

# 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



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

15th July 2018

### The Mission of the Twelve Apostles

This Sunday we are drawn to reflect on choices. Before the beginning of all things, God chose us in Christ to be part of the unfolding of his blessing of creation and humanity.

In the **First Reading** (Amos 7: 12–15), Amos the shepherd tells of how he was not from any of the ‘brotherhood of prophets’, yet it was he who was chosen to move beyond tending trees and sheep to tending the people of Israel. The **Psalm** (85) is a song of God’s rich blessings.

The **Second Reading** (Ephesians 1: 3–14) is taken from the start of the letter to the Ephesians. It is a poetic call for the Christian community to bless God, the source of all blessings. Christ is the head and the heart of the community. We are chosen in Christ! We are alive within and through Christ. It is Christ who unites us to each other and to all of creation. It is through being blessed in this knowledge that we can set out into the world to spread the Good News.

In the **Gospel** (Mark 6: 7–13), Jesus sends out the twelve he has chosen, to proclaim his message, respond to the needs of the people, and to offer his healing. He instructs the disciples to take next to nothing for their journey.

As we each go out into the world this week, may the way that we live our lives be an act of praise. Let us remember that we are chosen, that we are not alone, and that we can draw strength from knowing we are one with each other, sisters and brothers in Christ. We may be rich or poor materially, but in Christ we have everything.

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection **this weekend** for the Apostleship of the Sea.

**Confirmation 2019:** Please note that the Parents / candidates meeting will now take place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and are currently in Year 9 and above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

**New Hymn Books:** It was decided at the recent Parish Council Meeting that many of our hymn books are old and not in a good state. Therefore, we will replace these with newer editions of the 'Celebration Hymnal for Everyone'. To raise the necessary money, a voluntary second collection will take place at the weekends during the summer, inviting people to donate any spare change they have.

**Parish Meeting:** The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome.

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

**Prayer in the Home:** Starting on 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm-8.30pm, Parishioners are invited to host a prayer evening in their home on a Tuesday. 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 and neighbours and 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.

**Youth Club:** Youth Club has now closed for summer. It will re-open in mid-September. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the exact date. Please note; all youngsters in Year 8 and above must reapply for the new year ahead. Application forms are at the back of the church. The closing date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**First Holy Communion 2018 / 2019 - URGENT APPEAL:** If anyone is interested in becoming a FHC catechist please could they contact Jane for more information.

**David Gurney:** David Gurney, who used to be the Master of Ceremonies at St. Mary's, sadly passed away a few weeks ago. His funeral will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am at Our Lady of Lourdes in Leigh-on-Sea. May he rest in peace.

**Joseph Mifsud:** His Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00pm.

**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.

**FR. TICÃO:** Please pray in thanksgiving for Father Ticão who celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this Sunday. May God bless him and his work with the community of São Francisco de Assis parish, São Paulo, Brazil. *'Every human being is loved by God and everyone should have life in its fullness'* John 10:10.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Catholic School Governors:** The Diocese are looking to identify new Foundation Governors and Directors for our Catholic schools and academies across the Diocese of Brentwood. We are seeking expressions of interests from practising committed Catholics for this role and ministry. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. If you are interested and want to be considered please send a CV to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

## **The Dowry Tour and visit of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to Brentwood**

**Cathedral:** The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit Brentwood Cathedral from Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st July. An opening Mass will be celebrated by Mgr John Armitage at 7.30 pm on 19th July in Brentwood Cathedral to which everyone is invited. For more details about the Dowry pilgrimage and the events at Brentwood Cathedral please go to <http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/> Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

**Summer Lourdes 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage”:** From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 11am). The link is [www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes)

**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.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018:**

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

Janet James / Peter Amey  
Joshua Duah / Albert Mathew  
Emma McMillan / Ella Donald  
Maria Adesegha / Maureen Boorman

**Bidding Prayers:** Susan Squire

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 3

**Offerings 08.07.18:** Envs: £1,124.61

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

Loose: £753.36 Total: £1,877.97

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Donald McDiarmid RIP John Riordan RIP / Mary Fleming Int / Abina Barrett RIP
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Maureen Leedham RIP / Martin Burke RIP All Parishioners Eamon Commins RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.30am</b>	Margaret Harries RIP / Kathy & Tom O'Dea Thanksgiving
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.30am</b>	Betty Long RIP / Ray Williams RIP
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mary & Jim Clarke RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.30am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	NO MASS Requiem Mass: Joseph Mifsud Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.00am</b>	Jim Delehunty RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP / Joan Keating RIP All Parishioners
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Sue Kelly Int / Mr & Mrs Davin RIP Declan Horgan RIP / Johnnie Farrell RIP Peter McGinley RIP / Matthew Palmer RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)

***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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