

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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 18th November 2018

My Words will endure for ever.

As the Church's year draws to a close, the Gospel and First Reading are full of vivid imagery of the 'End Times'. These texts were written to offer solace and encouragement to people facing temporal and spiritual crisis in very different times and circumstances.

In the **First Reading** (Daniel 12:1–3), we listen to the prophet Daniel concluding the last of his four apocalyptic visions. He offers hope to the Jewish people, who are facing persecution from a foreign king determined to stamp out their faith.

The **Gospel** (Mark 13: 24–32) sees Jesus preparing his disciples for the troubles they will soon witness. The Evangelist is also giving a message of hope to the early church as it faces persecution from the Emperor Nero. We are reminded always to be mindful of the signs of the times; but rather than being caught up in fruitless anxiety over 'End Times' and the passing nature of life, we can take hope that the Word of God will endure forever.

Psalm 15 is a prayer full of confidence that God will offer healing and deliverance from death. Each verse is a prayer full of hope in God's saving love. In the concluding passages from the letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading** Hebrews 10: 11–14, 18), we are reminded there is no longer a need for constant animal sacrifices to atone for sin. Christ has conquered sin once and for all.

Christ is the fulfilment of God's promise of love. His word will always be with us. Let us pray for the grace to be drawn deeper into the wonder of that love so that our lives can be a message of hope to our times.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **next weekend** for National Youth Sunday.

Remembrance Book and Envelopes for the Holy Souls: This will be available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting for the confirmation candidates will take place this Wednesday, 28th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Also a reminder that **all candidates should be signing in every weekend**. Please keep in prayer those confirmation candidates who will be on retreat next weekend at Abbotswick. The coach will depart from the Church at 7.00pm on Friday 23rd November.

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 8th December 1.00pm-4.00pm. We are looking for donations of bottles, toiletries, **new** toys & gifts, cakes and books, and also volunteers to help the evening before and on the day. Please contact the school or Parish if you think you can help. Donations should be left in the church porch (bottles to the office) or in the trolley in the school playground. Please come along to join the fun!

Help Needed in the Parish:

Confirmation Catechists: We are in desperate need of catechists to help with confirmation. If you think you can help please contact Mary Redmond on 07926 746401.

Musicians needed for some Sunday masses. Please see Fr Martin if you can help.

Composing Bidding Prayers: We need more people willing to learn how to write our Bidding Prayers and to go on the rota. If interested, please call Brian on 07790 321845.

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

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Your new rotas are now ready to collect in the sacristy. **Please also return a consent form** relating to sharing your contact details – this must be completed and returned to the Parish Office.

Prayer in the Home: The next meeting will take place Tuesday 20th November, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 37 Upper Rainham Road. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends, neighbours and indeed all are welcome. 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.

When buying Christmas Stamps please ask for Religious ones or they will be discontinued if there is not enough demand.

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.

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.

Catholic Fellowship are in urgent need of drivers to help on Saturdays. Please contact Paul if you think you can help on 01708 2220058.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje 2019: Tuesday 28th May-Tuesday 4th June. Our group flight will be booked before Christmas to keep the cost as low as possible. Anyone interested will need to pay a deposit of £45 before the end of November, which will be non-refundable once the flight is booked. Contact Kathy O'Dea for more details on 07932 762608.

The Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted items of clothing and shoes in black bin bags to the Van Meenan Room on **Sunday 25th November** - all masses until 12.30 pm. Collection is Monday 26th at 9.00am. Please be mindful not to block the side access door to the church. All items are weighed and the school receives money in exchange.

St Mary's Toddler Group: Every Tuesday 2-3.10, £2.50 per session, 1st session FREE. Tea, coffee, biscuits and juice all included in the price. For more details call Jo Challis on 07985496196.

Social, Digital and Print media designer for the BCYS and Caritas: We are recruiting for this new role, which also includes updating and refreshing our websites (familiarity with Wordpress is essential). Part time (12 hours/week), £14/hour. Full details at www.bcys.net/vacancy-media - deadline for applications is 30th November 2018.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November: Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer on **Thursday 29th November at 6.00pm**. The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277373959 if you have any questions; otherwise, simply turn up on the evening.

Sacred Heart Girls' School's 'Very Merry Christmas Party!' 1st December from 8pm.

Tickets £20 including live music and DJ, festive buffet and Champagne raffle. All proceeds to school's minibus appeal. Contact Mary Redmond on 07926 746401 for tickets!

Campion School's Quiz Night: 30th November from 7 until 10pm. Come along with a team of 4-13 people with live music, raffles and mini games to accompany. Entry is £5 per person at The Campion School, Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch, RM11 3BX. Hope to see you there! (Contact rpearl@thecampionschool.org for more information).

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 24th / 25th November 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Kathleen Brooker / Maureen O'Brien
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Alex Rowley
		9.30am	Narcisse Tshimanga / Edwin O'Connell
		11.30am	Ray John / Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers: Maureen Boorman

Coffee Morning: Team

Offerings 11.11.18: Envs: £1,292.19

Church Cleaning: Group 2

Loose: £835.11

Total: £2127.30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	17 th Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pat Everett RIP / Holy Souls All Parishioners
Sunday	18 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Nelson De Souza RIP / Holy Souls Hubert Ward RIP / Lucy Folurunso Oladimeji RIP Eamon Commins RIP / Paddy Dowding RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	19 th Nov	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Joe Fanning RIP
Tuesday	20 th Nov	8.30am	The Clarke Family RIP / Holy Souls
Wednesday	21 st Nov	7.30pm	Maura Fallon's 100 th Birthday / Michael McPartlin RIP
Presentation of BVM			
Thursday	22 nd Nov	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Mr & Mrs Salmon RIP / Des O'Brien RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Cecilia			
Friday	23 rd Nov	8.30am	Rev Bro Columban Holt / Trofmena Rebuffat RIP
Saturday	24 th Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Eileen Jonas Int / Holy Souls Colette, Paddy & Niamh Kavanagh RIP / All Parishioners
Ss Andrew Dung Lac and companions			
Sunday	25 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Jim Shanahan RIP / Pat O'Donoghue RIP Olaniyan Thanksgiving / Danny McAuley RIP Pat Killgallon RIP / Frederik Jervis RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Our Lord Jesus Christ The King			

***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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