gym members are likely to obstruct our car park, particularly at weekends and during mass times and funerals, and deprive parishioners of the parish and school teachers of parking space. It would also cause more congestion on an already busy Hornchurch road.

First Holy Communion: This weekend we welcome the Rainbows to their second reconciliation session.

Confirmation: Those young people that are in year 10 and above who are interested in making their Confirmation, please collect a form from the back of the Church.

Bidding Prayers: If you would be willing to help compose the Bidding Prayers on a rota basis please contact Brian on 07790 321845.

Readers at 9.30am Mass: Could anyone who reads at 9.30am mass please contact the parish secretary. If you would like to join the rota to read at the 9.30am mass then please also get in touch.

APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank you and Appeal: At all masses next weekend we welcome Fr Frank Downes MHM who will speak on behalf of APF – Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take a red mission box.

St. Mary's Youth Club: Registers are now closed. We are full up and cannot accept any more applications until further notice.

November – Blessing of Graves As November is the month of the Holy Souls, Fr. Martin will be blessing graves of loved ones at Crow Lane Cemetery, Romford on Sunday 5th November at 2.00pm, Upminster Cemetery, Corbetts Tey on Sunday 12th November at 2.00pm (please gather near the chapel) and Eastbrook Cemetery, Dagenham Road on Sunday 19th November at 2.00pm.

Secondary School Forms – Important Information If your child and your family are known to Fr Martin and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly either on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please come and see him along with your child during the dates and times below where he will issue a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. Fr Martin will need to see the child's baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate and proof of address in order to issue this certificate. The remainder of the application should be completed directly with the school or Local Authority as usual. If your child and your family are not known to Father Martin and do not attend Sunday Mass, please do *not* go to Father Martin, instead, simply complete the forms required by the school and return them directly to the school. Fr Martin will be available **Monday 23rd October from 4.00pm – 6.30pm and Wednesday 25th October from 5.00pm – 7.00pm.**

Sacred Heart of Mary Girl's School Open Evening: For September 2018 Admissions is on **Tuesday 3rd October 2017**. Tours of the school begin at **5.30pm** and there will be an address by the Headteacher at 7.30pm. There will only be disabled parking on the school site. Please advise the school in advance.

All Saints Catholic School Open Evening: You are invited to join us and meet our Headteacher, staff and pupils at our Year 6 into Year 7 Information Evening for September 2018 Admissions. From Wednesday 11th October, 5:30pm – 8:30pm. The Headteacher's address 5:35 & 8:00pm

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!

St Mary's Parish presents Pamper night: Thursday 12th October from 6.30-10pm entrance £3pp and includes a free welcome drink. Lots of different treatments on offer from nails to massage!

Quiz Night in the parish hall Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 747026.

Havering Catholic Fellowship: Is there anyone who would like to help at a Special Needs club on a Saturday morning for a few hours during term time at St. Mary's Parish Hall? We would also welcome new members to come along and join us. If you are interested and would like more information on the work that the Havering Catholic Fellowship do (caring for people with special needs and their carers) please contact Maureen on 01708 442392. It is our 50th Anniversary this year!

Restructuring of the Diocese – a proposed plan for the diocese, to cope with falling numbers of priests, will soon be accessible on the St Mary's website, <http://www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk>. It outlines a possible solution for the next 18 years. Jack How, Steward of the Gospel for this parish, would like any constructive comments from parishioners. Please e-mail them to him on john.how@ntlworld.com. There will be a meeting to discuss any aspects of the process with Steven Webb (Diocesan Director of Development) at English Martyrs on **Friday 13 October at 7.30pm** to which parishioners are very welcome.

Priests and People Revue: As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a Priests and People Revue with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk detailing names and number of tickets required. All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.

Diocesan Centenary Concert: Brentwood Cathedral, Saturday 28 October at 7pm, featuring Schubert's 'Mass in G' and other works. Tickets £12 (£6 for students). For further details please contact the Diocesan Music Office: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265288.

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.

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, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, 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, 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 14th / 15th October 2017:

Readers:

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 8.00am

9.30am

11.30am

Janet James / Peter Amey

Albert Mathew / Joshua Duah

Michael Olaniyan / Tilly Allen

John Hawes / Matthew Leigh

Church Cleaning: Group 2

Offerings 01.10.17: Envs: £969.96 Loose: £939.93 Total: £1909.89

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	7 th Oct	6.30pm	John McGlade RIP
Sunday	8 th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Lily (nee White) RIP Mary Fitzgibbon RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP
Monday	9 th Oct	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Kathy Breen RIP
Tuesday	10 th Oct	8.30am	Mr Wyatt RIP
Wednesday <small>St John XXIII</small>	11 th Oct	7.30pm	Monica Cox
Thursday <small>SS Ethelburga, Hildelith & Cuthburga</small>	12 th Oct	8.30am 2.30–5.30pm	Joseph Sealy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	13 th Oct	8.30am	The Brice Family RIP
Saturday	14 th Oct	12.00 noon 6.30pm	NO MASS Mick Harrington RIP
Sunday	15 th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Private Intention - Thanksgiving Elizabeth Baldock RIP Jimmy O'Toole RIP

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