

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Remembrance Sunday

12th November 2017

Thirty Second Sunday



We will remember them

They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

Laurence Binyon

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

God of love and faithfulness, you assure us that for our loved ones, life is changed, not ended. May eternal light shine upon them and give them the fullness of joy in your presence. May we who mourn them, continue to draw comfort and strength from you and from one another.

Amen

Remembrance Book and Envelopes for the Holy Souls: This will be available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

November – Blessing of Graves Today, Sunday, 12th November Fr Martin will bless graves of loved ones at Upminster Cemetery, Corbets Tey at 2.00pm (please gather near the chapel in the cemetery) and Eastbrook Cemetery, Dagenham Road on Sunday 19th November at 2.00pm.

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar will have a Winter Wonderland theme this year and take place on Saturday 2nd December 1.00pm-4.00pm. There will be ice skating, Santa's Grotto, BBQ, craft stalls and more! We are looking for donations of bottles, toiletries, **new** toys & gifts and also volunteers to help the evening before and on the day. Please contact Gemma 07872 607971 if you think you can help. Donations should be left in the church porch (bottles to the office). Please come along to join the fun!

Parish Council: Please note the next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 15th November at 8.00pm – all are welcome.

Repository Shop: We need someone to run the Parish Repository. If you are interested please see Fr Martin or call the Parish Office.

Gift Aid Volunteers: We are looking for people to help us with recording the Gift Aid donations. Full training will be given and it won't take up too much time. If you think you can help please talk to Fr Martin.

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 the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Alone this Christmas? Why not join the St. Mary's Christmas dinner being held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 12.45pm-4.30pm. Transport can be provided if necessary. Everyone welcome irrespective of faith. A small donation of £10 is appreciated towards the day. Please contact Josie or Peter for more information on 01708 457549.

New Years Eve 2017: Please join us for our New Year's Eve Party at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8.00pm-1.00am. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £15 per family, £5 per adult, £3 per child. For tickets & more information please contact Nicci on 07957 411546

Cleaner required St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires a Cleaner, Monday to Friday, 12½ hours per week (3.30-6.00 pm). If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mary McLeavy at St Mary's School Office on 01708 448430 for further details and an application form. Closing Date: 27th November.

Summer Fete: Thanks to everyone who helped make the summer fete such a great success. We raised £5,789.48 which has been divided equally between the Parish & the school.

Parish Coffee Shop: Helpers needed to run a once a month coffee shop in parish hall after 9.30 mass on a rota - helpers will only need to help once every four months. The money raised by this helps us put on free events for the elderly in our parish. Please contact Brenda on 01708 452442.

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.

Happy School Bag Collection: The Happy School Bag collection is coming around again. It is the same principle as Cash for Clothes but run by the PTA. Donations are to be dropped outside the Van Meenan Room (without blocking the side door to the church) at all masses on Sunday 12th November 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

Concert for Bosco: An evening of classical music, to raise money for the SVP children's camp. Saturday 3rd February 2018 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings/details:

www.concertforbosco.com

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.

St Mary's Class of 72 Reunion: If you left St Mary's Primary School in 1972, please join Paul Birnie, Julia (nee Taylor) and others at the Harrow Pub in Hornchurch on Friday 17 November from 7.30 pm - for further details please see the Facebook page "St Mary's Class of 72 Reunion" - please pass this on to anyone you might be in contact from that year group who is no longer in the parish.

Summer Lourdes 2018, 22nd – 29th July 2018: For those wishing to book a place on our Summer Lourdes pilgrimage next year, we are now taking applications and will continue to take these until 31st January 2018. After this date places will be allocated to ensure young people from as many schools and parishes are able to enjoy this magnificent pilgrimage. For more information and prices, and to apply please visit www.bcys.net. **All applications must be made online.** The pilgrimage is open to all those currently in school year 10 and above.

Advent Retreat, 1st – 3rd December, Walsingham House: From 1st – 3rd December our Walsingham House team will be running an Advent Retreat for those in years 11-13. This will be our last retreat at Canvey Island so will be an extra special way to start the Advent season. We are also now taking applications online for this event, please visit the website www.bcys.net/events for more details.

Abbotswick – Mass for the Holy Souls: In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at **2.30pm on Sunday 19th November**, in our “building works chapel” in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, 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, Edna Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, 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 18th / 19th November 2017:

Readers:

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 8.00am
9.30am
11.30am

Sharon Flevin / Warren James
Alex Rowley / Sergio Cantoni
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
Maureen Boorman / Maria Adesegeha

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 8

Offerings 05.11.17: Envs: £1,125.82

Church Cleaning: Group 4

Loose: £1,075.32 Total: £2,201.14

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	11 th Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Patrick McGoldrick RIP / Holy Souls Colette & Paddy, Niamh Kavanagh RIP
Sunday	12 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jimmy O'Toole RIP / Paul Lodge Int Brian Bush RIP / Willie Cunningham RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP / Holy Souls
Monday	13 th Nov	8.30am	Thomas O'Connor RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	14 th Nov	8.30am	Tom Duffy & Family RIP / Steve RIP
Wednesday	15 th Nov	7.30pm	Lorraine & Fabian Burns RIP / Bill Geary RIP
Thursday	16 th Nov	8.30am	Joseph Hollis & family RIP / John & Betty Long Int
St Edmund of Abingdon		2.30–5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	17 th Nov	8.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP / Jean Horan RIP
Saturday	18 th Nov	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Lucy Olaniyan RIP / Holy Souls David Ruddiman
Sunday	19 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Della Jordan / Holy Souls Trofimenia Ruocco RIP Kathleen Lydon / Holy Souls

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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