

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 9.15am-2.30pm



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

16th September 2018

The servant of today's **First Reading** from the Prophet Isaiah, who suffers for the people, is promised God's help. He may well have sung today's **Psalms**, praising God for his salvation.

The **Gospel** presents Jesus as the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah, and Jesus speaks about his Passion and death for the first time here. St Mark places this scene at the centre of his Gospel. It is the turning point. He shows Jesus being met with confusion, misunderstanding and non-acceptance. The Christ (the 'anointed one') will not be the Messiah of popular expectation, but one who also embraces rejection.

Likewise, the true disciple is one who demonstrates his or her faith through good works (**Second Reading**). And of course, faith also calls for commitment, as we, too, try to follow the way of the cross.

Let us pray for the strength, this week, to embrace the ultimate 'good work' by doing our best to imitate Christ's loving sacrifice in our own lives, even in small ways. We ask, too, for the assurance of God's help, as we try to take up our own crosses day by day.

Second Collection – Kerala: There will be a second collection this weekend for all the people affected by the recent floods in Kerala. We are praying for all those affected by this tragedy.

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the newly formed children's choir at the 9.30am mass, starting Sunday 23rd September. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Parish Meeting: The next Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th September at 8.00pm in the presbytery. All are welcome.

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 next Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Mass Count: From next weekend, and for the following four weeks, we will be holding the annual mass count on behalf of the Diocese. It is important that we have a strong congregation, particularly during these weekends, as the Diocese can use the figures to make decisions on whether to add / remove masses from the current Parish schedule.

Prayer in the Home: The first meeting will take place Tuesday 25th September, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 7 Cheviot Road, Hornchurch. 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.

Georgina Campbell: Georgina's funeral will take place on Monday 17th September at 10.30am.

Rita Peace: Rita's funeral will take place on Tuesday 18th September at 1.45pm.

Repository: Please do visit our 'new and improved' repository! We have lots of new stock!

Youth Club will reopen on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm. Applications are now closed as we are full up! Any subsequent applications will be placed on the waiting list.

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.

Parish Office: Please note the Parish Office hours are changing. From Monday 17th September, the office will be open Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am-2.45pm.

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

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.

Winchester Christmas Market Coach Trip: Sunday 25th November. Coach departs St. Marys at 8.00am to arrive at Winchester at approx 10.00am and the coach departs Winchester at 5.00 to arrive back at St. Mary's at approx 7.00pm Price £15 per person (no child reductions). Payments to be made by cash or cheque (payable to St. Mary's) and should be passed to the Church office for the attention of Jo Luxton (Christmas market). For more information or to book tickets please contact Jo Luxton on 07961037786.

A Day of Reflection & Enrichment for READERS: Calling all who read the Words of Scripture at Mass. A day of reflection and enrichment has been arranged to take place at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green on Saturday 20th October led by Dr Marian Tolley from Shrewsbury Diocese. Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years. The day will start at 10am with registration & refreshments and will end at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available during the day. Book your place by the Doodle link <https://doodle.com/poll/h49mzkv7hxxqu8tw> or email us

adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Bernadette at richard.ebling@btinternet.com or phone 01206 385 881.

Remembrance Day Posters: We would like to renew and update our parish Remembrance Day Posters. If you would like the name of a family member or friend to be added to the posters, please email me at fmwrodgers@gmail.com or send a note via the Parish Office. On the posters we remember our relatives and friends who have died in all wars and conflicts and we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice. We would like to know their name (and the armed force they belonged to, if relevant), place and date of death (and even, perhaps, a little of their story if you know any of it).

Healing Service at English Martyrs, Hornchurch: If you are feeling stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or generally struggling with life, you are warmly invited to attend the English Martyrs' Healing Service from 6-8pm on Saturday 29th September 2018 for emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. For further details email HealingService@English-Martyrs.com or contact Mandy Meadway: 0780 1470516.

Deanery Music Afternoon: Saturday 22nd September. 2.00pm-5.00pm, St. Bede's, Chadwell Heath. £5 entrance fee. Further details from Richard Nott on 07901 119323.

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 9.15am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Relationship Counsellors & Marriage Prep Facilitators Needed: Would you like to help us in our mission to support couples in distress? Marriage Care are looking for qualified relationship counsellors and Marriage Prep Facilitators for our local centres. Volunteering with Marriage Care is truly a rewarding experience. Please contact us at marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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 22nd / 23rd September 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Peter Amey / Pat Martin
	Sun	8.00am	Joshua Duah / Susan Squire
		9.30am	Danny Coyle / Amanda Thompson
		11.30am	Nonita Emilianus / Nneamaka Ajoh
Bidding Prayers:	Brian Rodgers		
Offerings 09.09.18:	Envs:	£1,147.45	Church Cleaning: Group 1
			Loose: £1001.27 Total: £2,148.72

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	15 th Sep	12.00pm	Dennis & Margaret Wood Int
Our Lady of Sorrows		6.30pm	Anne Sommerville RIP / Susan Duhig Int
Sunday	16 th Sep	8.00am	Sean Halloran RIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	James Courtney RIP / Kathleen Lydon RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday	17 th Sept	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Joan Dowding RIP
		10.30am	Requiem Mass: Georgina Campbell
Tuesday	18 th Sep	8.30am	Danny McCauley RIP / Tom Swan RIP
		1.45pm	Requiem Mass: Rita Peace
Wednesday	19 th Sep	7.30pm	Lucy Richardson Int
Thursday	20 th Sep	8.30am	Edna Sullivan RIP / Caveney Family RIP
St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	21 st Sep	8.30am	Sean McCarthy RIP / How Family Thanksgiving
St. Matthew			
Saturday	22 nd Sep	12.00pm	Kathleen Daly RIP
		6.30pm	All Parishioners – Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday	23 rd Sep	8.00am	Maureen Harrington RIP / Anby Walsh RIP
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		9.30am	Liam McVeigh RIP / Lily Webster RIP
		11.30am	Sean McCarthy RIP / Elizabeth & John O'Connor RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	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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