

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



## **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour

‘No man is an island’. We all live in different groups, families, communities, neighbourhoods. Today’s readings invite us to reflect on the best way to behave so as to live peacefully with everyone around us.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel (33:7–9) is portrayed as a watchman warning society of potential dangers. Failure to do this will result in him being held responsible for not encouraging the wicked man to renounce his bad ways.

The psalmist (Psalm 94) urges us to listen to the voice of God and to trust him. For Paul, the best way to live peacefully in society is by mutual love. The Commandments can all be summed up by the phrase ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ (second reading - Romans 13:8–10).

In the Gospel Matthew 18:15–20, Jesus gives us practical advice for smooth relationships between people. Meeting and praying as a group, however small, will ensure that he is present amongst us.

This week, then, I may want to focus my prayer on any area of conflict that I know of – and to resolve, with the help of Jesus, to play my part, however small, in contributing to its resolution.

**Second Collection** this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

**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 church office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

**Parish Council** - The Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20th September at 8pm in the Presbytery

**St Mary's Youth Club** This will reopen on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm. New applications in by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Existing members also need to reapply also for the year ahead.

**First Holy Communion** Welcome to Sunshines and Rainbows for their Enrolment Mass. Please pray for the children, their parents and the parish catechists as they begin their important journey.

**Volunteers Required** on a Monday morning from 9am to 11am to help count the parish collection. If you can help maybe once or twice a month please see Fr Martin

**Secondary School Forms – Important Information** You will need only go to see Father Martin (on the dates and times indicated below) if your child and your family are known to him and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly either on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning. 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. Those children and families who do attend Mass regularly, when you see Father Martin, you need to bring the child's Baptismal Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate and also proof of address. Secondary Schools: **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 5.00pm – 8.00pm.**

**Eileen Jonas** is being consecrated as a widow on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 'Corpus Christi', Collier Row at 7.30pm during a public Mass by Bishop Alan Williams. Eileen would love you to come and share her joy. There will be a little celebration in the Parish Hall afterwards, if you would like to contribute to the food, please contact Jean Capps on 07591 655635.

**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.

**The Champion School Open Evening** concerning admission of boys who will be eleven years old during the current academic year will be held at the school (Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch) on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**. This year there are 150 places available at the school for boys living in the Catholic Deaneries of Brentwood and Havering and the parishes of Aveley and Grays. Parents from parishes near to the school (**Upminster, Hornchurch, Gidea Park and Elm Park**) to attend at **6.00 pm** for a short talk by the Headmaster followed by a tour of the school. Priority for places in Year 7 will be given to applicants (i.e. families) who reside within the boundaries of an area comprising the Catholic Deaneries of Havering and Brentwood and the Catholic Parishes of Aveley and Grays and whose parents or carers wish them to receive a Catholic education. Parish and Deanery Boundaries are established by the Diocese of Brentwood. Details are available from parishes or from the Boundaries Office at Cathedral House. The Deanery of Havering consists of the parishes of Collier Row, Elm Park, Gidea Park, Harold Hill (Most Holy Redeemer), Harold Hill (St. Dominic's), Hornchurch (St. Mary Mother of God), Hornchurch (English Martyrs), Rainham, Romford and Upminster.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is looking for Qualified Counsellors/Social Workers, educated to Diploma level, to work in schools in the Basildon, Chelmsford, Harlow

and Southend area from September. Please contact the Head of Professional Services via email at [dsealy@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dsealy@bccs.org.uk) for further information.

**SVP St John Bosco Summer Camp** – London to Brighton Bike Ride 17th Sept. 2017. A group of volunteers from the camp will be cycling 60 miles to Brighton to raise money to give children a holiday. To donate and find out more please visit:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/boscolondontobrighton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/boscolondontobrighton). For more info contact Danny McEvoy on 07718273306

**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.

**The Irish Pensioners Forum of East London** are holding an afternoon tea dance in St Albans Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens, Elm Park, RM12 5LA on Wednesday the 13th September from 1.30 until 4.30. Music by Walter Kennedy. Admission £5.00 includes Tea coffee cakes and biscuits. All proceeds to parish funds. Please contact John for information on 07903 366992.

### **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, Mamie Tuite, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017:**

**Readers:** Sat. 6.30pm Mary Keen/Sharon Flevin  
Sun. 8.00am Alex Rowley/Sergio Cantoni  
9.30am Alan & Albert Sabu Mathew  
11.30am Nneamaka Ajoh/Nonita Emilianus

**Bidding Prayers:** Pat How

**Coffee Morning Rota:**  
**Church Cleaning:** Group 2

**Offerings 03.09.17:** Envs: £1066.29 Loose: £915.96 Total: £1982.25

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6.30pm	Monique Vernavelen RIP
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Steve Curtin RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>8.30am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>8.30am</b>	Dr. Sylvanus Oganwu - Thanksgiving
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	7.30pm	Special Intention
<small>St. John Chrysostom</small>			
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>8.30am</b>	Sean & Michael McEvoy RIP/Brendan Purtil RIP/Jack How Int.
<small>Exultation of the Holy Cross</small>		<b>2.30–5.30pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>8.30am</b>	Mr Edgson RIP
<small>Our Lady of Sorrows</small>			
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Deceased relatives of Mrs Perry Charlotte Nyarko RIP/.00.... 0`Patrick
<small>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian Mannion RIP</small>			
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Sheila Little - intentions Mary Sullivan RIP Anniv. Eamon Commins RIP/Mary Foulds 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.***