

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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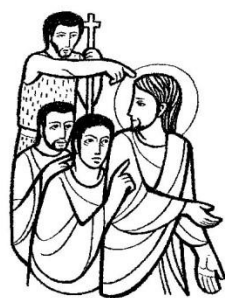
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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

14th January 2018

Here I am Lord !

Christ calls us to follow him. The readings for this Sunday invite us to listen for Christ calling us. Samuel, in the **First Reading** (1 Sam. 3: 3–10, 19), responds willingly to the call of God, at first thinking it is his master Eli. Eli leads him to the truth, and teaches him to listen with an open heart. Samuel grows strong in the love of God and his holy word. This is what God asks of us: an open heart to wait for the Lord; an open ear to listen; an open spirit to respond to the Lord's will. (**Psalm 39**).

St Paul, writing to the Corinthians (**Second Reading** -1 Cor. 6: 13–15, 17–20), reminds us that we are one in mind, body, and spirit with Christ. The Holy Spirit dwells within the heart of the believer. This knowledge will guide our actions and prompt us to desire only that which will deepen our love of God.

In the **Gospel** (John 1: 35–42), John the Baptist recognises who Jesus truly is. John's witness to his disciples leads them to follow Jesus. Jesus asks them what they desire. Their answer may seem unusual to us, but Jesus invites them to 'come and see', and experience for themselves his love in action. These first followers cannot keep the Good News to themselves, but invite others to come and see, and to listen.

Let us ask for the grace to hear God calling us, and to be ready to respond to that call with an open and willing heart. Whom can we invite to come and see?

Crib Offerings: Many thanks to those who donated to the crib offerings. The money will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

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

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 17th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Glick (nee Cush): Margaret's Funeral will take place on Monday 15th January at 10.30am. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers. May she Rest In Peace.

Mass Changes: Please note that there will be no 8.30am mass on Monday 15th January because of funeral. On Thursday 18th January there will be a Eucharistic Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 8.30am.

First Holy Communion: There will be a meeting for the First Holy Communion parents on Tuesday 23rd January in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

A Big Thank You: The Christmas dinner was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. We would like to express a special thank you to St. Mary's School for letting us use the kitchen and all the children for making their lovely Christmas cards for the people that came. Also thank you for the many donations we received especially from the SVP (St. Mary's), the Catholic Women's League (Upminster), the Monday Night Dance Club at The Windmill Hall, Keith Bates, the lovely Christmas cake from the United Reform Church and some anonymous donations. A special thank you to Robert Smith & Son, our local butcher in Hornchurch. Finally a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the helpers and drivers who gave up their time and made this a memorable day.

Church Cleaning: The new rota's are now available at the back of the Church.

Gift Aid: For those of you who have completed Gift Aid declarations over the last few months, please note that your envelopes are now available to collect at the back of the Church.

Parish Office: Please note that the Parish Office will now be open Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursday 8.15am-4.00pm. There is limited attention on a Friday but the office is closed on a Wednesday.

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!

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.

United Youth Singers: Aged between 7-16 and love to sing? Please join the United Youth Singers for their first rehearsal on Sunday 14th January 3.30pm-5.00pm at Hornchurch Methodist Church. For further information please go to www.unitedsingers.co.uk/youth-choir.

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will be held at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 27 January at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr Ken Carleton (Permanent Deacon, Elm Park) on 'Cardinal Pole and the Progress of the Catholic Reformation.' All are welcome.

Concert for Bosco: Come and enjoy an evening of classical music, to raise money for the SVP children's camp. [Saturday 3rd February 2018](#) - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. [7:30 to 9:30 pm](#). Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8; on the door £11. Bookings by phone: [07957382592](tel:07957382592). Online bookings/details: www.concertforbosco.com. Jacques Allen, who spoke at the masses last weekend, would like to thank all those who have made donations so far.

Mass for the Sick: Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3.00pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

SiLent: **Wednesday 7th February, 6.30pm, Brentwood Cathedral.** An evening for young people aged 14-25, with Barry and Margaret Mizen speaking at 6.30pm, then the BCYS monthly Youth Mass at 8.00pm. Come and hear a story of amazing forgiveness and hope. Come and be introduced to

SiLent. Come and enjoy the company of young people from across the Diocese. Pizza and drinks provided. If you are bringing a group please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org. If you want to know more about SiLent please visit www.millionminutes.org/brentwood

Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree: On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please let them know if you wish to attend on 020 8590 7222.

Community Coffee Morning at Romford Care Centre, 107 Neave Crescent, RM3 8HW. Please join us for coffee morning open to all every Thursday morning 10am-12noon. We specialise in dementia and nursing care. It is very social and we welcome all from the community. Contact Fiona 01708 379022.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Led by Fr Eamonn Power. The Parish of Our Lady of Canvey & the English Martyrs (Canvey Island) invites you to join their parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land – *In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family*. (Travel dates: Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018). This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel. Cost is £1,370. This includes 4* Hotels on a half board basis, flights, gratuities and all excursions. If you are interested or require further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342 – by 31st March 2018.

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 Crudgington, 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 20th / 21st January 2018:

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

Warren James / Mary Keen
Nicola Stacey / Susan Squire
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
Jason Sunshine / Helen Cheshire

Bidding Prayers: Jackie Donald

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 7

Offerings 07.01.18: Envs: £1,173.35

Church Cleaning: Group 1

Loose: £1,066.50 Total: £2,239.85

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	13 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pat Everett RIP / Annette Levy RIP Liam Hayes RIP / Helen Mirander & family
Sunday	14 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Maureen Epsom RIP Stephen Kerby RIP John & Pat Dawson Diamond Wedding Ann
<small>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>			
Monday	15 th Jan	8.30am 10.30am	NO MASS Requiem Mass – Margaret Glick
Tuesday	16 th Jan	8.30am	Ann Keaney RIP / Fidel Bernandez RIP
Wednesday	17 th Jan	7.30pm	Darren Milton-White RIP/Paddy Mollaghan RIP
<small>St. Anthony</small>			
Thursday	18 th Jan	8.30am 2.30pm	Eucharistic Service Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	19 th Jan	8.30am	The White Family RIP / Brid Daly Intention
Saturday	20 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pat Heeley RIP Richard Newman RIP
Sunday	21 st Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Maureen Epsom RIP Ann Keaney Int Mervin O'Grady RIP
<small>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>			

***Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick
after all Sunday Masses.***