

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 9.30am-2.30pm



Rededication of England as ‘Dowry of Mary’

(as proposed by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales)

The first dedication of England to Mary was done by King Richard II in 1381 during great political turmoil. This year on Sunday 29th March there will be a rededication of England to Mary as we call on our Blessed Mother for her continual guidance and protection to help our country face the personal and national challenges of our day.

*Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
That never was it known that anyone who fled thy protection,
Implored thy help or sought thy intercession,
Was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins my Mother;
To thee do I come,
Before thee I stand,
Sinful & sorrowful;
O Mother of thy Word incarnate,
Despise not my petitions,
But in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen*

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday in Lent at 11.00am with the opportunity to go to Confession.

Lenten Project: During Lent we will be supporting the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Boxes will be available to collect from the Church from this weekend. Please keep these at home and give what you can, then return after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity.

Confirmation Prayer sponsors: A huge Thank you to all who responded to our request. To all who responded please find in the church porch an envelope addressed with your name in which contains the name of one of our confirmation candidates - we and all the candidates thank you once again for your generous response

Gift Aid Envelopes are now ready to collect from the back of the Church. If your envelopes are not there, please contact the Parish Office.

Children in Year Five should see Father Martin after mass.

This Monday we welcome Year Three to mass.

Recently Deceased:

Christopher Murphy sadly passed away this week. His requiem mass will be on Friday 27th March at 10.15am followed by a burial at Upminster Cemetery.

Chris Clerkin sadly passed away this week. His requiem mass will be on Tuesday 31st March at 11.00am followed by a burial at Upminster Cemetery.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Hornchurch Passion Play will take place on 10th, 11th & 12th April at 7.30pm on The Green by the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch. We have a small number of tickets so please do call the office if you would like one.

Looking for Help: If anyone can help to keep the Church grounds tidy, please see Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Pray Pray Pray! Come and join us every Thursday at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel for rosary and adoration in response to our Lady of Medjugorje's call to prayer. Refreshments afterwards, everyone welcome.

RCIA Journey in Faith: We have eleven adults who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.

Lourdes Quiz Night: Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 28th March in the Parish Hall. **7.30pm for 8.00pm start.** Tables of 6-8 only. Hosted by Kevin Walsh - acclaimed quiz master! Raffle on night. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Call 07817 913663 or drop into Parish Office during opening hours – tickets cost £5.00pp. Any donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated! Come and have some fun raising money for a good cause.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 23rd May. This year is a very special year for the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham as the Bishops of England and Wales re-dedicate England as the Dowry of Mary for the first time since the Reformation. For more information please see the poster in the porch.

Handel's Messiah performed by Havering Singers and the Concordia Orchestra under the direction of Jonathan Rathbone, takes place on Saturday 4th April 7.30 pm @ St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. Tickets: £13.00 if bought before 1st April, £15.00 after this date. Children ages 5 – 17 - £5.00. Tickets are available from

Hotline: 01708 341265/on our website www.haveringsingers.org.uk or on the door. Come and join us at this special event.

St. Joseph's Knitting Club: St. Joseph's in Upminster run a knitting club once a month to which all are invited. The next meeting is on 23rd March 12.30-3.00pm in St. Joseph's Social Club.

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.

Rosary & Adoration Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel

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: Tuesdays 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,

Listen to his voice!



This Sunday's Gospel (John 4: 5–42) centres on a very personal encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Jesus sees into her heart: he understands her true longing and invites her to draw from the well of living water.

In Lent we are all invited to meet Jesus in a personal way. Jesus understands all that we truly need. So as we try to make time to pray during these weeks, we too can come to the living waters and drink from the wellspring of life that Christ pours out for all people.

WEEKEND 20th / 21st March 2020:

Readers:	Sat	6.30pm	Jane Hull / Warren James
	Sun	8.00am	Seb Hough / Sergio Cantoni
		9.30am	Lucy May / Michael Olaniyan
		11.30am	Donna Coy / John Hawes

Bidding Prayers: Pat How

Offerings 08.03.2020: Envs: £1,101.07

Cleaning: Group B

Loose: £808.78

Total: £1,909.85

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	14 th March	11.00am 12.00pm 6.30pm	Exposition & Confessions Bridie McMenamin RIP / John & Lesley Int All Parishioners / Joan Carroll RIP
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	15 th March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP Eric & Dorothy Dodkins RIP / Yvonne Walsh RIP Eamon Commins RIP / Benedict Gilligan Int
Monday	16 th March	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Joyce Cougill RIP
Tuesday St. Patrick	17 th March	8.30am	Donovan Family RIP / Maura Fallon RIP
Wednesday	18 th March	7.30pm	Peter O'Connor RIP / Maura Fallon RIP
Thursday St. Joseph	19 th March	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Cornish Family RIP / Bill Williams RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	20 th March	8.30am 7.30pm	Joyce Rafferty RIP / Jim Shanahan RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday	21 st March	11.00am 12.00pm 6.30pm	Exposition & Confessions Joyce Cougill RIP / Dame Agnes Idon-Omole RIP Thomas Trinaman RIP / Joseph Wilkinson RIP
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent	22 nd March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Pauline McGlade RIP / Joyce Cougill RIP George Compton RIP / Margaret Harries 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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Please note the location of the fire exits