

# 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



## Feast - The Baptism of the Lord Year A 12th January 2020

“This is my Son, the Beloved,  
My favour rests on him.”

As we begin the New Year we may be full of optimism for the year ahead or perhaps weighed down by troubles, our own, our country or those of our world. Perhaps I ask myself, “What am I really looking for in 2020?” Whatever our thoughts or mood, the readings for this week remind us that God is with each of us, blessing us with His peace. The Lord will bless his people with peace. (**Psalm 28**)

Through his baptism by John in the Jordan, Jesus’ identity, Son of God, and his mission is proclaimed in the **Gospel** (Matthew 3: 13-17). Truly he is the Messiah God’s people had been longing for.

The prophet Isaiah (**first Reading** – Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7) describes this mission: Jesus is the chosen one who will bring justice and freedom, God’s Kingdom, through his teaching, healing and forgiveness of sins.

The **second reading** from the Acts of the Apostles ( 10: 34-38) is the account of the baptism of Cornelius and his household, the first Gentiles to be converted. God loves all people; he has no favourites.

As I slowly pray over the readings, Christ’s baptism may help me reflect afresh on my own baptism. I too am a beloved daughter or son of God. I too am called to make known the love of God, our Father, to all I meet, to heal, to love, to forgive, to spread the peace of Christ.

**Parish Council:** The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**Confirmation Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall.

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

**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 Medugorje's call to prayer. Refreshments afterwards, everyone welcome.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Maureen O'Neill RIP:** Maureen's body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm and her requiem mass will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am followed by a committal at South Essex Crematorium.

**Barbara Andrews RIP:** Barbara's requiem mass will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm followed by a committal at South Essex Crematorium.

**Joan Corbett RIP:** Joan's requiem mass will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm followed by a committal at South Essex Crematorium.

**John Lawrence RIP:** John's requiem mass will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 12.30pm followed by a committal at South Essex Crematorium.

Please pray for them and their families. May they Rest In Peace.

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

**SVP** would like to thank all parishioners for the Christmas food donations and your continued support for the foodbank collection.

**Youth Club** will reopen on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:** Please collect your new rota from the sacristy.

**Catechists:** Would you like to be a catechist in our parish or know more about the role of a catechist, then please speak to Fr Martin or Jane Tatam.

**Musicians:** If you are a musician or you know someone who is, please speak to Fr Martin.

**YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW:** Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the lectionary gospel for Sundays in 2020, from 7 pm until 8.30 pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> (changed from 22<sup>nd</sup>) January, and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Admission is free, but please book your place by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Copies of the recently published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale for £30 (reduced from the normal price of £39.99). Full details and video of earlier talks available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Bp 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.

**The Annual Lourdes Mass** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16 February at 3 pm. 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.

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is holding its **Annual Charity Ball** at **The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm**. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**Come & Sing Workshop:** Handel Messiah. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Saturday 18th January 2020, St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch, RM12 6QP. Tickets £5.00 Adults. Students FREE. This includes the Score hire. Details of how to book: <http://www.haveringsingers.org.uk>

**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

*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 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat	6.30pm	Kathleen Brooker / Maureen O'Brien
	Sun	8.00am	Sergio Cantoni / Brian Rodgers
		9.30am	Emma McMillan / Susie Jeram
		11.30am	Donna Coy / Ray John

**Bidding Prayers:** Susan Squire **Coffee Morning:** Team 2 **Cleaning:** Group A  
**Offerings 05.01.2020:** Envs: £1,130.31 Loose: £834.56 Total: £1,964.87

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	John & Bridget Cody RIP / Brian Fahy Mrs Tweedie RIP / Bernie O'Mahoney RIP
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Dawn Whelan Smith RIP Patricia Cunningham RIP / Stephen Kerby RIP All Parishioners
The Baptism of the Lord			
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Thanksgiving (Celine & Family)
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	John Wallman RIP / Lenehan Family RIP
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>5.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Reception of Body: Maureen O'Neill RIP</b> Victor Abayomi Sutton RIP / Jackie & Alan Fisher RIP
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>2.00pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>Requiem Mass: Maureen O'Neill RIP</b> <b>Requiem Mass: Barbara Andrews RIP</b>
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.15pm</b>	Paddy Mollaghan RIP / Mr & Mrs Dowding RIP <b>Requiem Mass: Joan Corbett RIP</b>
St. Anthony			
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Mary Harrington Int / Mary Driscoll RIP All Parishioners
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Mrs Tweedie RIP / Joyce Coughlan Int Christine O'Mahoney RIP / Frank Harrington RIP Jack Hughes RIP / Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Second 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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