

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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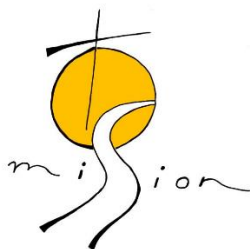
Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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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



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year C
19th May 2019**

**Our Parish Mission begins this weekend from Saturday 18th to Wednesday 22nd May.
We welcome Fr Kieran, a Redemptorist priest, who will lead and guide our Parish
Mission and Helena Connolly who will join us for a few days**

“A Celebration of our Faith”

***Come and See
Your Welcome! All are welcome! Spread the word!***

***A parish Mission is
A time of Grace,
A time of Repentance,
A time for Change,
A time for Becoming
A Renewed People.***

Mission Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Mission. Our parish mission, led by Fr Kieran Brady a Redemptorist priest, begins this weekend and runs until 22nd May. You may wish to bring along friends or neighbours, or offer lifts to people that may struggle to get here otherwise. There will be additional parking at the school on Wednesday. Please spread the word! All invited!

Parish Partnership: Representatives of our three parishes have now met several times and they have looked for ways in which we may work together for the benefit of all our parishioners and enhance our spiritual lives. We are in the process of sending a request to the diocese asking for clarification on certain issues and also to proffer suggestions of our own. As soon as we receive a reply we will share this with you all. The **next meeting** will be on Wednesday 29th May at 8.00pm in the presbytery to discuss Community Events & Communication. All are welcome.

May Queen Procession with Sunday mass will be on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am. That weekend, masses will be at 6.30pm on Saturday 22nd June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 23rd June. Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated on that Sunday only.

Parish Summer Fair: If you would like to aid the fundraising for our community there are sponsorship opportunities to advertise your business via a banner / poster or on a stall at this year's summer fayre. All proceeds go to the Parish and School Community. Please contact Emma Naguib on 07713 851903.

Flowers: During our Lady's month of May we welcome cut flowers – there are vases available so please do not leave flowers in tinfoil. If you ask at the office we can get them in water for you. Unfortunately we cannot accept pot plants.

Forsythia: Can anybody in the Parish help with forsythia from their gardens for the two First Holy Communion masses? Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

Catholic Faith: Interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about your faith? Please see Father Martin or Eileen Jonas or contact the parish office.

Medjedorie Pilgrimage: Father Martin with a group of parishioners and others will be in Medjedorie from 28th May for a week. If you have any intentions you would like Fr Martin to take with him, please give them to him directly or leave them at the Parish office.

Catechists: Would you like to be a catechist in our parish or know more about the role of a catechist, then please speak to Fr Martin or Jane Tatam.

James Murphy RIP: James sadly passed away on the 6th May. His requiem mass will be on Tuesday 11th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at South Essex Crematorium.

Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted clothes, shoes and soft toys in bin bags on the morning of Sunday 2nd June to be dropped at the Van Meenan Room, from 8.00am until 12.45 pm. Collection will be on Monday morning just after 9am. Please DO NOT block the side access door to the church or leave bags anywhere else other than at the Van Meenan Room.

St Mary's toddler group is being visited by "Leah Tells a Story" this week, Tuesday 21st May 2pm - 3.15pm in the Parish Hall. She will bring to life the story of The Bog baby for children and their grown-ups to enjoy. All are welcome and session costs £3.50 per family group.

St Mary's Presents together with the **Pass it on!** group would like to invite the over 65's (and their carers) to an afternoon tea with entertainment, on Saturday 1st June in the parish hall from 2pm. The event is free, but we need to know numbers for catering, so please book your place with Brenda on 01708 452442

The Ursuline Sisters in Brentwood require a Care Supervisor to manage the day-to-day provision of care for Sisters resident in the Grange. Applicants should have General Nursing qualifications, experience with staff management and a driving licence. Approximately 25 hours per week with some flexibility. Some weekend, evening and on-call work will be required. Salary dependent on candidate. Vacancy begins in June/July. Please telephone 01277 260156 by for application form.

Parish Mission – A Celebration of Our Faith

Monday 20th May

- 9.15am Mass with Mission Input
2.45pm-3.45pm Exposition & the opportunity for Confession
7.30pm A Healing Service – Celebrating God’s merciful embrace

Tuesday 21st May

- 9.15am Mass with Mission Input
7.30pm Mary, the First Disciple – celebrating God’s call for us all

Wednesday 22nd May

- 11.00am A special mass, with anointing, the Sacrament of the Sick
7.30pm Special Family Service, followed by a social in the Parish Hall

Parents, make this Mission week memorable for your Parish and your family.

You may wish to bring along family or neighbours, or offer lifts to people that may struggle to get there otherwise.

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 18th / 19th May 2019:

Readers:	Sat	6.30pm	Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull
	Sun	8.00am	Sergio Cantoni / Seb Hough
		9.30am	Joanne Roberts / Susie Jerram
		11.30am	Philip Rodgers / Maureen Boorman

Bidding Prayers: Gail Pitchley **Church Cleaning:** Group 4 **Coffee Morning:** Team 4
Offerings 12.05.19: Envs: £1,012.08 Loose: £909.24 Total: £1,921.32

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	18 th May	12.00pm	Brendan Keaveney RIP / Louise Santhanam Int
		6.30pm	Florence Olaniyan Int / Pauline McGlade RIP
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter	19 th May	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Hill Family Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Anne Flower / Philomena Carberry
Monday	20 th May	9.15am 2.45pm-3.45 7.30pm	Norah Lenehan RIP / Patrick Medlin RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament A Healing Service
Tuesday	21 st May	9.15am 7.30pm	Anna Hickey RIP / Private Int Mary, the First Disciple
Wednesday	22 nd May	11.00am 7.30pm	Len Rice RIP / Moira Int Special Family Service
Thursday	23 rd May	8.30am 2.00-5.00pm	Mary McSweeney RIP / Helen Murphy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	24 th May	8.30am	Lenehan Family RIP / Pauline McGlade RIP
Saturday	25 th May	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pauline McGlade RIP / Shelagh Szulc RIP Eileen Heneghan RUP / Maureen & Michael Harrington RIP
Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter	26 th May	8.00am	Thanksgiving Oganwu Family / Pauline McGlade RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Michael Lee RIP / Willie Cunningham RIP

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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