

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 1st October 2017

You must be the same as Christ Jesus

This week's readings encourage us to try to live the values of the kingdom of God in imitation of Jesus our Lord. Although divine, he humbled himself to become one of us, even to accepting death on a cross for our salvation. He offers us forgiveness and mercy.

The prophet Ezekiel chides those who complain about the difficulty of living as God wants (**First Reading** - Ezekiel 18: 25–28). He invites his hearers to renounce their sinfulness. Each one who does this, although still a sinner, “shall certainly live, and shall not die”.

St Paul (Philippians 2: 1–11) writes to invite the Philippians to be united in their conviction and love, living for a common purpose and with a common mind; to become, in their self-effacement and consideration of others, the same as Christ Jesus (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel** (Matt 21: 28–32), Jesus speaks to the religious leaders of his day with a parable that illustrates that God has no favourites, but gives mercy and forgiveness to all who acknowledge their sinfulness and, in their actions, try to follow the ways of the Kingdom. He shows that love is demonstrated more in deeds than in words.

The **Psalms** (24) begs the Lord to teach us his ways and to enable us to walk in his truth, to remember his mercy and love for his people, rather than our sinfulness. We pray with the psalmist: “In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord”.

Gym Application: As you will know the proposed gym for Rodwell House was rejected by the Local Authority, 7 votes to 3. However, they are appealing this decision to the Secretary of State; if the appeal were to be successful it would hugely impact on our car parking space and other aspects of church life. Therefore it is vital that as many parishioners as possible email in to object to this proposal. You need to send an email to East1@pins.gsi.gov.uk quoting the appeal reference **APP/B5480/W/17/3183422**. We need to object on the grounds that gym members are likely to obstruct our car park, particularly at weekends and during mass times and funerals, and deprive parishioners of the parish and school teachers of parking space. It would also cause more congestion on an already busy Hornchurch road.

First Holy Communion: This weekend we welcome the Sunshines to their second reconciliation session.

Confirmation: Those young people that are in year 10 and above who are interested in making their Confirmation, please collect a form from the back of the Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday: Come and spend time with the Lord during the day from 9.00am – 7.00pm on Friday 6th October. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

Bidding Prayers: If you would be willing to help compose the Bidding Prayers on a rota basis please contact Brian on 07790 321845.

Readers at 9.30am Mass: Could anyone who reads at 9.30am mass please contact the parish secretary. If you would like to join the rota to read at the 9.30am mass then please also get in touch.

St. Mary's Youth Club: Registers are now closed. We are full up and cannot accept any more applications until further notice.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet on *Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm* in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Thank you. We have received an email from Fr Dominic and Gabby Fusi, to thank us for the generous donations to the appeal, and for the warm welcome and encouragement we gave to our appeal speaker. There is still some way to go to reach the £430,000 target, so if you would like to donate online at any point, the link is www.bcys.net/abbotswick. If you know of companies or trust funds that could support the project financially please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girl's School Open Evening: For September 2018 Admissions is on **Tuesday 3rd October 2017**. Tours of the school begin at **5.30pm** and there will be an address by the Headteacher at 7.30pm. There will only be disabled parking on the school site. Please advise the school in advance.

St Mary's Parish presents Pamper night: Thursday 12th October from 6.30-10pm entrance £3pp and includes a free welcome drink. Lots of different treatments on offer from nails to massage!

Quiz Night in the parish hall Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 747026.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal: There is a Charismatic Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 4th October following the 7.30pm mass (in the Van Meenen Room). Everyone is welcome! Prayer is based on praise and sharing the Word. For more information please contact Maureen O'Brien on 01708 446371

Havering Catholic Fellowship: Is there anyone who would like to help at a Special Needs club on a Saturday morning for a few hours during term time at St. Mary's Parish Hall? We would also welcome new members to come along and join us. If you are interested and would like more information on the work that the Havering Catholic Fellowship do (caring for people with special

needs and their carers) please contact Maureen on 01708 442392. It is our 50th Anniversary this year!

Restructuring of the Diocese – a proposed plan for the diocese, to cope with falling numbers of priests, will soon be accessible on the St Mary's website, <http://www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk>. It outlines a possible solution for the next 18 years.

Jack How, Steward of the Gospel for this parish, would like any constructive comments from parishioners. Please e-mail them to him on john.how@ntlworld.com. There will be a meeting to discuss any aspects of the process with Steven Webb (Diocesan Director of Development) at English Martyrs on **Friday 13 October at 7.30pm** to which parishioners are very welcome.

Parish Hall Caretaker at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay: The Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Billericay is looking to employ a caretaker for the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre for 8 hours per week at £9 an hour. The role requires flexibility, working daytime, evening and weekends. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact Most Holy Redeemer Parish Office on 01277 624891 for a copy of the job description and person specification or email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

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 Mary's Prayer Hotline: Call Betty (daytime) on 01708 720834 with any prayer requests.

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, Kath Breen, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Patricia Crudgington, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Mamie Tuite, 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.**

WEEKEND 7th / 8th October 2017:

Readers:

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 8.00am

9.30am

11.30am

Peter Amey / Pat Martin

Sergio Cantoni / Alex Rowley

Ray John / Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Church Cleaning: Group 1

Coffee Morning Rota: 100 Club

Offerings 24.09.17: Envs: £1370.76 Loose: £1011.65 Total: £2382.41
Second Collection: £1041.48

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	30 th Sept	6.30pm	Lawrence Ellicott RIP/Charlotte Nyarko RIP
Sunday	1 st Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Vivian Johnson RIP All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday <small>The Holy Guardian Angels</small>	2 nd Oct	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Kathy Breen Int
Tuesday	3 rd Oct	8.30am	Patrick Cremin RIP
Wednesday <small>St Francis of Assisi</small>	4 th Oct	7.30pm	Jishma Joseph RIP
Thursday	5 th Oct	8.30am 2.30–5.30pm	Mr Sanger RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <small>Harvest Fast Day</small>	6 th Oct	8.30am	The Naughton Family RIP
Saturday <small>Our Lady of the Rosary</small>	7 th Oct	12.00 noon 6.30pm	NO MASS John McGlade RIP
Sunday	8 th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Mary Fitzgibbon Josephine Camilleri 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.***