

# 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



## 1st Sunday of Lent

Year C

10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

When you call, I shall answer: 'I am with you.'

We begin our Lenten journey in the wilderness. In the **First Reading** (Deuteronomy 26: 4–10), Moses reminds the people of Israel of the story of how they became a mighty nation. He tells of their years of slavery in Egypt, and how the Lord heard their cry. God's people were led through many trials in the desert to the Promised Land.

The **Psalm** (90) is a song full of confidence in the power of God, to help us endure the difficulties of life. We can imagine Jesus taking comfort from praying this psalm when he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. And yet it is a verse from this very same psalm that the tempter in the desert uses to test Jesus's trust in God. The psalm reminds us that God is always with us, whatever trials we may face.

Luke's **Gospel** (Luke 4: 1–13) account of the testing in the wilderness sees Jesus being tempted to use his divinity for his own needs, and of the possibility of seizing earthly power. Jesus shows that true power comes from centring your life on God.

The **Second Reading** (Romans 10: 8–13) reminds us of this teaching, and tells us that the Word of God is very close to us. It is deep within our being for all who believe in the saving love of Christ. We are all equal in that love, and we are called to proclaim this message of love in our lives. When we call on the Lord for help in our daily struggles, God will be with us.

Let us hold each other in prayer and pray too for our communities, that we may grow in our trust in God and deepen our prayer life in the coming weeks of Lent.

**Bishop's Visit:** There will be a visit from the Bishop on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Bishop Alan will be at the 9.30am mass and the 11.30am mass, where he will be confirming some of our young people. There will also be refreshments after the 11.30am mass in the Parish Hall to which all are welcome.

**Children's Choir Practice:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm in the Church in preparation for Bishop Alan's visit. All children are welcome.

**Sundays in Lent:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church with evening prayer followed by Benediction from 3.00pm-4.00pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm.

**Lent Confessions and Exposition:** Saturdays in Lent there will be opportunity for confessions between 11.00am-11.50am where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and 5.30pm-6.00pm.

**Confirmation Meeting:** The next session will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm followed by Reconciliation for the Confermandi.

**Parish Council:** There will be a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**Parish Meeting:** The next Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15pm in the Presbytery to discuss the Youth. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

**Lenten Project:** This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project.

**Flower Rota** is now available in the flower room.

**Church Cleaners:** We are in DESPERATE need of people to join the Church cleaning rota. If you think you can spare an hour every four weeks on a Thursday morning, please contact the Parish office.

**Are you getting married this year?** Please speak to Fr Martin if you are thinking of getting married either in this Parish or a Catholic Church outside of this Parish this year, as you will need to give at least six months' notice. This process can take longer if you wish to marry abroad as it can be more complicated depending on the country. A marriage preparation course for engaged couples is part of the requirement for marriage. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

**Lourdes/Youth Club Quiz Night:** Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 30<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.

**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.

**First Steps:** First Steps is a nursery in Hornchurch that supports children with Special Needs and their families. Recently they have had their funding drastically cut. If you are a Co-op member, you can register your membership card online and select First Steps as your local charity, meaning that 1% of everything you spend in the Co-op goes directly to them. Please do support this very worthy cause if you can!

**Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School Spring Fayre:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00pm-3.00pm. Come and join us! All welcome!

**Havering Singers Spring Concert** is on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> @ St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. They are performing Hadyn Harmonie Messe

& Mozart Requiem. Tickets are £15.00 on the door or £13.00 if purchased early. Ticket hotline: 01708 341265 or [haveringsingers.org.uk](http://haveringsingers.org.uk). It would be lovely to see you there.

**Lent retreat for young people:** if you are school year 10-13 and would like some peace and space to prepare for Holy Week, along with the joy of being on retreat with our magnificent Walsingham House Team at Abbotswick, then join us for the Lenten retreat 8pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 3pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. £35 includes accommodation and meals. Details & booking at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**“Be still in the presence of the Lord” – for adults, a long weekend of peace, stillness, prayer and reflection in the beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick.** From Friday to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August. A simple programme of morning and evening prayer, Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation; all optional, use your time as you wish. Maximum of 18 people. All rooms en-suite. £200 single room, £250 twin room, for three nights’ accommodation and all meals. Email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277 373959 and ask for Joe.

### **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 & each Sunday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**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

*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 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat.	6.30pm	Warren James / Mary Keen
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Alex Rowley
		9.30am	Edwin O'Connell / Feny William
		11.30am	Maria Adeseha / Jason Sunshine

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers    **Church Cleaning:** Group 2    **Coffee Morning:** Team 9  
**Offerings 03.03.19:**    Envs: £1,367.06    Loose: £902.97    Total: £2,270.03  
**SVP Collection:** £757.95

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b>	Confessions and Exposition
		<b>12.00pm</b>	Eileen Heneghan RIP / Elizabeth Wilson RIP
		<b>5.30-6.00pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Pauline & David Ryan Int / Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday First Sunday of Lent	10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	John Dennehy RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Ena Cadden RIP / Bridget & John Riley & Grandchildren
		<b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>3.00pm-4.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / James Duggan RIP
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Ena Cadden RIP / Brian Willson Int
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	George & Brigette Finch Int
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Bernard Murphy & Family Int
		<b>2.30-5.00pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Joan Carroll RIP
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b>	Confessions and Exposition
		<b>12.00pm</b>	Pete Berry Int / Iain McCrossan RIP
		<b>5.30-6.00pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Eileen Heneghan RIP / Joseph Wilkinson RIP
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent	17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	William Curtin RIP / Dorothy & Eric Dodkins RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Paul Compton RIP / Eamon Commings RIP
		<b>3.00-4.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

***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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