

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



6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

17th February 2019

“Happy are those who trust in the Lord”

This week we are invited to reflect on the happiness which can be ours when we trust in the Lord.

In the **First Reading**, the Prophet Jeremiah (17: 5–8) teaches us through curses and blessings (the language of the time), that we need to make a choice – either to trust in human beings or to trust in the Lord. Depending on our choice, we will inhabit a dry wilderness or feel fulfilled and happy.

The same ideas are echoed in the **Psalms** (1), which also uses the image of a luxuriant and fruitful tree. It starts with a Beatitude: ‘Happy indeed are those who ...’, thus introducing the **Gospel** from St Luke (6: 17, 20–26). Shorter than the more famous Beatitudes passage from Matthew’s Gospel, it contains a series of parallel warnings for those who make the wrong choices: ‘Alas for you ...’. St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians (**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16–20), points to another source of our happiness: the resurrection of Christ. If Christ had not been raised, we would not have been saved, and would remain in our sins. As he rose again for us, we are the happiest of all people.

This week, then, we might want to reflect on what makes us happy and on how much we trust in the Lord – and to wonder whether we might need to adjust some of our choices in order that others should have a greater share in this happiness.

Please note the location of the fire exits

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **this weekend** for Racial Justice Sunday.

Bishop's Visit: There will be a visit from the Bishop on Sunday 24th March. Bishop Alan will be at the 9.30am mass and the 11.30am mass, where he will be confirming some of our young people. There will also be refreshments after the 11.30am mass in the Parish Hall to which all are welcome.

Confirmation Meeting: The next session will be on Wednesday 27th February, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm followed by the sacrament of reconciliation for the confirmation candidates.

Lenten Project: This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as a joint Lenten project.

Recently Deceased: Hugh Vassallo's requiem mass will be on Friday 1st March at 10.30am. Please pray for Hugh and his family; may he rest in peace.

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the children's choir at the 9.30am mass. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Are you getting married this year? Please speak to Fr Martin if you are thinking of getting married either in this Parish or a Catholic Church outside of this Parish this year, as you will need to give at least six months' notice. This process can take longer if you wish to marry abroad as it can be more complicated depending on the country. A marriage preparation course for engaged couples is part of the requirement for marriage. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Quiz Night: The Youth Club will be holding a quiz night on Saturday 30th March in the Parish Hall to raise funds for the young people going to Lourdes. More details to follow – all are welcome!

Chewing gum: A reminder that there should be NO chewing gum in Church. There has been a number of occasions where it has been found stuck to the floor and benches, meaning someone has to scrape it off!

St Mary's Toddler Group every Tuesday 2.00pm-3.10pm during term time only. Held in the Parish hall which is located on the school playground. £2.50 per family, first session FREE. Tea, coffee, biscuits and juice all included in the price. Everyone welcome! For more details call Jo Challis on 07985 496196.

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.

Sponsored Sleepout: This winter, Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 12th-13th April. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

Healing Service: 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 Saturday 23rd February for emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. To register your attendance please email

HealingService@English-Martyrs.com or contact Mandy on 07801 470516. English Martyrs RC Church, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ.

St. Cedd's Catholic Club has music and dancing every Sunday evening from 8.00pm. Please do come along and join the fun!

Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance is on the 20th February 1.45 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to the very popular Finbar Black, playing music to suit all tastes. Refreshments will be available. Admissions £5.00, all proceeds to parish funds. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903 366992

The Annual Mass with the Bishop for Catholic Fellowship is on Saturday 23rd February 2019 at 3.00pm, Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, most especially, People with Special Needs and their Carers.

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 & each Sunday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

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

May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership

WEEKEND 23rd / 24th February 2019:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Pat Martin / Janet James
	Sun	8.00am	Brian Rodgers / Seb Hough
		9.30am	Bernadith Marimon / Clare Olaniyan
		11.30am	Nonita Emilianus / Eddie Allen

Bidding Prayers: Peter Bruxby **Church Cleaning:** Group 3 **Coffee Morning:** Team 7
Offerings 10.02.19: Envs: £1,172.95 Loose: £1,050.48 Total: £2,223.43

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	16 th Feb	12.00pm 6.30pm	Cyril McCarthy RIP / Michael Hughes Int Eileen Heneghan RIP / Ena Cadden RIP
Sunday	17 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Michael Kennedy RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP All Parishioners Ena Cadden RIP / Eamon Commins RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	18 th Feb	9.00am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Angela Fitzpatrick RIP
Tuesday	19 th Feb	9.00am	Margaret Cadden RIP / Mary Buckley RIP
Wednesday	20 th Feb	7.30pm	Jisma Joseph RIP / Des O'Brien RIP
Thursday	21 st Feb	9.00am 2.30-5.00pm	Rev Bro Benignus McKechnie RIP / Eddy Evans RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	22 nd Feb	9.00am	Angela Fitzpatrick RIP / Bridie Lynskey RIP
The Chair of St Peter			
Saturday	23 rd Feb	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pat Mills RIP / Canile Sagesse RIP Maureen Bothamley / Brid Daly RIP
St. Polycarp			
Sunday	24 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	All Parishioners Bridget & John Riley RIP / Hughes Children Int Patrick McDonagh RIP / Laz & Bernie Fennessey Int Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
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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