

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
15th October 2017**

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness. [Entrance Ant. (Psalm 129:3-4)]

Our Lady of Fatima – 100th Anniversary of the ‘Miracle of the Sun’ 13th October 1917

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and is the Month of the Holy Rosary. This October we remember that Our Lady appeared to three young children, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia at Fatima, Portugal, in the year 1917, and revealed to them that She is The Lady of the Rosary. She invited the children, and us, to pray the rosary every day in honour of Our Lady for the conversion of sinners.

Our Lady asked that the world be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart.

The last apparition to the three youngsters was on 13th October 1917. During the apparition there was the Miracle of the Sun which was witnessed by 70,000 people. They saw an incredible sight of the sun dancing in the sky and coming down to nearly touch the earth. The apparitions of Fatima have been confirmed by the Pope and Church as authentic. The message of Our Lady is to pray, especially the rosary, and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

In 1916, the year before the apparitions, an angel appeared to the three children to prepare them for their encounter with Our Lady. He taught them the following prayer: ‘My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You’. Let us pray every day to show our love of God and pray for those who are far from Him, so that by God’s grace they may come to believe, adore, have hope and love God.

Gym Application: As you will know the proposed gym for Rodwell House was rejected by the Local Authority, 7 votes to 3. However, they are appealing this decision to the Secretary of State; if the appeal were to be successful it would hugely impact on our car parking space and other aspects of church life. Therefore it is vital that as many parishioners as possible email in to object to this proposal. You need to send an email to East1@pins.gsi.gov.uk quoting the appeal reference **APP/B5480/W/17/3183422**. We need to object on the grounds that gym members are likely to obstruct our car park, particularly at weekends and during mass times and funerals, and deprive parishioners of the parish and school teachers of parking space. It would also cause more congestion on an already busy Hornchurch road.

First Holy Communion: This weekend we celebrate the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion

Wanted: Raffle Prizes to be used for fund raising at St Mary's parish functions. Please help us raise money for our church by donating unwanted/unused gifts, drinks etc Ring Brenda on 01708452442 or 07958 605039 to arrange collection or leave in church office.

Confirmation: Those young people that are in year 10 and above who are interested in making their Confirmation, please collect a form from the back of the Church.

Bidding Prayers: If you would be willing to help compose the Bidding Prayers on a rota basis please contact Brian on 07790 321845.

Readers at 9.30am Mass: Could those who read at 9.30am mass please collect their new rota from the Sacristy.

APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank you and Appeal: This weekend we welcome Fr Frank Downs MHM who will take the opportunity to thank the Parish for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be no cash collection, the thank you and appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF – Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support which can be given through their Red Boxes.

November – Blessing of Graves As November is the month of the Holy Souls, Fr. Martin will be blessing graves of loved ones at Crow Lane Cemetery, Romford on Sunday 5th November at 2.00pm, Upminster Cemetery, Corbetts Tey on Sunday 12th November at 2.00pm (please gather near the chapel) and Eastbrook Cemetery, Dagenham Road on Sunday 19th November at 2.00pm.

Secondary 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, First Holy Communion 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. Fr Martin will be available **Monday 23rd October from 5.30pm – 6.30pm and Wednesday 25th October from 5.00pm – 7.00pm.**

Open Choir Rehearsal: Aged between 7-16? Please join our Open Choir Rehearsal on Sunday 19th November at 2.30pm at Hornchurch Methodist Church. For further details please go to www.unitedsingers.co.uk/youthchoir

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!

Abbotswick Appeal: On behalf of the BCYA, Caoimhe, Collette, Georgia, Callum & Jack would like to thank you for your generous response to the Abbotswick Appeal. You help us raise an amazing £1,049! To find out more about the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, please visit bcys.net. Alternatively feel free to join us for our monthly youth mass on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00am in Brentwood Cathedral.

Abbotswick – Mass for the Holy Souls: In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at **2.30pm on Sunday 19th November**, in our “building works chapel” in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Quiz Night in the parish hall Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 747026.

Havering Catholic Fellowship: Is there anyone who would like to help at a Special Needs club on a Saturday morning for a few hours during term time at St. Mary's Parish Hall? We would also welcome new members to come along and join us. If you are interested and would like more information on the work that the Havering Catholic Fellowship do (caring for people with special needs and their carers) please contact Maureen on 01708 442392. It is our 50th Anniversary this year!

University Chaplaincy: For those who have just started or returned to University, a new website has been set up by University Chaplains to help you find more information about the Chaplaincy at each Uni. The address is www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk.

Priests and People Revue: As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a Priests and People Revue with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk detailing names and number of tickets required. All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.

Diocesan Centenary Concert: Brentwood Cathedral, Saturday 28 October at 7pm, featuring Schubert's 'Mass in G' and other works. Tickets £12 (£6 for students). For further details please contact the Diocesan Music Office: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265288.

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 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, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill 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, 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 21st / 22nd October 2017:

Readers:

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 8.00am

9.30am

11.30am

Pat Martin / Janet James

Seb Hough / Angela Joseph

Emma McMillan / Ella Donald

Nonita Emilianus / Nneamaka Ajoh

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 5

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings 08.10.17: Envs: £1204.82 Loose: £962.17 Total: £2166.99

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	14 th Oct	6.30pm	Mick Harrington RIP
Sunday	15 th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Private Intention – Thanksgiving Elizabeth Baldock RIP Jimmy O’Toole RIP
Monday	16 th Oct	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday <small>St Ignatius of Antioch</small>	17 th Oct	8.30am 10.45am	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life Requiem Mass for Joseph Morton
Wednesday <small>St Luke</small>	18 th Oct	7.30pm	Charlotte Oforiwal Nyarko RIP
Thursday	19 th Oct	8.30am 2.30–5.30pm	Margaret Burke RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	20 th Oct	8.30am	Patrick Lenehan RIP
Saturday	21 st Oct	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Frank McDermott Int / Robert Sobola RIP Francis Brownston RIP
Sunday	22 nd Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Niall Stamp RIP All Parishioners Pat & Joe McDonagh RIP / Eamon Commins 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.***