

# 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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

“This is my Son. Listen to him.”

We continue our Lenten journey this week, deepening our faith as we ponder Abraham’s example and enter into the revelation contained in the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The **First Reading** (Genesis 15: 5–12. 17–18) tells us of the Covenant God made with Abram. Abram had no

son, but he put his faith in God and trusted that his descendants would dwell in the land given to him.

The **Psalms** (26) is a confident prayer that the Lord will lead the psalmist, whose prayer will be heard and answered. He has no fear, but seeks the Lord and hopes in him. It is also a prayer for Christ as he turns his face to Jerusalem.

The passage from St Paul in the **Second Reading** (Philippians 3:17–4:1) links all these themes: of homeland, of being glorified in Christ, and of trusting in him and remaining faithful.

On this Second Sunday we always have an account of the Transfiguration in the **Gospel**. (Luke 9: 28–36) The disciples had a physical journey and a time of prayer before encountering this mystery. Seeing Jesus transfigured, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, and hearing the voice from heaven all struck them forcibly, even if they only understood in hindsight.

Perhaps this week we can ponder the possibility, by the power of Christ, of transformation in our own lives this Lent.

**Bishop's Visit:** There will be a visit from the Bishop on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Children's Choir Practice:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm in the Church in preparation for Bishop Alan's visit. All children are welcome.

**Sundays in Lent:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church with evening prayer followed by Benediction from 3.00pm-4.00pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm.

**Lent Confessions and Exposition:** Saturdays in Lent there will be opportunity for confessions between 11.00am-11.50am where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and 5.30pm-6.00pm.

**Parish Council:** There will be a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**Parish Partnership Meeting:** The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15pm in the Presbytery to discuss Roles & Responsibilities. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

**SVP - Thank you!** The SVP would like to send a big thank you to everyone in the Parish for their generosity with the recent collection. We raised a fantastic £757.95.

**Lenten Project:** This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project. **Please do not return your boxes until after Easter!**

**RCIA:** The next stage for those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the 6.30pm mass. Following this, they will also be at the 11.30am mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of Lent.

**Missio red box collection:** Could parishioners kindly bring in their red box (Missio) collections to the church office by 31st March.

**Repository:** We now have a great selection of cards and gifts for **Confirmation** (24<sup>th</sup> March), **Mothers' Day** (31<sup>st</sup> March), **Easter** (21<sup>st</sup> April), **First Communion** (June) and **Baptism**. Also cards for various other occasions. Come and see!

**Coffee Morning:** Please note there will be no coffee morning next weekend after the 9.30am mass

**Flower Rota** is now available in the flower room.

**Church Cleaners:** We are in DESPERATE need of people to join the Church cleaning rota. If you think you can spare an hour every four weeks on a Thursday morning, please contact the Parish office.

**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.

**Lourdes/Youth Club Quiz Night:** Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 30<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.

**Sponsored Sleepout:** A group from the Hornchurch and Upminster Parish Partnership is taking part in the sponsored sleepout at Walsingham House, Abbotswick on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Would you like to join or sponsor us and be part of raising money and awareness for the homeless charities supported by Caritas Brentwood? For more information contact Stephanie on 07736847187 or [stewardupminster@gmail.com](mailto:stewardupminster@gmail.com) and for full details see [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

**First Steps:** First Steps is a nursery in Hornchurch that supports children with Special Needs and their families. Recently they have had their funding drastically cut. If you are a Co-op member, you can register your membership card online and select First Steps as your local charity, meaning that 1% of everything you spend in the Co-op goes directly to them. Please do support this very worthy cause if you can!

The next **English Martyrs' Healing Service** will take place 6-8pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Please register your attendance by emailing [healingservice@english-martyrs.com](mailto:healingservice@english-martyrs.com).

**Havering Singers Spring Concert** is on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> @ St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. They are performing Hadyn Harmonie Messe & Mozart Requiem. Tickets are £15.00 on the door or £13.00 if purchased early. Ticket hotline: 01708 341265 or [haveringsingers.org.uk](http://haveringsingers.org.uk). It would be lovely to see you there.

#### **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, especially: Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Leo Duffy, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Pauline McGlade, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Anne Ruddiman, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, 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.**

*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 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat.	6.30pm	Sharon Flevin / Warren James
	Sun	8.00am	Susan Squire / Angela Joseph
		9.30am	Aaron Scmmell / Narcisse Tshimanga
		11.30am	Confermandi

**Bidding Prayers:** Gail Pitchley

**Offerings 10.03.19:** Envs: £1,036.05

**Church Cleaning:** Group 3

Loose: £1,039.90 Total: £2,099.95

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>5.30-6.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Confessions and Exposition Pete Berry Int / Iain McCrossan RIP Confessions Eileen Heneghan RIP / Joseph Wilkinson RIP
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day	17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00</b>	William Curtin RIP / Dorothy & Eric Dodkins RIP All Parishioners Paul Compton RIP / Eamon Commins RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Deceased of Lunney Family
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.30-5.00pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	May Sheehan RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>5.30-6.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Confessions and Exposition Mr & Mrs Josephine Emerokwan RIP Confessions All Parishioners
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP Neil O'Leary RIP Confermandi Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

***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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