

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



The Baptism of the Lord

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13th January 2019

You are my Son the Beloved

Christmastide is over and, with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we meet the adult Jesus, our Messiah. I take the time to appreciate this shift in the Sunday readings and I ask for the grace to look at Jesus with fresh eyes as he begins his public mission.

The **1st Reading** (Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11) from Isaiah is a message of hope and joy: God has seen our troubles and is coming to our aid. It is a message to the 6th century exiled people of Israel, to the people of occupied Israel of Jesus' time and to our situation in today's world.

Psalm 103 is a wonderful song of praise to our God for the glories of creation. Not only does God care for us and the earth—he also fills us with his Spirit.

In the **2nd Reading** (Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7) we see what God's grace, revealed in Jesus, means for us. God's kindness and love, his compassion, have been poured out on us in the 'cleansing water of rebirth' through the sacrifice of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The **Gospel** of Luke (Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22), which we are reading this year, tells of John describing the Messiah to the people. As Jesus is baptised and the Holy Spirit descends on him, the Father acknowledges his beloved Son.

Crib Offerings: Many thanks to those who donated to the crib offerings. We raised £705.61 which will go to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend for World Peace Day.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 30th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th January, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

Recently Deceased:

Ella Richardson: Ella's requiem mass will be on Friday 18th January at 10.00am.

Margaret Cadden: Margaret's requiem mass will be on Wednesday 30th January at 11.00am.

John Patrick O'Callaghan: John's body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 30th January at 5.00pm and his requiem mass will be on Thursday 31st January at 1.00pm.

Please pray for Ella, Margaret, John and their families. May they Rest in Peace.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! The Advent Sticker Tree raised £380 for Cafod World Gifts! There is a list of the gifts we bought in the Church Porch. Cafod had run out of meal stickers so we got some Drought Resistant Crops and Trees for Life instead. Thank you for your support!

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the children's choir at the 9.30am mass. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Youth Club: Youth Club has reopened but will be closed on 18th and 25th January. It will restart again on Friday 1st February.

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.

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.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 20th – 27th July 2019: Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until 31st January 2019. Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Please be aware, this event is always heavily oversubscribed. The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For

all information and the chance to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events or for any queries, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

The Gospel of Luke: On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7.00pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

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.

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

WEEKEND 19th / 20th January 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Mary Keen / Sharon Flevin
	Sun	8.00am	Susan Squire / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Amanda Thompson / Alan Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Nneamaka Ajoh / Nonita Emilianus

Bidding Prayers: Maureen Boorman

Coffee Morning: Team 3

Offerings 06.01.19: Envs: £1,119.71

Church Cleaning: Group 2

Loose: £1,032.84 Total: £2,152.55

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	12 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Mary McCarthy RIP / Jonathan Hanbury Int Josephine Camilleri RIP / Peter & Sarah Finch Int
Sunday	13 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	All Parishioners Stephen Kerby RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life / Derry Lydon RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
The Baptism of the Lord			
Monday	14 th Jan	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Patrick Breen RIP
Tuesday	15 th Jan	8.30am	Miss Woods RIP / John Carson Int
Wednesday	16 th Jan	7.30pm	Joe Byrne RIP / Jean Biddlecombe RIP
Thursday	17 th Jan	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Mr Green RIP / Paddy Mollaghan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	18 th Jan	8.30am 11.00am	NO MASS Requiem Mass: Ella Richardson RIP
Saturday	19 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Tony Allen RIP / Maureen O'Neill Int John Coughlan RIP / Mr & Mrs Speerie RIP
Sunday	20 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	David Orchard RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP All Parishioners Jack Hughes RIP / Maureen Walsh RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)

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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