

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



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year C

20th January 2019

“Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples”

In the **First reading** (Isaiah 62:1-5), Isaiah uses beautiful imagery of a wedding to describe the deep love and close bond that God has for his people: “As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride so will your God rejoice in you”.

This dynamic love which “flames like a torch” becomes incarnate in the person of Jesus. In today’s **Gospel** (John 2: 1-12) another wedding scene is described. Here Jesus transforms water into wine at the start of his earthly ministry.

St Paul, (**Second Reading** - Corinthians 1, 12:4-11) writing to the church in Corinth, teaches how God works through all of the different people in the church so that they can use their gifts in a variety of ways in His service, united by the one Spirit working through them all to transform the lives of others.

Psalms 95 is a call for us to proclaim the good news of God’s transforming love.

Through prayer and listening to what God gifts me to do, the “water” of my daily life can be transformed into the “wine” of a life lived in faith.

Please note the location of the fire exits

Second Collection: There will be a second collection this weekend for World Peace Day.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 30th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd January, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Cadden: Margaret's requiem mass will be on Wednesday 30th January at 11.00am.

John Patrick O'Callaghan: John's body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 30th January at 5.00pm and his requiem mass will be on Thursday 31st January at 1.00pm.

David (Eddy) Evans peacefully passed away on Tuesday 15th January. Many of you will know Eddy as he spent 15 years at St Marys School in the capacity of caretaker and was in attendance at our parish Summer and Christmas bazaars. David's body will be received into the Church on Thursday 31st January at 5.00pm and his requiem mass will be on Friday 1st February at 11.15am.

Please pray for Margaret, John, David and their families. May they 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.

Youth Club: Youth Club has reopened but will be closed on 18th and 25th January. It will restart again on Friday 1st February.

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!

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.

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.

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/>

The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at 3 pm on Sunday 10 February at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be lovely to see all those of you who have a particular devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 20th – 27th July 2019: Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until 31st January 2019. Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events or for any queries, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Assistant Manager: Start Mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

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

WEEKEND 26th / 27th January 2018:

Bidding Prayers: Gail Pitchley

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Coffee Morning: Team 4

Offerings 13.01.19: Envs: £1,157.21 Loose: £1,037.40 Total: £2,194.61

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	19 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Tony Allen RIP / Maureen O'Neill Int John Coughlan RIP / Mr & Mrs Speerie RIP
Sunday	20 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	David Orchard RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP All Parishioners Jack Hughes RIP / Maureen Walsh RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
Monday	21 st Jan	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Sally Goggin RIP
St. Agnes			
Tuesday	22 nd Jan	8.30am	Peggy Duggan Int / Sally Goggin RIP
Wednesday	23 rd Jan	7.30pm	Joyce Coughill & Maureen McMahon Int
Thursday	24 th Jan	8.30am 2.30-5.00pm	Denis Cahill RIP / Frank Murphy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Francis de Sales			
Friday	25 th Jan	8.30am	Val & Maureen Birnie RIP / Bob Murphy & Family
The Conversion of St. Paul			
Saturday	26 th Jan	12.00pm 6.30pm	Mary & Emma Lowe RIP / Kate Merrigan RIP Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP / Holy Souls
Ss Timothy & Titus			
Sunday	27 th Jan	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Mary McCarthy RIP/Learco Fermi RIP Mary McCarthy RIP/Bernadette Gilligan RIP All Parishioners Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
Third 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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