

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-2.45pm



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

9th Sept 2018



*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful
love.*

Today's **1st Reading** is from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 35:4-7), who ministered in Judah. The conquest of the northern kingdom of Israel by Assyria terrified the people of the south. This text was his attempt at encouraging them to keep hope in the God of salvation.

The **Psalms** (145) shows us what the salvation of God means - faithfulness, justice, sight, food, freedom - God's special concern for those to whom life has dealt serious disadvantage, so that all might sing 'praise to the Lord'.

In the **2nd Reading** (James 2:1-5) James illustrates that faith in God means learning to identify with God's ways. Faith is not an abstraction but is about discipleship. We are called to see beyond the appearances of miracles and beyond our own assumptions of others to the heart of faith: the needs of our neighbour and the power of God at work in us.

Mark, in the **Gospel** (Mark 7:31-37), evokes Isaiah's promise that God's power is at work in his people through gifts of speech and hearing. God has opened our ears too, to hear his Word, and loosened our tongues that we might say with Isaiah: 'Look! Here is our God. He comes to save us.'

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the newly formed children's choir at the 9.30am mass, starting Sunday 23rd September. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Second Collection – Kerala: There will be a second collection next weekend for all the people affected by the recent floods in Kerala. We are praying for all those affected by this tragedy.

Repository: Please do visit our 'new and improved' repository! We have lots of new stock!

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.

Prayer in the Home: The first meeting will take place Tuesday 25th September, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 7 Cheviot Road, Hornchurch. 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.

Parish Meeting: The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th September at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Your new rota's are now ready to collect in the sacristy. **Please also collect a consent form** relating to sharing your contact details – this must be completed and returned to the Parish Office.

The How Family wishes to thank those who supported us during our recent bereavements. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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 Meenen Room.

Parish Office: Please note the Parish Office hours are changing. From Monday 17th September, the office will be open Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am-2.45pm.

First Holy Communion 2018 / 2019 - URGENT APPEAL: If anyone is interested in becoming a FHC catechist please could they contact Jane for more information.

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.

A Day of Reflection & Enrichment for READERS: Calling all who read the Words of Scripture at Mass. A day of reflection and enrichment has been arranged to take place at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green on Saturday 20th October led by Dr Marian Tolley from Shrewsbury Diocese. Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years; has a highly respected reputation for running work-shops in liturgical music; the training of deacons and for speaking on various topics relating to the liturgy. The day will start at 10am with registration & refreshments and will end at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available during the day. Book your place by the Doodle link <https://doodle.com/poll/h49mzkv7hxxqu8tw> or email us adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Bernadette at richard.ebling@btinternet.com or phone 01206 385 881.

Remembrance Day Posters: We would like to renew and update our parish Remembrance Day Posters. If you would like the name of a family member or friend to be added to the posters, please email me at fmwrogers@gmail.com or send a note via the Parish Office. On the posters we remember our relatives and friends who have died in all wars and conflicts and we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice. We would like to know their name (and the

armed force they belonged to, if relevant), place and date of death (and even, perhaps, a little of their story if you know any of it).

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 9.15am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

BCYS Youth Gather 20th - 21st October 2018. We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20th, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities. Applications for this year's Youth Gather on Mersea Island will open on the evening of 29th July, on our return from Lourdes. You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page. This event is open to those in school year 9 and above.

Relationship Counsellors & Marriage Prep Facilitators Needed: Would you like to help us in our mission to support couples in distress? Marriage Care are looking for qualified relationship counsellors and Marriage Prep Facilitators for our local centres. Volunteering with Marriage Care is truly a rewarding experience. Please contact us at marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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, Leo Duffy, 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 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, 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 15th / 16th September 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Kathleen Brooker / Maureen O'Brien
	Sun	8.00am	Angela Joseph / Sergio Cantoni
		9.30am	Paul Chappel / Ella Donald
		11.30am	John Hawes / Matthew Leigh

Bidding Prayers: Susan Squire

Church Cleaning: Group 4

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	8 th Sep The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.00pm	Julie Hunt RIP / Jim Shanahan RIP
		6.30pm	Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday	9 th Sep Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	All Parishioners / Mary Barrell RIP
		9.30am	Sean McCarthy RIP / Joan Dowding RIP
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP / Marie Kelly RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday	10 th Sept	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mo Allarakhia
Tuesday	11 th Sep	8.30am	Nikki Bayley RIP / Patricia Pearce RIP
Wednesday	12 th Sep	7.30pm	Gladys Elphenstone RIP / Anne Kivlehan RIP
Thursday	13 th Sep St. John Chrysostom	8.30am	Michael Flanagan RIP / John Keane RIP
		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	14 th Sep Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8.30am	Sean McCarthy RIP / Frank Mollaghan RIP
Saturday	15 th Sep Our Lady of Sorrows	12.00pm	Dennis & Margaret Wood Int
		6.30pm	Anne Sommerville RIP / Susan Duhig Int
Sunday	16 th Sep Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Sean Halloran RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	James Courtney RIP / Kathleen Lydon RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen 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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