

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 8.15am-4.00pm



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B

13th May 2018

God is love

As the joyous season of Easter comes to a close, this Sunday's Scripture brings our focus onto Christ's loving relationship with us.

We see how the very early Church decided that the person who was to replace Judas needed to be someone who had known Jesus personally from the very start of his ministry, and had witnessed his suffering, death and resurrection. (**First Reading** - Acts 1:15–17, 20–26)

We can pray with great joy the **Psalm** (103) of thanks for all the blessings of God's love – a love that is calling all of us into a deeper personal relationship.

John's letter (**Second Reading** - 1 John 4: 11–16) is like a summary of the Good News and the mystery of the Resurrection. We are encouraged to love one another. It is through our loving relationships that we will come to know God more fully. God is love, and God shares the Spirit of love with us when we die to self and give ourselves fully to love.

In John's **Gospel** (John 17: 11–19) we hear Jesus praying to the Father for his followers. Jesus wants us to share fully in his joy.

It is in this spirit of Easter joy that we are sent out into the world to draw all people into that relationship of love of which everyone is invited to be a part. Let us pray for the grace to be able to live out the joy of the Gospel of love in every part of our life!

Second Collection: There will be a second collection this **weekend** for **World Communications Day**.

Confirmation Meeting: There will be confirmation rehearsal this Wednesday, 16th May, starting with mass at 7.30pm in the Church.

Parish Pastoral Meeting: There will be a Parish Pastoral Meeting this Wednesday, 16th May at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th June. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday 23rd May at 8.00pm. **Grand Draw** tickets will be available after every mass.

Summer Fayre Donations: Planning for the Summer Fayre is well underway and we are now ready to start asking for your kind donations. Items to be donated this year are: Bottles, (alcoholic beverages (wine, beer, spirits and some soft drinks), NEW toys and games (please not second-hand toys this year), New toiletries and gift sets, New unwanted gifts, Chocolate and Sweets, Books (Adult and Children's good quality second-hand books) and good quality unwanted household items. Please leave your donations in the church porch or during school time in the donations trolley in the playground. Thank you very much for everything you are able to donate, without such donations so many stalls cannot happen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will run from 2.30pm – 3.30pm **ONLY** this Thursday 17th May, due to their being rehearsals for the First Holy Communion children.

Saturday Midday Mass: please note there will be no midday mass on Saturday 19th May due to First Holy Communion.

May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass will be on Sunday 10th June at 10.30am. That weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 9th June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 10th June. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only). There will be refreshments after the mass in the parish hall – please do come along and join us!

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you have not done so already, please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the Church.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Please pray for our young people who will be making their First Holy Communion in May and for those who will be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, 20th May.

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

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!

Afternoon tea for our senior parishioners: St Mary's Presents would like to invite you to a free afternoon tea and social on Saturday 2nd June 2pm-5pm in the parish hall. To reserve a space or if you any queries please call Brenda on 01708 452442. If anyone is able to help at this event from 1pm-5pm, please also contact Brenda.

Save the Date – Let's Celebrate!! Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Memorial Plaques Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708 452442. £200 per plaque.

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.

Havering Singers Presents Song's of the Silver Screen! Please join us on 21st July at 7.30pm at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood. Tickets available on 01708 341265 or www.haveringsingers.org.uk.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes: Come this summer on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Monday 23 - Saturday 28 July. For further information, please telephone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. If you are coming on the pilgrimage, you will appreciate knowing the flight times. The departure on Monday will be from Stansted at 10 am. Our return flight on Saturday 28 July will arrive at Stansted at 12.20 pm (departing Lourdes at 11.30 am). If you are bringing your own parish group at the same time as the diocesan pilgrimage, please inform the pilgrimage's administrator Cathy O'Connor, so that we can plan well: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com. We would ask for a donation of £10 per pilgrim for which you will receive a diocesan lanyard, liturgy booklet and pilgrimage booklet.

St. Alban's Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on the 23rd May from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to Walter Kennedy, playing music to suit all tastes. Refreshments will be available. Admissions £5.00, all proceeds to parish funds. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903 366992.

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.*

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, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne 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 19th / 20th May 2018:

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

Pat Martin / Janet James
Joshua Duah / Albert Mathew
Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
Eddie Allen / Philip Rodgers

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 4

Offerings 29.04.18: Envs: £1,224.23

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Loose: £847.29 Total: £2,071.52

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th May **12.00pm**
St John Houghton **6.30pm**

NO MASS
Anthony & Josephine Camilleri

Sunday 13th May **8.00am**
Seventh Sunday of Easter **9.30am**
11.30am

Alayne Bone RIP
All Parishioners / James Kane RIP
Eamon Commins RIP / Jim O'Connell RIP

Monday 14th May **8.30am**
St Matthias

Norah Lenehan RIP

Tuesday 15th May **8.30am**

Denys Keddie RIP / Sean Drennan RIP

Wednesday 16th May **7.30pm**

Michael Tierney RIP

Thursday 17th May **8.30am**
2.30-3.30pm

Tony Winnett RIP / Brendan Kavanagh RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 18th May **8.30am**

The Davin Family RIP / Joan Carroll RIP

Saturday 19th May **12.00pm**
6.30pm

NO MASS
Deceased Members of the DeSouza &
Remedios Families

Sunday 20th May **8.00am**
Pentecost Sunday **9.30am**
11.30am

Jim Shanahan RIP
Michael Wallace RIP
All Parishioners / Susan Brady 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.***

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