

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



5th Sunday of Easter

Year A

14th May 2017

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

As this grace-filled season of Eastertide continues, we are invited to place our whole trust in the risen Lord. Even when we are troubled or anxious, Jesus, 'the Way, the Truth and the Life', is there to comfort and encourage us, showing us the way to live our lives as Easter people.

In the **First Reading** (Acts 6:1–7), animosity between two factions within the Early Church leads to neglect of those in need. The Apostles resolve this by appointing seven wise, Spirit-filled people to a ministry of service.

The **Psalms** (32) conveys the utmost trust in God, whose words are always reliable, and whose kindness is granted to all who hope in him.

The **Second Reading** (1 Peter 2:4–9) reassures us that we are part of a spiritual house, built with living stones. We are urged to 'rest our trust' in Christ and set ourselves close to him, the one chosen by God as the precious cornerstone. God has chosen us, too, to be his holy people, and called us into the light to proclaim his praise.

In the **Gospel** (John 14:1–12), the disciples are worried and confused as Jesus speaks of leaving them. But he encourages them to trust completely as he reassures them that he will continue to show them the Way. If they know him, they will know the Father too, who lives and works in him.

This week I might pray for even greater trust in the Lord who has such special love and care for me, and to walk his Way more closely.

May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass Next Sunday 21st May at 10.30am. Next weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 20th May and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 21st May. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only). Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. All are welcome.

Parish Trip to Aylesford This trip has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Statue of Our Lady For the month of May, the statue of Our Lady will be placed by the altar. Parishioners are invited to bring one flower to place before her during the Sundays of May.

New Altar Server Training If you are in Year 4 and would like to be an Altar Server, you will need to attend the Altar Server training sessions on Saturdays 10th, 17th June and 1st July in the church from 9.00 – 10.00am. You must attend all sessions. If you are in Year 4 and don't attend St Mary's school, please contact the Parish Office or see Fr. Martin

Year Five Children Will children and parent/s of those in Year *Five* at school say 'hello' to Fr Martin as you leave church. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers If anyone would be interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please see Fr Martin for more details.

Confirmation Group Reconciliation Wednesday 17th May. Starts at 7.30pm. Go directly to the Parish Hall. Finishes at 9.30pm.

Volunteers needed on an occasional basis to open/lock up the church and set up for weekday and weekend Masses, to cover for holidays, sickness etc. of regular volunteers. Full training will be provided. For more information or if you can help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Martin.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday starting 3rd June, 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.

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 01708452442. £200 per plaque.

Medugorje – St Mary's Our annual pilgrimage to Medugorje 2017 will be from 19th – 26th October. If you are interested, ring Kathy on 01708 620832/07932 762608.

Migrants Mass 20th May. The Mass is being hosted this year by our Diocese for the first time at St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. Banners assemble at 10.30am, Mass begins at 11.00am. Bishop Alan will be celebrating the Mass.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. 26th - 28th May. Location: Broadstairs, Kent. For more information contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

The Staff and Pupils of the Ursuline Preparatory School Ilford warmly invite prospective parents to their Open Morning to be held at 2-4 Coventry Road, IG1 4QR on Thursday 18th May from 9.00am – 12.00 noon to see the school in action. No appointment is necessary. Please call 0208 518 4050.

Governor Training Saturday 20th May at Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood, 10.30am-12.00pm. Topics: Introduction to governance, General Governance Matters, Core functions etc. Speaker: Mr Chris Birtles, Headteacher. Contact details: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285.

The Essex Recusant Society invites you to join its visit to Chelsea Old Church, 64 Cheyne Walk, London SW3 5TT on Saturday 27th May, meeting at the Church at 1.00pm. Afterwards there will be a visit to Allen Hall, the Westminster Diocesan Seminary in nearby Beaufort Street to view the famous Mulberry Tree.

Vacancy – Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant required to support the Finance Office and parishes at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working four days a week (28 hours). If you are interested, please first send an e-mail to finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org to ask for a copy of the job description and person specification, then send in your CV. Please only apply if you can provide evidence of your bookkeeping experience. Closing date is Friday 19th May; interviews and tests to take place Thursday 25th May.

Iona Social Club Members 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: Tuesdays at 8.00 – 9.30pm 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, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, 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, Bridget Stapleton, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Mamie Tuite, 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 MAY 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Peter Amey/Pat Martin
Sun. 8.00am Alex Rowley/Sergio Cantoni
9.30am Alan & Albert Sabu Mathew
11.30am Nonita Emilianus/Eddie Allen

Bidding Prayers: Jackie Donald **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 3
Church Cleaning: Group 1

Offerings 07.05.17: Envs: £1,119.95 Loose: £1,566.51 Total: £2,686.46
Vocations: Total: £ 472.01

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday St Erconwald	13 th May	12.00 noon 6.30pm	NO MASS due to First Holy Communions All Parishioners
Sunday	14 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Nell Sullivan RIP/John McCarthy RIP Angela McEvoy Int/Marie Fitzmaurice RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP Michael McDonagh RIP Anniv
Monday	15 th May	8.30am	Jackie Fisher RIP/Patrick Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	16 th May	8.30am	Mr & Mrs Kennedy Int/Mrs Butcher RIP
Wednesday	17 th May	7.30pm	Brid Daly Int/Sheila Clarke RIP
Thursday	18 th May	8.30am 2.30-5.30pm	Private Int/Ina Kavanagh RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	19 th May	8.30am	Paddy Lenehan RIP/John Manning RIP
Saturday	20 th May	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Eileen O'Sullivan Int All Parishioners Paul & Carol Bray Int - Thanksgiving
Sunday	21 st May	8.00am 10.30am	Nelson D'Souza RIP Anniv Annie Medlin RIP May Queen Procession Paddy Dowding RIP Bday

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