

# 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 8.15am-4.00pm



**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**21st January 2018**

**'Follow me!'**

In the weeks following Christmas, we have been invited to reflect on Jesus's call, beginning with him being drawn out of the waters of baptism and into his missionary life. This week (in Mark's **Gospel** - Mark 1: 14–20) we see the fishermen – Peter, Andrew, James and John – respond immediately to that same call. They are drawn from the waters by Jesus to become fishers of people.

The **First Reading** (Jonah 3: 1–5. 10) tells of the second call of Jonah, who initially refuses the Lord's request, and tries to run away. Then, in a humorous reversal of fishing logic, Jonah is caught by an obedient fish. The Lord continues to be with him, however, for, at the command of the Lord, Jonah is saved from the water and is empowered to respond to the Word.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 7: 29–31), St Paul urges the Church at Corinth that nothing should be allowed to interfere with their obedience to the Word. He says that time is short and that everything, from domestic to international affairs, should be seen from the context of Christ.

There is much calling to which we are invited to respond. As with Jonah and the first disciples, we are called by the same voice, inviting us to take steps on the path toward that which is good and true.

Today's **Psalm** (24) also offers a simple, initial response for both new and not-so-new disciples alike. It is a good prayer for the coming week: *'Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.'*

**Crib Offerings:** Many thanks to those who donated to the crib offerings, we raised £888.12 .The money will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

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

**Racial Justice Sunday:** There will be a second collection **next weekend** for Racial Justice Sunday.

**First Holy Communion:** There will be a meeting for the First Holy Communion parents on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

**Church Cleaning:** The new rotas are now available at the back of the Church.

**Gift Aid:** For those of you who have completed Gift Aid declarations over the last few months, please note that your envelopes are now available to collect at the back of the Church.

**Lost Gold Chain:** A gold chain was lost in the church last weekend, which is of great sentimental value to the owner. Should anybody find this, please hand it in to the parish office.

**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!

**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.

**Vocations App:** The National Office for Vocations has produced a new App for Catholics between 16 and 35 who are discerning their vocation. <http://www.ukvocation.org/?p=2535> has information on how to access the App. Even if this is not for you please share this with someone you think it might be relevant for.

**Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society):** the next meeting will be held at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 27 January at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr Ken Carleton (Permanent Deacon, Elm Park) on 'Cardinal Pole and the Progress of the Catholic Reformation.' All are welcome.

**Concert for Bosco:** Come and enjoy an evening of classical music, to raise money for the SVP children's camp. [Saturday 3rd February 2018](#) - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. **7:30 to 9:30 pm.** Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8; on the door £11. Bookings by phone: [07957382592](tel:07957382592). Online bookings/details: [www.concertforbosco.com](http://www.concertforbosco.com).

**Mass for the Sick:** Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3.00pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

**SiLent: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm, Brentwood Cathedral.** An evening for young people aged 14-25, with Barry and Margaret Mizen speaking at 6.30pm, followed by the BCYS monthly Youth Mass at 8.00pm. Come and hear a story of amazing forgiveness and hope. Come and be introduced to SiLent. Come and enjoy the company of young people from across the Diocese. Pizza and drinks provided. If you are bringing a group please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org). If you want to know more about SiLent please visit [www.millionminutes.org/brentwood](http://www.millionminutes.org/brentwood)

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Annual Charity Ball** is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place this year at **The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie ASAP to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree:** On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great

opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please let them know if you wish to attend on 020 8590 7222.

**Community Coffee Morning** at Romford Care Centre, 107 Neave Crescent, RM3 8HW. Please join us for coffee morning open to all every Thursday morning 10am-12noon. We specialise in dementia and nursing care. It is very social and we welcome all from the community. Contact Fiona 01708 379022.

**Iona Social Club** family atmosphere, close to Church. Club is available to members and non-members for non-exclusive functions during the weekday, for weddings, funerals and parties, alongside our existing programme. Phone the Iona on 01708 442453 for bookings, membership and general enquiries.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Led by Fr Eamonn Power. The Parish of Our Lady of Canvey & the English Martyrs (Canvey Island) invites you to join their parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land – *In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family*. (Travel dates: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018). This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel. Cost is £1,370. This includes 4\* Hotels on a half board basis, flights, gratuities and all excursions. If you are interested or require further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342 – by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Hospitality, Retreats and Facilities Co-ordinator.** Living on site, the person in this full time role will enable the smooth running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, ensuring a welcoming, safe and Christ-centred environment for all retreatants and visitors. The role includes the leadership of some youth retreats, as well as excellent teamworking with staff and volunteers. 2 year fixed contract, starting late August. £18,000pa + accommodation. For full details visit [www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick/](http://www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick/)

#### **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, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Patricia Crudginton, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul 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, Edna Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, 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 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018:**

**Readers:** Sat. 6.30pm  
Sun 8.00am  
9.30am  
11.30am

Sharon Flevin / Warren James  
Nicola Stacey / Susan Squire  
Michael Olaniyan / Tilly Allen  
Jason Sunshine / Helen Cheshire

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 8

**Offerings 14.01.18:** Envs: £1,296.83

**Church Cleaning:** Group 2

Loose: £954.84 Total: £2,252.79

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Pat Heeley RIP Richard Newman RIP
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Maureen Epton RIP Ann Keaney Int Mervin O'Grady RIP
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Liam Hayes RIP
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	Catherine Breen RIP / Eileen Chilvers
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>7.30pm</b>	Grace Hanton RIP
St. Francis de Sales			
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	The Page Family RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
The Conversion of St. Paul			
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	The Gallagher Family RIP / Kate Merrigan RIP
SS Timothy & Titus			
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Hubert Ward RIP Joseph Morton RIP
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Hughie McGuirk Dougie Wilson Mervin O'Grady RIP / Eamon Commins RIP
Fourth 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.***