

# 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



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world**

The readings this week invite us, in part, to reflect on the theme of darkness and light.

In the **First Reading** (Isaiah 58: 7-10) the prophet Isaiah encourages his people to attend to those in need and to do away with angry words and clenched fists. If they do, they can be assured that the Lord will be with them, helping them out of the darkness into a healing light.

The **Psalms** (111) continues this theme and extols the virtue of the good person whose light is an example to others.

Matthew (5: 13-16) in his **Gospel** recounts Jesus' words to his disciples. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Their light must be so attractive that others will want to come and join them.

Paul, in the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 2: 1-5) reminds the Corinthians that lofty words are not needed to tell people about Jesus. Relying on the Spirit and the power of God is all that is required.

This week, then, I could perhaps reflect on the example I give by using simple words, helping those I see in need, and giving hope to the discouraged so that the light of the love of God working through me can be clearly seen by all.

**Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund:** There is a **second collection this weekend** to support this fund.

**Confirmation Session:** The next Confirmation session will be this coming Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Volunteers:** We really need help with our Confirmation programme as we have over 50 young people who wish to be confirmed this year but we do not have enough helpers. If you can help in any way, please see Father Martin or Mary Redmond or call the parish office asap. Thank you.

**This Monday** we welcome Year Five to mass.

**Joyce Cougill RIP** sadly passed away on Monday. Her body will be received into the Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm.

**Children in Year Five** should see Father Martin after mass.

**Pray Pray Pray!** Come and join us every Thursday at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel for rosary and adoration in response to our Lady of Medjugorje's call to prayer. Refreshments afterwards, everyone welcome.

**Mary Queen of Peace Day of Prayer:** Come and join us at St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, for a day of prayer on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.00am-4.00pm. Rosary, Adoration and talk given by Fr. Svetozar, Franciscan priest from Medugorje. Bring packed lunch along – everyone welcome!

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** The RCIA group meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. All are welcome!

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje 2020:** Our Parish pilgrimage to Medugorje this year is from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October. For more information please call Kathy on 07932 762608.

**Lourdes Quiz Night:** Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall. 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tables of 6-8 only. Hosted by Kevin Walsh - acclaimed quiz master! Raffle on night. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Call 07817 913663 or drop into Parish Office during opening hours – tickets cost £5.00pp. Any donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated! Come and have some fun raising money for a good cause.

**YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS:** Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 - 31 July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity, including for the frail and those with needs, to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith, and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the parish or you can contact the tour operator, Tangney Tours, directly: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) or 01732 886885.

**Youth Masses** take place at the Cathedral every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm to which all are welcome.

**The Sponsored Sleepout (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April 2020)** is a powerful experience for individuals of all ages, and for groups of young people, including Confirmation Groups. Last year 70 people slept out and raised an amazing £10,000 for homeless charities in the Diocese. Group booking info (a simple summary of numbers, and the details of group leaders) should be emailed to [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org); individuals should register on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Lenten Reflection and Revision Retreat (27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2020)**; we are more and more aware that young people can find it hard to find quiet places to study. We are therefore offering a retreat in Lent for those in school years 11-13 (GCSE and A-level years) which will be a mix of periods for personal study, interwoven with reflective prayer times and social times. All details on <https://bcys.net/events/lenen-retreat-2020/>. The £35 cost is being subsidised from the National Youth Sunday collection.

**The Annual Lourdes Mass** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16 February at 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

#### **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.

**Rosary & Adoration Prayer Group:** Thursdays at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel

**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:** Tuesdays 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: Barbara Andrews, Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Betty Compton, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Leo Duffy, Mary Emmery, William Fernandez, Frances Hardy, Bernadette Heddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Clare McGill, Patrick Medlin, Carly Menon, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Anne Ruddiman, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, 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.**

*May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership*

**WEEKEND 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat	6.30pm	Maureen O'Brien / Kathleen Brooker
	Sun	8.00am	Alex Rowley / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Paul Chappel / Amanda Thompson
		11.30am	Philip Rodgers / Maureen Boorman

**Bidding Prayers:** Jackie Donald **Coffee Morning:** Team 6 **Cleaning:** Group A  
**Offerings 02.02.2020:** Envs: £1,104.39 Loose: £860.46 Total: £1,964.85

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Rita Andrew Int / Ann Wallace RIP Bernie O'Mahoney RIP / Betty Kennan Int
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Sheila Murphy RIP All Parishioners Patricia McDonnell RIP / Derry Lyndon RIP
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Jolanta Betkowski RIP
St. Scholastica			
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b>	Eileen & Tom Swan / Hugh McCafferty Int
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>7.30pm</b>	Selby Tweedie RIP / Yvonne Walsh RIP
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	David Orchard RIP / James Barrett RIP <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b>	Ania Wigley RIP / Paddy & John Dowding RIP
SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius			
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Christopher Andrew RIP / Mary Roland Int Thanksgiving / Michael Scott RIP
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners Maureen O'Neill RIP / Jenny Stapleton RIP Des O'Brien RIP / Christopher Maguire RIP
Sixth 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.***

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