

# 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



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*'Be my protector, O God ...  
lead me, guide me for the sake of your name'*

Today's readings reveal God's law as something different from human-made laws, which are imposed on people to keep them in check. God's law is born in love and given in love and is fulfilled by our loving response to it.

Because God does not impose the law, we are always free to choose our response. God's loving and wise care (**Second Reading** - 1 Cor. 2: 6–10) means that we are supported in our response (**First Reading** - Ecclesiasticus 15: 15–20).

When we do respond lovingly, we will experience happiness on earth (**Psalms** 119) and know greatness in God's kingdom (**Gospel** - Matthew 5: 17–37).

Let's ask for the grace, in the coming week, to really seek the Lord with all our hearts. And to respond to the circumstances of our daily lives with loving wisdom, knowing that in everything we are being guided, held and encouraged by God's law of love.

O God, who teach us  
that you abide in hearts that are just and true,  
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace  
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

**Mary Queen of Peace Day of Prayer:** Come and join us at St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, for a day of prayer next Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.00am-4.00pm. Mass, Rosary, Adoration and talk given by Fr. Svetozar, Franciscan priest from Medugorje. Bring packed lunch along – everyone welcome!

**Lent** begins Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February with Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at 9.00am and 7.30pm on that day. During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm followed by mass at 8.00pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday 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 next weekend. Please keep these at home and give what you can, then return after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Confirmation Session:** The next Confirmation session will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February which is Ash Wednesday. We will begin with mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

**Prayer Sponsors Needed:** 55 of our young people have started their faith journey to their confirmation at Pentecost, they need your support and we would ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer sponsors. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch. We will then allocate a young person or persons to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their confirmation which you would be invited to. Our young people thank you for your consideration.

**Joyce Cougill RIP** sadly passed away on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Her body will be received into the Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm.

**Fr John Garrett RIP:** Very sadly Fr John Garrett died this week. He was Assistant Priest at St. Mary's from 1978 to 1981. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Children in Year Five** should see Father Martin after mass.

**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:** The RCIA group meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. All are welcome! Please pray for the eleven adults that will be going to Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March for the Rite of Welcome and hopefully will be received into the Church here at Easter.

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje 2020:** Our Parish pilgrimage to Medugorje this year is from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October. For more information please call Kathy on 07932 762608.

**Lourdes Quiz Night:** Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS:** Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3.00pm. Admission is free, but please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch.

**Youth Masses** take place at the Cathedral every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm to which all are welcome.

**The Sponsored Sleepout (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April 2020)** is a powerful experience for individuals of all ages, and for groups of young people, including Confirmation Groups. Last year 70 people slept out and raised an amazing £10,000 for homeless charities in the Diocese. Group booking info (a simple summary of numbers, and the details of group leaders) should be emailed to [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org); individuals should register on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**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

*Return to prayer until prayer becomes life for you both day and night  
(Our Lady of Medugorje)*

## **WEEKEND 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat	6.30pm	Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull
	Sun	8.00am	Paul Connolly / Alex Rowley
		9.30am	Danny Coyle / Alan Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Jason Sunshine / Maria Adesegha

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers    **Coffee Morning:** Team 7    **Cleaning:** Group B  
**Offerings 09.02.2020:** Envs: £1,086.87    Loose: £952.81    Total: £2,039.63  
**Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund:** £422.30

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Christopher Andrew RIP / Mary Roland Int Thanksgiving / Michael Scott RIP
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners Maureen O'Neill RIP / Jenny Stapleton RIP Des & Breffni O'Brien RIP / Christopher Maguire RIP
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9.00am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mr & Mrs Walsh RIP
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9.00am</b>	Lizzy Connolly RIP / Jim Connolly RIP
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>7.30pm</b>	Jim O'Connell RIP / Catherine Toolis RIP
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9.00am</b> <b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	Maureen O'Neill RIP / Ekkappen Mannam RIP <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>9.00am</b>	Willson Family RIP / Jane Barrett RIP
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Lesley Grant Int / Tony Rowley Thanksgiving Jisma Joseph RIP / Thanksgiving
The Chair of St. Peter			
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Pat Mills RIP / Yvonne Walsh RIP All Parishioners Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life (KSC) / Breffni & Des O'Brien RIP
Seventh 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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*Please note the location of the fire exits*