

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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

14th October 2018

The Word of God is alive and active.

As we ponder our readings this week, we may well consider what riches mean to us, what we really value in our lives, our work, our relationships.

The author of the Book of Wisdom, the **First Reading** (Wisdom 7: 7–11), esteems wisdom as the greatest treasure – she is seen as a person closely identified with the Spirit, and the writer prefers her to any other value; everything else is as nothing.

The verses of the **Psalms** 89 given to us are a prayer for that wisdom, and for love, joy and the favour of the Lord, so that we can live our short lives to the utmost.

In the **Second Reading** (Hebrews 4: 12–13), the Word of God, in the Scriptures or in the person of Jesus, is a living force opening us to the Spirit of God. It continually challenges us: we have no other hiding place.

The **Gospel** (Mark 10: 17–30) describes the rich man who wishes to follow Jesus but is held back by his great wealth. However, God's generosity will far outweigh any sacrifice we make.

As we look at the rich man of the Gospel this week, in the midst of our own busy lives, we may consider the quality, rather than the quantity, of our service in God's Kingdom.

Human Trafficking: How is it a problem? This weekend, at the end of Mass, Claire Jones (Diocesan Representative for the human trafficking charity, The Medaille Trust) will raise our awareness on how it effects all of us! There will also be a second collection for this cause at the end of Mass. www.medaille-trust.org.uk

World Mission Day: There will be a second collection **next** weekend for World Mission Day. **Confirmation Candidates** should be signing in every weekend. The book will be near the crucifix at the side of the Church. Those who wish to go on the **confirmation retreat** should complete an application form (available by the signing in book) and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. **If you wish to be confirmed in 2019, but have not yet returned your application forms to the Parish Office, please do so by this Friday.**

Help Needed in the Parish:

Confirmation Catechists: We are in desperate need of catechists to help with confirmation. If you think you can help please contact Mary Redmond on 07926 746401.

Sacristans: We are in need of sacristans to assist Fr Martin with various tasks. If you think you can help, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Musicians needed for some Sunday masses. Please see Fr Martin if you can help.

Composing Bidding Prayers: We need more people willing to learn how to write our Bidding Prayers and to go on the rota. If interested, please call Brian on 07790 321845.

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

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

Prayer in the Home: The next meeting will take place Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 44 Northdown Road, Hornchurch. The prayer session will be led by Fr Martin and others. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends, neighbours and indeed all are welcome. The evening consists of the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady will be brought to the home to remind us that Our Lady, Mary, is the Mother of the Home.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

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.

School Forms – Important Information If your child and your family are known to Fr Martin and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly either on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please come and see him along with your child during the dates and times below where he will issue a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. Fr Martin will need to see the child's baptism certificate and proof of address in order to issue this certificate. The remainder of the application should be completed directly with the school or Local Authority as usual. If your child and your family are not known to Father Martin and do not attend Sunday Mass, please do **not** go to Father Martin, instead, simply complete the forms required by the school and return them directly to the school. For **Primary School forms** Fr Martin will be available Monday 15th October from 3.15pm – 7.00pm and Wednesday 17th October from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

The Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted items of clothing and shoes in black bin bags to the Van Meenan Room on Sunday 25th November - all masses until 12.30 pm. Collection is Monday 26th at 9.00am. Please be mindful not to block the side access door to the church. Please support your school! All items are weighed and we receive money in exchange. Thank you in advance.

Remembrance Day Posters for 11/11/2018 – 100 years since the Armistice which ended WW1. If you would like a name added to our parish Remembrance Day Posters, please email fmwrodgers@gmail.com, or send a note (addressed Remembrance Day) via the Parish Office or put one in the box in the Church Porch. On the posters we remember our relatives, friends and parishioners (in the armed forces and civilians) who have died in all wars and conflicts (not just the two World Wars) and **we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice.** We would like to know their nameplace and date of death **Please, knit or crochet a poppy** and put it the jar in the porch. The poppies will be displayed in the Church on **Remembrance Sunday.** There are poppy patterns available. You can attach a small label with the name of someone who died in war if you would like to.

Foundation Governor Vacancies: Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Please contact Sophie Russell for more information sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Company sponsorship for our Youth Service? In 2019 the BCYS will take 35 young people to Costa Rica and Panama for World Youth Day with Pope Francis, and 250 young people to Lourdes to serve the ill and elderly. Each young person will have polo shirts and hoodies, and will be in lots of photos and videos – would you consider your company name and logo on the front, back and/or sleeves of each shirt and hoodie, as well as on posters and our website throughout the year? Corporate sponsorship will help young people in financial need to come to such events, and support Youth Ministry across the Diocese. If you can help, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or phone Fr Dominic on 01277373959.

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

WEEKEND 20th / 21st October 2018:

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| Readers: | Sat. | 6.30pm | Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull |
| | Sun | 8.00am | Sergio Cantoni / Angela Joseph |
| | | 9.30am | Amanda Thompson / Alan Sabu Mathew |
| | | 11.30am | Maureen Boorman / Maria Adesegeha |

Bidding Prayers: Pat How **Church Cleaning:** Group 1

Coffee Morning: Team 5

Offerings 30.09.18: Envs: £1,161.51 Loose: £914.64 Total: £2,067.15

Harvest Fast Day: £603.49

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 13 th Oct | 12.00pm 6.30pm | Mick Harrington RIP Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP / Jennifer & Luke Rodgers Int |
| Sunday | 14 th Oct | 8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm | All Parishioners Olga & Arturo Casali RIP/ O'Brien Family Int Eamon Commins RIP / Jack Hughes RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room) |
| Monday | 15 th Oct | 8.30am | Norah Lenehan RIP / Brian Jonas RIP |
| St Theresa of Jesus | | | |
| Tuesday | 16 th Oct | 8.30am | Benignus McKechnie RIP / Kathleen Daly RIP |
| Wednesday | 17 th Oct | 7.30pm | William Curtin RIP / Fr Jimmy Sheil Int |
| St Ignatius of Antioch | | | |
| Thursday | 18 th Oct | 8.30am 2.30-5.00pm | Coughlan Family RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| St Luke | | | |
| Friday | 19 th Oct | 8.30am | Edna Sullivan RIP / John Power RIP |
| Saturday | 20 th Oct | 12.00pm 6.30pm | Frances Brownsdon RIP / Jane Keating RIP Deceased Members of the Fernandez Family |
| Sunday | 21 st Oct | 8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm | All Parishioners Olga & Arturo Casali RIP / Thanksgiving Pat & Joe McDonagh RIP / Nelly Purcell RIP / Peg Knight RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room) |
| Twenty-Ninth 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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